

SRA Spelling

Day 1 Teacher Notes:

This lesson introduces the /j/ sound spelled **g** and the /s/ sound spelled **c** at the beginning of a word. In general, these spellings occur before the short vowel sounds /i/ and /e/. These spellings can also occur in the middle of a word (*ranger, recent*).

Day 1 Mini Lesson:

Objective: to discover the spellings for the /s/ and /j/ sounds

Read the first set of words. Ask the student if all the words have the same beginning sound. (yes) Then write the sign for the sound on the chalkboard. (/s/) Repeat the procedure for the words that begin with the /j/ sound.

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ceiling | circus | cereal |
| celery | cymbals | |
| giraffe | gerbil | general |
| germ | giant | |

Then have him write the words on the board under the appropriate sign. Lead the student to see that the /s/ sound is spelled with the letter **c** before **e** or **i** and the /j/ sound is spelled with **g** before **e** or **i**.

Chalkboard Activity

Write the following sentence on the board for your student to correct:

The gentleman loves selery and sider.

Day 2 Teacher Notes:

Activating Prior Knowledge

Ask the student what he already knows about pronouncing **g** and **c** when they are followed by **e** or **i**. Possible correct answers include:

- When **g** is followed by **e** or **i**, it has the soft sound of /j/.
- When **c** is followed by **e** or **i**, it has the soft sound of /s/.

Have the student write the following words on paper: *gem, ginger, gap, got, cent, can, city, cup*. Ask him to circle those words that have the soft sound of /s/ or /j/.

Dependable Spelling Patterns

Write the words *can, city, cent, cot, gun, and got* on the chalkboard.

- Elicit from the student that **c** has two sounds—hard and soft.. The sound is soft when **c** is followed by **e** or **i**, as in *city* or *cent*. The sound is hard when **c** is followed by **a, o, or u**, as in *can, cot, or cut*.
- Elicit from the student that **g** has two sounds—hard and soft.. The sound is soft when **g** is followed by **e** or **i**, as in *gem* or *ginger*. The sound is hard when **g** is followed by **a, o, or u**, as in *gas, gum, or got*.

Multiple Meanings

Center means “the main place” on page 40 and “the middle” on page 41.

General means “highest ranked officer” on page 40 and “for all, or usually” on page 41.

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Sorting Spelling Patterns

/s/ spelled c

1. cedar
2. celery
3. ceiling
4. cell
5. cement
6. center
7. cereal
8. certain
9. cider
10. circle
11. citizen
12. citrus

/s/ spelled s

1. citrus
2. genius

/j/ spelled g

1. gem
2. general
3. genie
4. genius
5. gentleman
6. gerbil
7. gingerbread

Building Spelling Vocabulary

Conventions Strategy

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. giraffes | 5. generals |
| 2. gems | 6. cells |
| 3. genies | 7. cedars |
| 4. gerbils | 8. centers |

Visualization Strategy

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| 9. citrus | 13. ceiling |
| 10. citizen | 14. cement |
| 11. genius | 15. certain |
| 12. circle | 16. cereal |

Pronunciation Strategy

1. giant
2. circus
3. gentle
4. city
5. germ

Meaning Strategy

1. century
2. genuine
3. geography
4. cymbals
5. cinnamon

Proofing and Writing

Proofreading Strategy

1. genius
2. certain
3. circle
4. ceiling

Meaning Strategy

(Words will vary.)

Spelling Words in Context: Helpful Inventions

In general, most inventions are useful. One invention may be useful to the genius who creates it. Another may be more useful to the average American citizen.

Think about the microscope. It lets us see the tiniest cell. Binoculars help us get a closer look at a distant giraffe on a safari tour.

The brass cage is a gem of an invention for keeping a small pet, like a gerbil. People often line the cage with cedar wood shavings. In the cage, the gerbil can happily run around in a circle.

The plastic container is a handy gizmo for carrying lunch to school. A tall, slender one will hold apple cider or citrus juice. A short, round one will hold the right amount of hot cereal or soup. In a flat, rectangular container, you can layer crisp celery stalks. A perfectly square container will hold a block of spicy gingerbread cake for dessert. You usually have to push down on the center to pop the seal and open the plastic container.

It does not take the magic of a genie to invent useful things, but one thing is for certain. When it comes to inventions, the ceiling, or sky, is the limit!

1. gentleman
2. cement