Spelling Dictation Guide

"Pencil down. Eyes on me."* "Under , we will write freedom."	
"Freedom is not free."	Finds place where he will write.
"free-dom." Pronounces word normally.	Listens for syllables grouping.
"How many syllables?"*	Says # of syllables: "two syllables."
Says the word to match actual spelling. "Think to spell /frE-dom/."	Needs to hear teacher exaggerate /o/ in /dom/.
"Help me sound it out." * Add phonogram language to clarify if needed.	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/."
"Repeat the way we think it."*	Says /frE-dom/.
"Say it as you write it." Points to log.★	Picks up pencil. Whispers sound-by-sound in syllable units as he writes: free dom.
"Read the word you have written."	"freedom"
"Dictate it back to me." Waits with chalk ready.*	"free (/f-r-E/) - dom (/d-o-m/)"
Student drives teacher's chalk. Teacher writes <i>free dom</i> .	
"Does your word look like mine?"*	Checks his word against the teacher's.
"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."
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. 2) As we say it in normal speech.	"We think, /frE-dom/." "We say, freedom."
	Says the word to match actual spelling. "Think to spell /frE-dom/." "Help me sound it out." * Add phonogram language to clarify if needed. "Use E double E." (Student view of fingergrams.) See SWR pgs. 70, 80. "Repeat the way we think it."* "Say it as you write it." Points to log.* "Read the word you have written." "Dictate it back to me." Waits with chalk ready.* Student drives teacher's chalk. Teacher writes free dom. "Does your word look like mine?"* "Any markings?" Help if necessary. Discuss markings in the order we read the word. Teacher agrees. Both mark word: free dom "Why?" Recite rules when relevant. 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.

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