

Programming for Spelling

Digraph
Study Sheets
Part 2

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The '-ai-' Family

Teaching Notes

mail

Vocabulary extension

mailbag	a bag in which mail is transported.
mailbox	a post box, letterbox, or place in which mail is placed either for delivery or collection.
mailed	past tense of the verb <i>to mail</i> .
mailing list	a list of names and addresses to which information, etc. is sent.
mail-order	buying things by mail.

tail

Vocabulary extension

tailgate(tailboard)	the board at the back of a truck, wagon, etc.
tailgater	someone who drives too close to the vehicle in front.
tail end	the final part, the rear part of anything
tailing	following the residue of mining processes, etc.
tail-light	the red light at the rear of a vehicle, train etc.
tailpipe	exhaust pipe on a vehicle
tail spin	a sudden collapse into a state of confusion, a flat spin
tail wind	a following wind which allows for increased speed for a vessel or an aircraft
tailor	one whose business is to make clothes, usually for men.
tailor-made	made by a tailor for an individual customer.
tailer	someone employed to tend cattle, or to track down and bring in stray cattle.

Sayings and Expressions

To tail someone means to follow and not lose sight of someone.

To turn tail means to turn and run away.

With his tail between his legs means to be downcast, dejected, e.g., like a dog.

To put salt on the tail means to catch or apprehend someone or something.

With a sting in its tail refers to a piece of writing, or a speech, which has a reprimand at the end.

Tail end Charlie is the person at the end of something, e.g., a queue.

General Knowledge

Tails are used for many things:

for power and as a rudder, e.g., fish

as a rudder to steer, e.g., platypus

for balance, e.g., kangaroo

to store food, e.g., the platypus and the fat tailed dunnart

to hang on with, e.g., monkeys, possums

the lion is said to brush the ground with his tail to wipe out his footprints.

The '-oo-' Family

Finish these sentences:

1. The boot _____

2. Zoom, zoom _____

3. Toot, toot _____

4. When dad's tools _____

Spelling

Put a circle around the words that are spelled incorrectly. Write the sentences correctly on the lines.

1. The rooof was painted red.

2. It was coul in the pool.

3. We will go home as son as the rain stops.

4. Foolling our sister is fun.

5. Our bedrom is very sunny.

Discussion / Research Questions

1. What do you know about the moon?
2. In which year did men first walk on the moon?
3. Who was the first man to walk on the moon?
4. What is a mood, and who has them? (!)

The '-er-' Family

Draw a picture. (comprehension)

1. A fern by the kerb



2. A tern on a perch



Use the words in the box to finish these sentences. (comprehension)

ferns perk berth perm germ

1. Ships _____ in a port.
2. A _____ can make you sick.
3. My dad grows _____ .
4. Jan will _____ up when she is better.
5. Mum had a _____ to curl her hair.

Grammar

Choose the correct form of the verb 'to be' to complete these sentences:

1. It _____ perching in the tree. (am, is, are)
2. This plant _____ a herb. (am, is, are)
3. They _____ sweeping the kerb. (am, is, are)
4. You _____ starting next term. (am, is, are)
5. I _____ not going to catch germs. (am, is, are)

The '-ow-' Family

Spelling Rules/Word Extensions/Word Building (See *How Do You Teach? Useful Spelling Rules*)

1. How many syllables in *snow*? _____
2. How many vowels in *snow*? _____
3. What are the vowels in *snow*? _____
4. How many letters after the vowel? _____
5. Is *snow* a one-one-one word? _____

Make these words bigger by adding the vowel ending.

snow + ed _____ mow + ing _____
snow + y _____ low + est _____

Grammar

A **verb** is a 'doing' word'.

Circle the words that are verbs.

bow show blow crow low slow

A **noun** is the name of a 'thing' you can see or touch. (Sometimes a word can be a noun, verb or adjective.)

Circle the words that are nouns.

bow glow row snow flow show

Vocabulary

Match the words to their meanings.

crow	stow	blown	low	tow
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1. to pull something _____
2. moved by the wind _____
3. a black bird _____
4. put away _____
5. near the ground _____