INTRODUCTION

By the term *linguistics* we mean the study of language. Although the primary focus here is spelling, there will be many ancillary benefits in the course of study. We have found the Phonetic Zoo and Vocabulary from Classical Roots to be wonderful tools for this purpose.

Over the years we have found that many children benefit from the use of application worksheets, in addition to using the audio CDs within the Phonetic Zoo. However, please feel free to use the program as it is spelled out on the instructional video without the supplemental worksheets. If you choose to exclude the worksheets, allow the child to move through the list self-paced, as the instructional video indicates.

GRADE BY GRADE

Below is the grade-by-grade breakdown for Linguistics. The Phonetic Zoo emphasizes spelling while touching on vocabulary. Of course, Vocabulary from Classical Roots emphasizes vocabulary.

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These grade-by-grade suggestions are generally reasonable for typical children. However, deviations may be possible or even recommended.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. If you are using Linguistics 1–4 with the Phonetic Zoo:
   a. Watch the Phonetic Zoo video. It will give you a good overview of the program.
   b. Read the “Additional Thoughts” below.
   c. Refer to the Veritas Press Scholars Lesson Plans, Lesson 1 for Books and Materials that will be needed to begin.
   d. You are ready to begin.

2. If you are using Linguistics 5 with Vocabulary from Classical Roots A:
   a. In the Teacher’s Guide and Answer Key, read:
      i. Introduction
      ii. Lesson Format
      iii. Additional Vocabulary Games and Activities
      iv. Additional Word-Learning Strategies and Activities
      v. Suggestions for Completing Student Book Exercises.
   b. Refer to the Veritas Press Scholars Lesson Plans, Lesson 1 for Books and Materials that will be needed to begin.
   c. You are ready to begin.

<sup>1</sup> The term “A1” is our term and indicates we are using Level A over two years. This will spread out drilling the spelling rules over two years. Most second and third graders will benefit from this, as doing all of them in one year is quite a bit to master.
ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

We have broken up the Level A lessons in the Phonetic Zoo over two years, as this seems to be the best way to begin. This allows the children to really gain an understanding of the rules, not just gloss over them in a superficial way.

Please note that there are Phonetic Zoo lessons we have chosen to skip in any given level. We did this because we know the children will be covering these rules numerous times and want to manage the repetition carefully.

On the instructional video you are told not to move on until the child has earned a 100% twice on their spelling list. We do not believe this is necessary, as they will be repeating much of the material over the next few years. As a rule of thumb, they should receive an 85% or above before moving on. If the child is struggling with a particular rule, keep a list of these and regularly go over them until they have mastered the rule. Remember, our goal is not to get a good grade on their spelling test, but to be able to apply the rules they have learned for the rest of their lives. If the child is receiving a 95% or above on the test, you may want to skip a worksheet or two for that particular rule if you want to move along faster. You may choose whichever ones you want, as they are all teaching the same concept within any given rule.

When you see the phrase in the Lesson Plans under Instruction that says, “Instruct the child on taking the pretest,” you should tell the children to listen to the audio CD and write out their list of words. It is recommended that each child have a CD player with a headset to listen to the CD. We will not be repeating this in every lesson, so it is important to understand this here.
“ai” and “ay”

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Card (Level A) Lesson 1 “ai” and “ay”

**MATERIALS**
Pencil
Paper

**OBJECTIVE**
To enable the child to understand the general rule of the “ai” and “ay” lesson.

**TEACHING**
1. Look at the rule on the Phonetic Zoo Lesson 1 “ai” and “ay” card. Explain to the child that if the sound of “ai” is in the middle of a word, then it is usually spelled with an “ai,” but if it is at the end of a word, it is usually spelled with an “ay.”

2. Be sure to explain what suffixes are. Suffixes can change the number, from one to many by adding an “s” or “es.” For example: one day, two days. A suffix can also be used to tell when something happens. This can be found in Lesson A, changing: I sail. (present tense) to: Yesterday, I sailed. (past tense). A suffix can also change a word’s part of speech. For example: pain is a noun, but add an “ful,” and painful is an adjective.

3. Show the child how the “ai” in brain, chain, rail, pail, sail, train, pain, paint, raisin, trail, grain, and contain are in the middle of a word.

4. Show the child that play, way, tray, and always end in “ay.”

5. Dictate the Phonetic Zoo words Lesson 1A to the child. For example say brain, then spell b-r-a-i-n, and have the child spell each word.

**ASSIGNMENT**
Lesson 1A

Complete Lesson 1A word list.
“ai” and “ay”

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Level A CD; Disc 1

**MATERIALS**
Paper
Pencil
Pretest

**OBJECTIVE**
To enable the child to listen to each word in context and begin to spell each word correctly.

**TEACHING**

**REVIEW**
Have the child write the rule out three times.

**INSTRUCTION**
Instruct the child on taking the pretest.

**ASSIGNMENT**
1. Phonetic Zoo
   Listen to Phonetic Zoo Level A CD; Disc 1; #2,#3.

2. Pretest
   Take the pretest and correct words to see which words need practice.
“ai” and “ay”

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Word Card (Level A) Lesson 1 “ai” and “ay”

**MATERIALS**
Pencil
“ai” and “ay” Worksheet

**OBJECTIVE**
To enable the child to complete the worksheet and better understand the “ai” and “ay” rule.

**TEACHING**

**REVIEW**
Have the child say the rule three times.

**INSTRUCTION**
Print off the worksheet. Have the child rewrite the misspelled words.

**ASSIGNMENT**
1. Worksheet

Complete “ai” and “ay” Worksheet.

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Press [COMPLETED] or [GRADED] button.
“ai” and “ay” Worksheet
Find the mistake(s), and write the correct spelling(s) in the blank.

1. The pale contaned green pant.
   ___________________________
   ___________________________
   ___________________________

2. The cat plade with the ball of yarn that was on the trae.
   ___________________________
   ___________________________

3. The bee sting was paneful.
   ___________________________

4. The cereal had raysins in it.
   ___________________________

5. He is always traling behind.
   ___________________________
   ___________________________

6. I must think with my brane.
   ___________________________

7. The grayn of wheat is golden.
   ___________________________

8. The old raylway was fixed so the trane could run again.
   ___________________________
   ___________________________

9. The dog was chaned up outside.
   ___________________________

10. The man saled across the sea.
    ___________________________
“ai” and “ay” Worksheet for A List   Answers

Find the mistake(s), and write the correct spelling(s) in the blank.

1. The pale contained green pant.
   pail
   contained
   paint

2. The cat played with the ball of yarn
   that was on the tray.
   played
   tray

3. The bee sting was painful.
   painful

4. The cereal had raisins in it.
   raisins

5. He is always trailing behind.
   always
   trailing

6. I must think with my brain.
   brain

7. The grain of wheat is golden.
   grain

8. The old railway was fixed so the train
   could run again.
   railway
   train

9. The dog was chained up outside.
   chained

10. The man sailed across the sea.
    sailed
“ai” and “ay”

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Level A CD Disc 1

**MATERIALS**
Paper
Pencil

**OBJECTIVE**
To give the child more practice at spelling the “ai” and “ay” words.

**TEACHING**

**REVIEW**
Have the child write the rule out three times.

**INSTRUCTION**
Instruct the child on taking the pretest.

**ASSIGNMENT**

1. Phonetic Zoo
   - Listen to Phonetic Zoo Level A Disc 1; #2, #3.

2. Pretest
   - Take the pretest and correct words to see which words need practice.
“ai” and “ay”

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Level A CD Disc 1

**MATERIALS**
Paper
Pencil

**OBJECTIVE**
To give the child the opportunity to spell the words in the “ai” and “ay” column.

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**ASSIGNMENT**

1. Test □ COMPLETED □ GRADED

Take the “ai” and “ay” test on the Phonetic Zoo Level A CD; Disc 1; #2,#3.
The “ie” Rule

BOOKS
Phonetic Zoo Word Card (Level A) Lesson 2 The “ie” Rule

MATERIALS
Pencil
Paper

OBJECTIVE
To enable the child to understand the general rule for the “ie” rule.

TEACHING
1. Look at the rule on the Phonetic Zoo Lesson 2A The “ie” Rule card. Review the rule with the child and go through each word in Level A, checking to see which letter comes before the “ie”, which letter comes before the “ei” and any jail breakers.

   relieve – “l” comes before the “ie.”
   believe – “l” comes before the “ie.”
   conceive – “c” comes before the “ei.”
   either – nothing comes before the “ie.”
   field – “f” comes before the “ie.”
   thief – “th” comes before the “ie.”
   grief – “gr” comes before the “ie.”
   wieners – “w” comes before the “ie.”
   neither – “n” comes before the “ei.” THIS IS A JAILBREAKER
   seize – “s” comes before the “ei.” THIS IS A JAILBREAKER
   conceived – “c” comes before the “ei.”
   shield – “sh” comes before the “ie.”
   believe – “l” comes before the “ie.”
   being – “b” comes before the “ei.” THIS IS A JAILBREAKER
   yield – “y” comes before the “ie.”

2. Dictate the Phonetic Zoo words Lesson 2A to the child. For example say relieve, then spell out the word, r-e-l-i-e-v-e, and have the child write each word. Make sure as the child writes the word that you review which letter comes before the “ie” or “ei” and which words are jail breakers.

ASSESSMENT
1. Lesson 2A

Complete Lesson 2A word list.
The “ie” Rule

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Level A CD Disc 1

**MATERIALS**
Paper
Pencil
Pretest

**OBJECTIVE**
To enable the child to listen to each word in context and begin to spell each word correctly.

**REVIEW**
Have the child write the rule out three times.

**INSTRUCTION**
Instruct the child on taking the pretest.

**ASSIGNMENT**
1. Phonetic Zoo □ COMPLETED □ GRADED
   Listen to Phonetic Zoo Level A CD; Disc 1; #4,#5.

2. Pretest □ COMPLETED □ GRADED
   Take the pretest and correct words to see which words need practice.
The “ie” Rule

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Card (Level A) Lesson 2  The “ie” Rule

**MATERIALS**
Pencil
Paper
“ie” Rule Worksheet

**OBJECTIVE**
To enable the child to complete the worksheet and better understand the “ie” Rule.

**TEACHING**

**REVIEW**
Have the child say the rule three times.

**INSTRUCTION**
Print off the worksheet. Have the child place the words in the correct boxes.

**ASSIGNMENT**
“ie” Rule Worksheet

Complete the “ie” Rule Worksheet.
A List
The “ie” rule
Cut out the cards. Read the words. Place them in the correct box.

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| relieve  belief  conceive  either  field |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| thief  grief  wieners  neither  believe |
| seize  conceived  shield  being  yield |
The “ie” Rule

**BOOKS**
Phonetic Zoo Level A CD Disc 1

**MATERIALS**
Paper
Pencil
Pretest

**OBJECTIVE**
To give the child more practice at spelling The “ie” Rule words.

**TEACHING**

**REVIEW**
Have the child write the rule out three times.

**INSTRUCTION**
Instruct the child on taking the pretest.

**ASSIGNMENT**

1. Phonetic Zoo
   Complete Phonetic Zoo Level A Disc 1; #4, #5.

2. Pretest
   Take the pretest and correct words to see which words need practice.