

# Words Their Way Sorts

**Open Sort** --- The student chooses a way to sort the words (not using the headers). Student must be able to explain why they sorted the words the way they did. (Examples: by beginning sounds, rhyming words, vowel sounds, nouns, verbs, number of syllables).

**Guess My Category Sort** --- Similar to an open sort, but with a partner. One partner may sort the words any way and the other partner tries to figure out the sort. Student must be able to explain why they sorted the words the way they did.

**Closed Sort** ---Directions are given on how to sort the words (usually the headers are used).

**Sound Sort** --- A type of closed sort where the sounds are used as headers (Ex: -ate, -et).

**Meaning Sort** ---Involves grouping words in categories related to meaning, vocabulary, homophones, homographs, verbs, nouns, etc.

**Speed Sort** ---Work to quickly sort words by their headers (closed sort) while being timed.

**Blind Sort** --- One partner reads the word aloud and the other partner writes the words in his/her notebook under the correct header. This is similar to a practice test.

**Word Hunt** --- Students hunt through books, magazines, or papers and find words that fit the headers of the word patterns they are working on and then record them in his/her notebook under the correct header.

**Word-O** --- Student selects one of the words and writes it in his/her notebook. Then, the student changes 1 or 2 letters at a time to create a new (existing) word and writes it below the first word. This process continues until the student cannot think of any more ways to change the word directly above. Then, the student selects another word from the sort and starts a new list.

**ABC Sort** ---Put your words into alphabetical order and write it down.

**Sketch Sort**--- Draw a small icon or sketch for each word.

**Parts of Speech Sort**--- sort your words into categories: NOUNS, VERBS, ADJECTIVES, ADVERBS, PRONOUNS

**Spelling City**--- go to [spellingcity.com](http://spellingcity.com). Type in your word list-- make sure that all words are spelled correctly! Click on Spelling Test to take a test. After you finish your test and practiced words that you misspelled, try some of the free spelling activities on the website. They use the list that you typed in!