

**Benchmark Advance**  
**Grade 3 Phonics Skills and Spelling Words**

Unit	Week	Phonics/Word Study and Vocabulary	Spelling Words
1. Government for the People	1	Short Vowels	conflicts, examples, helpful, imagine, plans, printed, problems, upset
	2	Long a ( <b>VCe, ai, ay, a</b> )	avored, explained, separate, plain, became, swayed, raised, vain
	3	Long o ( <b>VCe, oa, ow, o</b> ) and Long u ( <b>VCe, ue, ew, u</b> )	arrows, broken, contribution, new, obeyed, told, united, used
2. Ways Characters Shape Stories	1	Long e ( <b>VCe, ea, ee, ey, y, ie, e</b> )	honey, hungry, even, freedom, leave, pieces, queens, screamed
	2	Long i ( <b>i_e, igh, y, ie, i</b> )	cried, fighting, island, might, myself, provided, sacrifice, unwind
	3	Compound Words	firelight, heartbeat, hillside, mountaintop, thunderclap, treetops, underwater, woodstove
3. Animal Adaptations	1	r-controlled Vowels ( <b>/är/, /ör/</b> )	sharks, sharp, arctic, carnivores, born, forward, form, forest
	2	r-Controlled Vowels ( <b>-er, -ir, -ur</b> )	caterpillar, butterfly, dangerous, deter, birds, curl, furry, survive
	3	Closed Syllable Pattern	black, better, blended, sticky, munching, quickly, predators, suddenly
4. Comparing Points of View	1	Open Syllable Pattern	apron, began, briars, lady, music, replied, potatoes, vocabulary
	2	Consonant <b>-le</b> Syllable Pattern	able, bicycle, fable, gentle, gobble, purple, single, terrible
	3	Vowel Team Syllable Pattern	beans, green, week, feet, too, sprouted, boasted, shook
5. Advancements in Technology	1	<b>VCe</b> Syllable Pattern	telephone, arrive, whole, June, huge, broke, celebrated, wire
	2	Vowel-r Syllable Pattern	clerk, over, smaller, coworkers, performed, various, mother, simpler
	3	Inflectional Endings <b>-ed, -ing</b>	carried, introduced, taking, changed, relied, using, creating, sharing

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6. Making Decisions	1	Irregular Plurals	geese, people, themselves, grass, sheep, wolves, lives, teeth
	2	Long <b>oo</b> and Short <b>oo</b>	choose, good, took, food, looked, wooden, foolish, rooster
	3	<b>/ou/</b> as in <b>How</b> and <b>Out</b>	brown, growls, sound, down, howl, waterfowl, found, snout
7. Communities Then and Now	1	Suffixes <b>-er, -or</b>	bakers, painters, owners, players, visitors, sculptors, vendors, actors
	2	Homophones	past, passed, so, sew, eight, ate, where, wear
	3	Variant Vowel <b>/ô/</b>	walls, called, stalks, awful, dawn, thawing, taught, pause
8. Weather and Climate	1	Hard and Soft <b>c</b>	fierce, affect, covered, Connecticut, certain, crucial, recommended, computers
	2	Hard and Soft <b>g</b>	gathered, grateful, garden, green, good, again, generous, germinated
	3	Diphthongs	point, sprout, moisture, shower, cloud, south, soil, downpour
9. Spending Time and Money	1	Suffixes <b>-able, -ful, -less</b>	profitable, valuable, sizable, fanciful, delightful, tearful, countless, penniless
	2	Prefixes ( <b>dis-, un-</b> )	disappeared, unrivaled, disassembled, unblemished, displeasure, unhappy, disbelief, unsalted
	3	Prefixes <b>pre-, re-</b>	prearrange, prekindergarten, preorder, prepackaged, reconsider, recycled, restock, rethink
10. Forces and Interactions	1	Compound Words	bone-tired, daybreak, everyone, finish line, halfway, jack-rabbit, meanwhile, slow-poke
	2	Derivational Suffixes ( <b>-ing, -ment, -ness</b> )	amazement, happiness, scrambling, cleverness, leading, slyness, contentment, sadness, warning
	3	Introduce Related Words	inventor, invention, problem, solve, solution, problematic, transforms, transformation