

## What does "temporary" spelling mean?

Temporary spelling is just that, temporary. Think of spelling in the same way that you think of a child learning to talk. Remember how excited you were to hear your child say, "m, mm." This soon turned into "ma" and then "mom." Many other words with the same meaning came later: "mommy, mother, mama."



Age: 5 Years

"Once upon a time there were two little friends in the woods."



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"Me and my friends we do silly things."

Spelling progresses in developmental stages as well. First the child will use beginning letters to represent the whole word he is writing. In time he begins to hear and record the letters for the beginning and ending sounds. Then you will notice the young writer adding middle sounds. Remember, the consonants are easier than the vowels to hear and record.



Phonics is very useful to a child when he is writing. Teachers will often ask, "What sound do you hear?" and teach the child to say the word slowly. This helps him to record the letters in the order that match the sounds he hears.

