

Gentry Writing Scale - Recording Chart

Use this recording chart to assess your students' growth by conducting developmental spelling checks throughout the year.

Date: _____

Student's Name	Current Stage of Spelling Development	Notes

Gentry Writing Scale - Recording Chart (cont.)

Refer to the chart below as you conduct a developmental spelling check. This chart, along with additional information, is found on page Z16 in the *Spelling Connections* Grade K Teacher Edition.

Each spelling of **boat** reveals a stage of spelling development.

Word	Developmental Spelling	Stage of Spelling Development
boat		Stage 0: The child has no knowledge of the alphabetic principle.
boat	EMJXR	Stage 1: The writer uses letters, but does not show an awareness that letters represent sounds.
boat	BT	Stage 2: The writer uses some letters to represent prominent sounds, but has limited knowledge of the way that letters represent sounds to make words.
boat	BOT	Stage 3: The writer gives a letter for each phoneme heard in the word.
boat	BOTE	Stage 4: The writer consolidates phonemic awareness and phonics knowledge to spell words in syllables or "chunks." Many familiar words and short vowel words are spelled conventionally (correctly).