Spelling Dictation Guide

Actions	Teacher	Student(s)
Placement/word Sentence Repeat word.	"Pencil down. Eyes on me."* "Under, we will write freedom." "Freedom is not free." "free-dom." Pronounces word normally.	Finds place where he will write. Listens for syllables grouping.
Syllables?	"How many syllables?"*	Says # of syllables: "two syllables."
Think-to-spell	Says the word to match actual spelling. "Think to spell /frE-dom/."	Needs to hear teacher exaggerate /o/ in /dom/.
Fingergrams	"Help me sound it out." * Add phonogram language to clarify if needed. "Use E double E."	Says first syllable: "free." Says each sound: "/f-r-E/."
	(Student view of fingergrams.) See SWR pgs. 70, 80.	Student drives teacher's fingers. Says second syllable: "dom." Says each sound: "/d-o-m/."
Student repeats	"Repeat the way we think it."*	Says /frE-dom/.
Student writes.	"Say it as you write it." Points to log.*	Picks up pencil. Whispers sound-by-sound in syllable units as he writes: free dom.
Student reads.	"Read the word you have written."	"freedom"
Student dictates.	"Dictate it back to me." Waits with chalk ready.*	"free (/f-r-E/) - dom (/d-o-m/)"
Teacher writes.	Student drives teacher's chalk. Teacher writes <i>free dom</i> .	
Proofread.	"Does your word look like mine?"*	Checks his word against the teacher's.
Analyze word together.	"Any markings?" Help if necessary. Discuss markings in the order we read the word.	"Underline /E/." Pause for teacher approval.
	Teacher agrees. Both mark word: free dom	
	"Why?" Recite rules when relevant.	"It's a 2-letter phonogram."
Review words.	 After the day's words are complete, read in unison each word taught 1) As we think it. In a one-syllable word say each sound. In a multi-syllable word say each syllable. 	"We think, /frE-dom/."
	 2) As we say it in normal speech. 3) Close log and quiz (time permitting). 	"We say, freedom."

*After routine is established, non-verbal clue can replace verbal instructions.