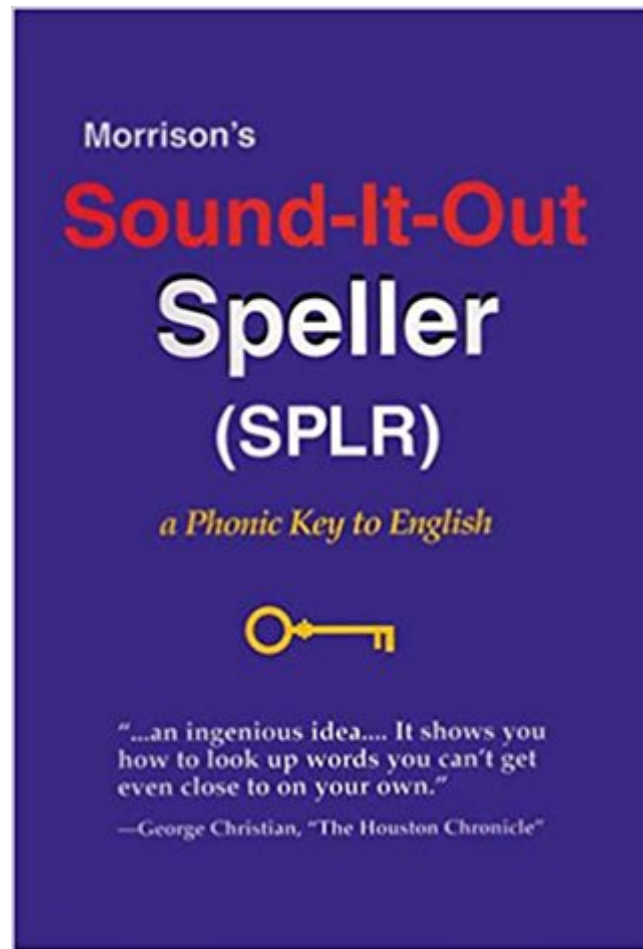




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# Morrison's Sound-It-Out Speller (SPLR)



## Synopsis

It provides quick access to English words without having to know how they are spelled. It quickly allows you to sort out sound-a-like words like gorilla (ape) and guerrilla (soldier).- It has approximately the same number of entry words as a standard collegiate dictionary. It's the perfect reference to pick up when your spelling software doesn't come up with the word you need.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This unique resource takes as its premise that referring to a dictionary is fruitless if you don't know how to spell a word. Instead of visualizing how a word is spelled, this tool asks the user to sound it out, convert the sounds into consonants and drop all vowels; then look up the resulting string of letters and find the correct word. For instance, "pterodactyl" is found by looking up TRDKTL, "mnemonics" is found under NMNKS, and "scion" under SN. There are, of course, many words that might sound like SN (49 in this dictionary, from "acini" to "usnea" listed alphabetically). After the phonic (SN for instance) comes the word, then one or two descriptive terms ("heir, plant shoot" follows "scion"). It takes some adjusting to drop vowels and think in terms of sound only, but Morrison's method works, particularly when one is confronted with words that sound nothing like how they are spelled. Recommended for academic, public, and school libraries.DCynthia A. Johnson, Barnard Coll. Lib., New York Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I worked in a university setting for thirty years helping students who struggled academically. For those with spelling problems, I often referred them to the "Sound-It -Out Speller. Using only phonetic consonants, Morrison has created a simple, but accurate and quick way to look up words. Even I referred to it, often more than a dictionary, because I only needed to know how to spell a word, not its meaning. For example, I would ask students how to spell "psychology." Poor spellers often would start the word with an "s" which is the sound they heard. In this book, you will find "psychology" under the letter "S." Phonetically, without the vowels (which have 28 sounds among those five letters) "psychology" is spelled "sklj." How much simpler it is to look up four letters than it is ten. One student in particular that I worked with, bought three of these book, one for herself, and the others for her mother and brother, all of whom had spelling challenges. She said that when they first got the books, they all just sat around the table looking up words. For homophones, words that sound alike but are spelled differently, Morrison puts a synonym beside the words so that you know which word to choose. For example, "pk" is the phonetic spelling of peak, peek, and pique. So he would put "peak (highest), peek (look), and pique (annoyed). I strongly recommend this book for anyone with spelling challenges. It can save you time, frustration, and errors.

This is a must have for anyone who has a phonetical spelling issue. You are able to look up words according to how it sounds instead of trying to figure out what letter should be there.

Found the book very hard to understand and use, especially for someone who is learning disabled.

I use this all the time with my elementary and middle/high school. If you read in the front, it shows you HOW to use it! First, you have the student write a word the way THEY think it's spelled. cross out the vowels and make sure the consonant sounds are in the sound order. The word because when crossed out is BKZ (K sound and Z is the sound of the S) Look it up under B and you will find because under BKZ. Have the student correct the word in their narrative or worksheet! I have had students fall in love with this book so much that they have begged me to take a copy home for the

summer and for graduating to middle and high school! I have given so many 1987 copies away that I am down to 2 copies and ready to order this newer edition.(It used to be "WORD FINDER - the phonic key to the dictionary"! ) Take my word for it...this is the PERFECT book for someone with a spelling disability. You just have to follow the instructions in the front that shows you how to use it and how to "translate" those awkward sounds you aren't sure (Remember, it goes by consonant sound order (vowels are confusing anyway...sometimes /e/ and /i/ are indistinguishable!) It's great! I recommend it to any LD teacher for grades 2 and up to college and adult life! )

The Sound-It-Out Speller makes it possible for anyone to find the correct spelling of a word with ease. The words are listed alphabetically by their consonant sounds. Vowels are eliminated to remove all the guess work. This book is a must have reference for anyone who has trouble spelling. In addition, it's format is easy to use for teachers wanting to reinforce phonics.

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