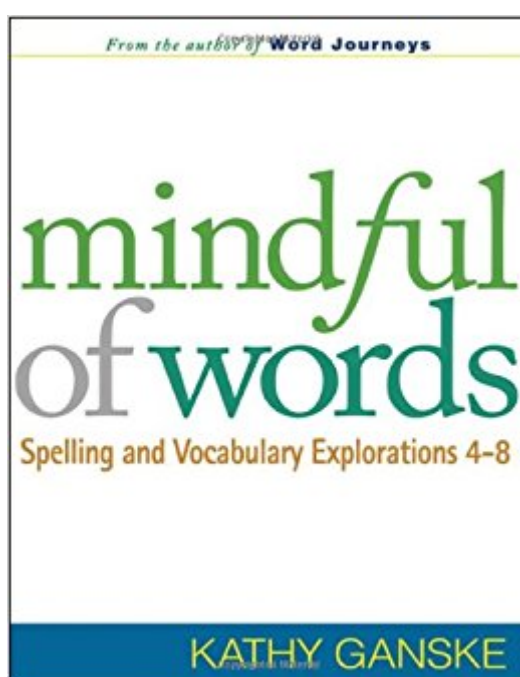


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Mindful Of Words: Spelling And Vocabulary Explorations 4-8 (Solving Problems In The Teaching Of Literacy)



Synopsis

Providing a wealth of tools to enhance upper-level spelling and vocabulary instruction, this engaging book features more than 120 reproducible sorting activities and games. It offers specific suggestions for helping students build mastery of vowel patterns, syllable structure, syllable stress, consonant and vowel alternations, compound words, prefixes, suffixes, and word roots. Also featured are "Did You Know?" sections with absorbing stories about specific words; tips from teachers at different grade levels; discussions of idioms; literature recommendations; and lists of vocabulary related to social studies, science, and math. See also Ganske's *Word Journeys, Second Edition: Assessment-Guided Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary Instruction*, which provides a comprehensive framework for assessing and building word knowledge, and *Word Sorts and More, Second Edition: Sound, Pattern, and Meaning Explorations*, which presents word study activities for the primary grades.

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Customer Reviews

"Mindful of Words is an invaluable addition to the upper-grade teacher's resource shelf. It illuminates the intermediate teacher's role in providing meaningful, intellectually stimulating word study. I found the 'Teacher to Teacher' sections, which show exactly how teachers and principals have incorporated Ganske's suggestions in their classrooms and schools, to be extremely useful. I also loved the 'Did You Know' sections. I rediscovered information about words I had long forgotten or

never knew. This book will help teachers make their own love of language contagious to kids!"--Ellin Oliver Keene, MA, Director of Research and Development, Public Education and Business Coalition, Denver, Colorado

"Ganske has once again succeeded in providing classroom teachers with a valuable tool for differentiating instruction and meeting the instructional needs of individual learners. Upper-elementary and middle school teachers have been anxiously awaiting the kind of guidance and instructional support Ganske gives them for a systematic, developmental approach to word study. One of the many strengths of Ganske's approach is her attention to motivation; she appeals to students' curiosity and humor. I can't wait to share this essential resource with students in my teacher education classes and professional development workshops."--Deanna Birdyshaw, PhD, School of Education, University of Michigan

"Teachers in grades 4-8 who use the word study approach for spelling and vocabulary instruction will welcome this new resource. It will save hours of work in devising well-crafted lessons. What is especially appealing is the organization of the teacher support for each word sort. Many opportunities for differentiation of instruction are included, and vignettes from practitioners add useful techniques for the classroom. Using this book will help teachers go a long way in developing their students' appreciation for language."--Sondra R. Markman, EdM, K-8 curriculum supervisor, Warren Township School District, Warren, New Jersey

"Mindful of Words is a comprehensive resource for the implementation of quality word study for students in the upper stages of spelling and word development. Literacy educators will benefit from this clear and concise guide that promotes students' flexibility with words and their enthusiasm for the complexities of the English language. Ganske's systematic approach to word study provides an integral component of the foundation on which proficient reading is built."--Robin Seeker, MA, literacy consultant, St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado

"Ganske has done it again, providing a resource that will allow for meaningful differentiated instruction in the area of word study in grades 4-8. In an era of reform that embraces research-based practices, this resource clearly guides teachers in putting theory into practice. Using this book will result in more engaging instruction that better prepares students to decode, compose, and comprehend sophisticated texts."--Michelle Huntress, MA, Reading Consultant, Storm Lake Community School District, Storm Lake, Iowa

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small-group word study instruction and literacy teacher preparation. She is the author or coauthor of several books, including Word Journeys, Word Sorts and More and Mindful of Words, as well as numerous articles and book chapters.

This book was a required purchase for our daughter's education program and she felt it was well written, made good use of examples and offered activities and techniques that she will be able to use in her curriculum to help her kids advance their word-use skills. Initially, her instructor started with Ganske's Word Sorts and More book (Word Sorts and More: Sound, Pattern, and Meaning Explorations K-3 (Solving Problems in the Teaching of Literacy)), which our daughter found very interesting. This book, Mindful of Words, progresses forward from there. It was also very nice to be able to get it here for much less than her campus book store was asking, and was delivered quickly too. Recommended if you are in the same situation, or if you are home schooling.

I like this book because it is helpful to students with dyslexia in that the author actually teaches pupils how's how to sort the words by various attributes. Also, the author breaks down the meaning of the base words and how meaning changes once a prefix or suffix is added to the word. Easy to use and good explanation of concepts.

Great resource to use with small groups or tutoring. I teach 8th grade and work with some students who have spelling deficiencies. They are able to sort the words and then generate their own spelling patterns and rules. They also enjoy the discussions about word origins.

Excellent, useful, practical. Greatly aids with precise differentiation for spelling/vocabulary/phonetic work

Used in class, and book still looked new.

These books are great when incorporating Word Study. They make it so easy! (And the seller got it here quickly and in good condition.)

We bought this book as it is the basis of my 4th grader's spelling worksheet this year. I must admit that I am not impressed with the word sorts or the explanations of why the particular words fit into different categories. My daughter's teachers don't seem to understand either as she has had

confusing 'explanations' throughout the year.

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