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Grade 5 Phonics Skills and Spelling Words

Unit	Week	Phonics/Word Study and Vocabulary	Spelling Words
1. The U.S. Constitution: Then and Now	1	Short Vowels a, e, ea, i, o, u	amendments, activists, benefited, citizens, insults, impressive, topics, public
	2	Long Vowels	contained, nation, freedom, reason, replied, rights, devoted, future
	3	r-Controlled Vowels er, ir, ur (er, ear, ere, ir, ur, ure)	person, liberty, determination, earned, thirty, first, turned, cultures
2. Developing Characters' Relationships	1	r-Controlled Vowels /âr/, /är/, /ôr/ (air, are; ar; or, our, ore)	participate, horseback, forth, sword, chores, forever, spare
	2	Closed Syllable Pattern	swimming, campers, forget, capture, discussed, except, summit, distance
	3	Open Syllable Pattern	become, beloved, events, secret, famous, museum, pirates, readers
3. Cultivating Natural Resources	1	Vowel-r Syllable Pattern	covered, kernels, forests, scorching, farmers, burst, thirteen, cornstalks
	2	Vowel Team Syllable Pattern	explained, realized, rejoiced, enjoyed, throughout, thoughtful, approached, replied
	3	Consonant-le Syllable Pattern	castle, example, incredible, puzzle, unforgettable, nibble, available, principles
4. Recognizing Author's Point of View	1	Vowel-Consonant-e Syllable Pattern	ashamed, scraped, bravely, blithe, excited, survive, those, contribute
	2	Homographs	novel, left, bound, story, rare, kind, till, down
	3	Variant Vowels /oō/ and /oö/ (oo, ew, ould, ull)	afternoon, food, flew, goodness, took, shook, pulled, couldn't
5. Technology's Impact on Society	1	Noun Suffixes (-ology, -ant, -er, -or, -ery)	technology, tenants, observant, immigrant, laborer, educator, author, machinery
	2	Latin Roots (spec, liter, vent, struct)	unexpected, respect, spectacular, literary, adventure, structure, invention, construction
	3	Homophones	course, died, feat, hire, missed, sent, steel, would

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6. Up Against the Wild	1	Variant Vowel /ô/ (al, alk, all, au, aw)	always, awesome, because, fawned, installment, jaws, launched, stalk
	2	Noun Suffixes (-tion, -ty, -sion, -ness, -ment)	apprehension, government, astonishment, illness, conditions, provisions, exhaustion, visibility
	3	Compound Words (Hyphenated, Open)	each other, far-flung, half-moon, ocean liner, polar region, ready-made, super-wolf, well-being
7. Conflicts That Shaped a Nation	1	Words with Final /əl/ and /ər/	another, honor, battle, hospital, doctors, medical
	2	Prefixes (re-, pre-, dis-, mis-)	dissatisfy, precaution, reunited, disease, reaction, misguided, recollect
	3	Silent Letters kn, wr, gh, gn, wh	assignment, whole, eighteen, written, know
8. Water: Fact and Fiction	1	/ou/ and /oi/	outlandish, mountain, powerful, showered, exploit, moisture, hoisted, joyously
	2	Latin Roots (aud, vis, form, cede)	audiences, audible, visualize, transformed, recede, proceed, vision, uniform
	3	Adjective Suffixes (-y, -ent, -ive, -ic, -ful)	sandy, impressive, optimistic, dependent, cumulative, peaceful, confident, historic
9. The Economic Development of Cities	1	Irregular Past Tense Verbs	threw, blew, thought, brought, spent, rang, stood, grown, known
	2	Inflectional Endings with Spelling Changes (-ed, -ing)	explode, require, create, pop, assemble, inflate, ratify, refer
	3	Prefixes That Describe Where (pro-, em-, en-, per-, im-)	produced, program, embarked, energy, percent, permitted, permanently, imminent
10. Transforming Matter	1	Plurals: Spelling Changes/Irregulars	sketches, people, benches, theories, teeth, feet, children, bodies
	2	Science Roots (se, mech, cycle, phys, chem)	inseparable, mechanized, mechanic, mechanism, physiotherapy, chemist, recycling
	3	Prefixes (re-, bio-, im-, ex-, micro-)	biologist, biochemistry, reaction, postdoctoral, immigrant, microbiologist