

## Phonetic Spelling Inventory Word List – Level I

**Instructions:** Let the students know that you are administering this inventory to learn about how they spell. Let them know that this is not a test, but that they will be helping you be a better teacher by doing their best. **Students are not to study these words.** The results will be invalid if students have been formally taught or exposed to these words.

Call the words as you would for any test. Use the words in a sentence to be sure the students know the exact word.

**Possible script:** “I am going to ask you to spell some words. Try to spell them the best you can. Some of the words will be easy to spell; some will be more difficult. When you do not know how to spell a word, spell it the best you can.”

Have students check their papers for their names and the date.

### SET ONE

1. fan I am a baseball fan. *fan*
2. pet I have a pet cat. *pet*
3. dig He will dig a hole. *dig*
4. mop He said he will use a mop to clean up the mess. *mop*
5. rope The rope was used to tie the box to the top of the car. *rope*

### SET TWO

6. wait You will need to wait for a letter. *wait*
7. chunk A chunk of ice fell off the roof. *chunk*
8. sled The dog sled was pulled by huskies. *sled*
9. stick I used a stick to poke in the hole. *stick*
10. shine He rubbed the coin to make it shine. *shine*

### SET THREE

11. dream Do you ever dream of being an astronaut? *dream*
12. blade He bought a new blade for his skates. *blade*
13. coach The coach called the team over to the bench. *coach*
14. fright She was a fright in her Halloween costume. *fright*
15. snowing It would be snowing if it were a little colder. *snowing*

### SET FOUR

16. talked They talked all day about their trip. *talked*
17. camping Shirley said that her family went camping. *camping*
18. thorn The thorn from the rose bush stuck in his finger. *thorn*
19. shouted They shouted at the driver as he ran through a red light. *shouted*
20. spoil The food will spoil if it sits out too long. *spoil*

### SET FIVE

21. grow The plant will grow six inches in the summer. *grow*
22. chirp The baby birds will chirp when they are hungry. *chirp*
23. clapped The magician clapped her hands twice and the alligator vanished. *clapped*
24. tries In basketball, the center tries to block the shot. *tries*
25. hiking They started hiking up the mountain this morning. *hiking*