

A progression of word study skills

Level 1:

1. vowels
2. rhyming words
3. shape of words (letters sticking up or hanging down)
4. riddles

Level 2:

1. rhyming words
2. compound words
3. long and short vowels
4. double vowels
5. shape of words (letters sticking up or hanging down)
6. e on the end signifies a long vowel
7. small words inside big words

Level 3:

1. rhyming words
2. definitions
3. short and long vowels
4. consonants
5. silent e (as in come)
6. antonyms
7. base words
8. contractions
9. alphabetical order
10. homonyms
11. silent k
12. root words
13. compound words
14. suffixes
15. patterns (dig, digging, dug)
16. syllables

Level 4:

1. syllables
2. i before e except after c
3. past tense
4. present tense
5. compound words
6. long and short vowels
7. root words
8. silent e (as in come)
9. vowels
10. consonants
11. contractions
12. plurals
13. singular
14. prefix

15. suffix
16. antonyms
17. homonyms
18. patterns (eg dig, digging, dug)
19. because joining sentences

Level 5:

1. patterns (eg dig, digging, dug)
2. prefix
3. homonyms
4. antonyms
5. silent e (eg come)
6. syllables
7. i before e except after c
8. small words inside big ones
9. silent k
10. compound words
11. long and short vowels
12. e crossed off and add ed rule

Level 6:

1. root words
2. compound words
3. prefix
4. suffix
5. syllables
6. pronunciation of gh
7. vowels
8. consonants
9. root words
10. homonym
11. antonym
12. silent k
13. silent e signifies long vowel
14. short and long vowels