

Recommended Reading:

Unlocking Literacy: Effective Decoding and Spelling Instruction

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Unlocking Literacy: Effective Decoding and Spelling Instruction

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Selecting just one book to recommend was a challenge! However, Marcia Henry's *Unlocking Literacy* seems appropriate as our first recommendation for several reasons. We often find ourselves referencing this book. It is easy and enjoyable to read. The book's focus on decoding and spelling ties into the Simple View of Reading, which is explained in this newsletter's **Research Review** article.

Dr. Henry gives an abundance of practical information for any teacher of reading or language arts. She includes many useful word lists. The book contains numerous ideas to improve decoding, spelling, and vocabulary lessons. Our favorite is her excellent guide to the four layers of English that influence spelling.

Unlocking Literacy is essential reading for anyone who is trying to understand how to effectively teach decoding, spelling, and vocabulary. Even veteran teachers who have a strong grounding in teaching the English spelling system and morphology will find much to learn from this book.