



Spelling Mastery International Edition

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is new in the International Edition of Spelling Mastery?

A: All words previously spelled using American conventions have been updated to British English conventions.

Q: Why is it called the 'International Edition' rather than 'Australian,' 'New Zealand,' or 'British'?

A: Spelling Mastery is a Tier 1 spelling program used in many English-speaking countries, including Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Canada. The term 'International' reflects its suitability across these regions.

Q: Can you give an example of the spelling changes?

A: Yes. For example, words ending in '-ize' have been changed to '-ise', and American spellings such as 'color' are now spelled 'colour'.

Q: Will the current (US) edition still be available to purchase?

A: Yes. The US edition will remain available for at least the next 2–3 years for existing adopters.

Q: Should new adopters purchase the International or US edition?

A: New adopters should purchase the International Edition. The US edition should only be used by current adopters who have already invested in US-version Teacher Materials in the last 1-2 years and who do not wish to switch over straight away.

Q: Can current users of the US edition switch to the International Edition?

A: Yes. If your budget allows, we encourage existing users to transition to the International Edition.

Q: Why hasn't the Scope and Sequence, script, or number of lessons changed in the new edition?

A:

- Direct Instruction programs are backed by research and do not require frequent changes. Their effectiveness has been demonstrated through decades of evidence.
- While teachers may wish for new lessons, the lessons remain new to students.

Q: Are the US and International editions compatible?

A: No. The editions are not interchangeable. Page numbers, student workbook alignment, and scripting differ between editions.

Q: Does SRA 2Inform still work with the new International Edition?

A: Yes. SRA 2Inform remains compatible and is highly recommended for tracking and reporting student performance. Digital licenses are sold separately.

Q: Is there a digital version of the new International Edition?

A: No. The International Edition is a print-only resource, comprising a Teacher Presentation Book and consumable student workbooks (Levels A–F). SRA 2Inform is the only available digital tool.

Q: Will digital resources for the US edition continue to be supported?

A: Yes. Digital subscriptions for the US edition will be honoured until the end of their licensing period.

Q: Is there a price difference between the US and International editions?

A: No. Pricing is currently the same for both editions.

Q: What curriculum mapping is available for the International Edition?

A:

- **ACARA F–10 English (v9.0)** – available now
 - **NESA F–10 English** – available Term 1, 2026
 - **New Zealand English Curriculum** – available Term 1, 2026
 - **UK R–10 English Curriculum** – available Term 1, 2026
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Q: What professional development is available to support Spelling Mastery implementation?

A:

- Free initial implementation training is provided by McGraw Hill’s Direct Instruction consultants.
 - A product walkthrough video is available [here](#).
 - Paid training (half or full day) is available via independent trainers listed on our website.
 - Online training is offered through **Good to Great Schools Australia** and the **MGH Training Padlet**.
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Q: Is there a way to observe a Spelling Mastery lesson in action?

A: Yes. A best-practice lesson delivery video filmed at Ballarat Clarendon College is available on request from our website.

Q: How long does a typical Spelling Mastery lesson take?

A: Approximately 20 minutes.

Q: How do we determine which level students should start at?

A: An initial placement test determines entry level. Ongoing mastery tests are embedded to ensure students are progressing or highlight where remediation is needed.

Q: Is Spelling Mastery aligned with the Science of Learning?

A: Yes. The program aligns with all key principles of the Science of Learning.

Q: Is Spelling Mastery evidence-based?

A: Yes. Spelling Mastery and the Direct Instruction approach are supported by decades of independent research. You can view the research [here](#).

Q: How can I purchase Spelling Mastery?

A: You can purchase the program directly through McGraw Hill or through your preferred educational supplier. Visit: www.mheducation.com.au

Q: When will the new edition of Spelling Mastery be available?

A: Stock is due in mid-late December 2025, ready for delivery to schools for commencement of Term 1, 2026. You can pre-order the materials and be assured that stock will be at school ready for you to start the program from Day 1 of Term 1 in your state/region.

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