

Words Their Way Spelling Inventory - Spelling Stage Expectations by Grade Level

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2	Late Letter Name-Early Syllables & Affixes	Late Within Word Pattern
3	Within Word Pattern-Syllables & Affixes	Early Syllables and Affixes
4	Within Word Pattern-Syllables & Affixes	Middle Syllables and Affixes
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