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Grade 4 Phonics Skills and Spelling Words

Unit	Week	Phonics/Word Study and Vocabulary	Spelling Words
1. Government in Action	1	Long a (VCe, ai, ay, ei, ea) and Short a	trails, spray, national, maintain, locate, staff, natural, greatly
	2	Long e (VCe, ea, ee, ey, y, ie, e) and Short e	centuries, easy, everyone, geography, overseas, representative, residents, these
	3	Long o (VCe, oa, ow, oe, o) and Short o	most, from, dome, floating, bowl, goes, shopping, governor
2. Characters' Actions and Reactions	1	Long i (VCe, igh, y, ie, i) and Short i	crocodile, terrified, gigantic, sixty-six, lying, admitted, ordinary, right
	2	Long u (VCe, ue, ew, u) and Short u	communicate, used, usually, continued, refused, abundant, uncover, adult
	3	Closed Syllable Patterns	princess, spunky, mixture, enchanted, chicken, fifteen, invented, fantasy
3. Observing Nature	1	Open Syllable Patterns	brazenly, nature, decided, deter, prevent, local, location, noticed
	2	Vowel Team Syllable Patterns	eagerly, creature, proclaimed, because, believed, people, groundhog, cloudy
	3	Vowel-r Syllable Patterns	charcoal, coverings, waterproof, birches, forests, Northeast, important, sturdy
4. Understanding Different Points of View	1	Compound Words	narrow-minded, worn out, first-rate, three-quarters, mind-boggling, post office, high school, hot dogs
	2	Vowel-Consonant-e Syllable Patterns	raced, named, navigate, bravely, safely, despite, arrived, disease
	3	Consonant-le Syllable Patterns	purple, remarkable, startle, wiggled, simple, gobble, single, struggled
5. Technology for a Green Future	1	Hard and Soft c, g	carbon, electricity, importance, substance, energy, gallon, gasoline, generate
	2	r-Controlled Vowels (ar, or, oar, ore)	start, charted, according, fortunately, victory, roared, stored, before
	3	r-Controlled Vowels (er, ir, ur)	quarter, meters, percent, thirteen, first, thirds, curb, surrounding

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6. Confronting Challenges	1	Adverb Suffixes -ly, -ily, -ways, -wise	barely, disdainfully, wildly, peacefully, speedily, sideways, clockwise, counterclockwise
	2	/ōo/ and /ōo/ (oo, ew, ould, ull)	looked, could, pulling, would, soon, troop, doomed, blew
	3	Adjective Suffixes -ful, -ous, -ible, -able, -some	painful, resourceful, famous, dangerous, invincible, honorable, troublesome, fearsome
7. Developing a Nation	1	/ou/ and /oi/	county, brown, pounded, account, outside, destroyed, soil, boiling
	2	Prefixes trans-, pro-, sub-, super-, inter-	transport, transcontinental, proclaimed, progress, substituted, intervals, interfered, superstars
	3	Homophones	dear, deer, blue, blew, rained, reigned, to, two, week, weak, there, their, side, sighed, wait, weight
8. Earth Changes	1	Negative Prefixes de-, un-, in-, im-, dis-	unbelievable, unaware, unprepared, destruction, disappeared, impossible, incredibly, insignificant
	2	Greek and Latin Roots geo-, archae-, rupt-	archaeologists, geological, geologists, geology, disrupted, erupt, erupted, eruption
	3	Variant Vowel /ô/ (au, al, aw)	August, causing, pause, chalky, fall, stall, talking, dawn
9. Resources and Their Impact	1	Noun Suffixes -dom, -ity, -tion, -ment, -ness	wisdom, community, equality, organization, registration, employment, agreements, kindness
	2	Introduce Latin Roots mis (send), agri (field), duc/duct	intermission, agriculture, introduced, manipulate, missiles, produced, manual,
	3	Variant Vowel /âr/ (air, are, ear)	carefully, declares, prepare, despair, repaired, forbearance, tears, wears
10. The Power of Electricity	1	Adding Endings with Spelling Changes	grabbed, resumed, humming, stifling, snagged, whined, emergencies, unluckier
	2	Words with Final /əl/ and /ən/ Sounds	kitchen, chemical, fossil, controversial, essential, travels, barren, metropolitan
	3	Latin and Greek Roots ven (come), migr (move), graph (write), mit (send), aud (hear)	inventor, venue, emigrated, autograph, shadowgraphs, transmitting, audibly, audience