

## Spelling Patterns Instructions

At this level, I like to look at the spelling patterns of words that end in <le>. There's a crazy Dr Seuss tongue twister about "Tweetle Beetles" which I read very quickly. If the student is too cool for such nonsense I simply point out that it's my favourite book and they're going to have to suffer for a minute. I never make them read it and they usually end up laughing. We then sort the words into two categories:

tweetle	battle
beetle	bottle
poodle	paddle
noodle	puddle

Have the student write the above words referring to the tongue twister and looking at the spelling patterns. Once you've got the pattern established, use the list below and ask the student where you think each word should go. This time, don't let them see the list! Have them judge from what they can hear. The pattern soon becomes clear and you can get them spelling all sorts of words.

Remember there are exceptions like "double" and "trouble".

An-	table	saddle
dent	cable	riddle
	oodles	rattle
	bible	cattle
	stable	settle
	sidle	scuttle
	gable	skittle
	fable	dribble
	able	scribble
	feeble	bubble
	needle	stubble
	title	apple
	writer	little
		wriggle
		wiggle
		tipple

swers below. See sorting list on next page for student activity.

"Tweetle Beetles" from *Fox in Socks* by Dr Seuss.

You can do this activity without the Tweetle Beetles but it isn't nearly as entertaining.

## Sorting lists.

Set up two columns on a mini white board.

<b>tweetle</b>	<b>battle</b>

After you've sorted the Tweetle Beetle words by sight, have student sort the following words by sound only.

Don't let them see this list. Add your own words if you like.

### Add to Tweetle Beetle words

table	skittle
cable	gable
saddle	needle
riddle	title
oodles	dribble
bible	wriggle
cattle	fable
settle	scribble
stable	able
rattle	bubble
idle	feeble
sidle	stubble
rattle	apple
scuttle	little

### This activity also works for words ending –er.

batter	cater
later	cuter
rudder	litter
matter	potter
fatter	quitter
fitter	voter
glitter	better
whiter	crater
writer	critter
batter	witter
biter	gutter
bitter	ruder
glider	rider