

Administering the Dolch Spelling Test

Open AppleWorks or Word and have the students type their name, Dolch Spelling Test and the first word **see**. Then the highlight the word **see** and *select numeric as the label style* so that the words will automatically be numbered.

Directions for scoring:

Count the number of words spelled correctly. Grade score is number correct, divided by 10.

Example: If a child spells 36 words correctly his/her score is third grade sixth month. **(3.6)**

After completing the test the student and I use spell check to correct their answers. Then they retype the word correctly behind the misspelled word. You might want to try changing the color to red and making the corrected word in bold/red.

Reflection

I found that my students enjoyed taking the test. They were very attentive and learned from the checking process.

Example: A student spells the word skate as skat.

Student comment: (Oh, I forgot the /e/ in skate. The /e / makes the vowel long.)