

CHARACTERS

**-EST** (rhyme)

SPELLING LIST

best  
blessed  
chest  
crest  
dressed  
fest  
guest  
jest  
messed  
pressed  
vest  
west  
zest

CHALLENGE WORDS

mints  
mince  
moose  
mousse  
mourning  
morning  
muscle  
mussell  
knew  
new

LEARNING STRATEGIES (FOR THE INSTRUCTOR)

1. READ EACH WORD ALOUD. EXPLAIN THE SOUND EACH CHARACTER MAKES IN EACH OF THE WORDS. MODEL THE PRACTICE OF "SOUNDING OUT THE WORD" FOR THE STUDENT. THEN, HAVE THE STUDENT RECITE THE WORD BACK TO YOU.
2. HAVE THE STUDENT WRITE EACH WORD INDIVIDUALLY TEN TIMES (ON SECONDARY WRITING PAPER).

3. HAVE THE STUDENT USE A DICTIONARY TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD, AND RECORD THE DEFINITION IN A NOTEBOOK.
4. USING THE DEFINITION, HAVE THE STUDENT WRITE EACH WORD IN A SENTENCE.
5. QUIZ THE STUDENT DAILY ON SELECT WORDS FROM THE LIST VERBALLY AND THROUGH PRINT (CHOOSING DIFFERENT WORDS EACH DAY IF POSSIBLE). HELP THE STUDENT IF HE/SHE IS UNABLE TO SPELL THE WORD CORRECTLY.
6. REMIND THE STUDENT TO STUDY THE WORDS DAILY, AND THEN TEST THE STUDENT'S SPELLING ABILITY AT THE END OF THE WEEK.