

3. Features

Master Spell administers spelling drills using the Mac's speech capabilities.

Built-in Test Editor for Custom Spelling Word Lists

Master Spell includes a test editor so that tests can be easily created, edited and tested for correct pronunciation without learning any arcane syntax.

Individual Scoring and History

Each user gets a pupil file which contains the detailed results from the last test the pupil took, a log of the pupil's score history, the pupil's trouble words along with the pupil's misspellings for those words and the pupil's last test results.

Multiple Review Options with Variable Emphasis on Trouble Words

For each pupil, Master Spell keeps a rotating list of the last 50 misspelled words. These trouble words can be integrated into tests randomly with the [Integrate Trouble Words](#) checkbox on the front panel. It is also possible to test on the trouble words alone by saving the Trouble Words as a test and then loading that test. And one can study their trouble words and misspellings and clear the trouble words list from within the History window.

At the end of a test, Master Spell prompts you to option to retry any misspelled words for half credit.

Comprehensive Score Analyzation

At the end of a test, you are presented with the History window which shows you your entire last test in a manner simlilar to if you had taken a written test. The History window always shows you how many words you've tried with this pupil and your total word average. The Test Log keeps track of a rotating list of your last 200 tests. The Graph allows you to visually see your progress over a period of time.

Mastery Goal and Certificate Print-out

Depending on the size of the test, Master Spell will require that you score between 95%-100% for a given number of words within 10 tests in order to achieve "Mastery" for that test. The status of your Mastery and what is required for Mastery are presented in the History window on the Mastery Status tab. See 10. Home Lesson Plan.

Two-tier Password System

Passwords for both Pupils and the Teacher can be turned on and off. The Teacher password is a "Master Key" to all Pupil files. Teachers can change their passwords and decide whether or not Pupils can change their passwords.

Multiple Class Support and Class Editor

Pupils may be divided into classes so that an entire school may leave all the Pupil files in one file structure. Pupils may choose their class at any time or be prompted when Master Spell is launched. Teachers may conveniently edit the settings of a class of pupil files at a time and switch between classes easily. All of the settings for all of the pupils in a class can be edited at once and selectively applied to single or multiple pupils. This is a fast way to assign a particular test and number of words to a whole classroom quickly.

Support for Centralized Files in a Mac Lab

Master Spell can share a large centralized set of Pupil files and Tests with other users on a network by simply using aliases.

Pupil Restrictions

The teacher can:

- Disable New Pupil Creation
- Disable Test Selecting
- Disable Number of Words
- Disable Integrate Trouble Words
- Disable History Clearing
- Disable Pupil Password Changing
- Disable Stop Test

- Disable End of Test Retry

Printing of Last Test

Master Spell will print a copy of your Last Test results in a using the [Print Last Test...](#) button in the History window.

Printing of Graph and Test Log

Master Spell can print your graph, number of words tested, total word average and complete Test Log using the [Print Graph and Log...](#) button in the History window.

Printing of Trouble Words

Master Spell will print your trouble words along with your misspellings so it can be used as a study sheet to study your misspellings and correct spellings.

Printing of Certificate of Mastery

Once you have achieved mastery for a test, you can print a Certificate of Mastery acknowledging that you have mastered that test. See [10. Home Lesson Plan](#).

Anti-redundancy

Master Spell picks words randomly and, in so doing, avoids giving the same word more than once in a test. Redundancy only occurs if the test list contains less words than the number of words you choose to have administered or if the Integrate Trouble Words option is checked.

Alternate Spellings

Master Spell accepts alternate spellings for words. If the word is spelled correctly, Master Spell will present you with the alternate spelling. If the word is spelled incorrectly, Master Spell will present both spellings. Alternate words can be added using the built-in test editor.

Adjustable Pronunciation and Definitive Clues

Master Spell lists allow the ability to give definitions, examples and clarification for words that are pronounced the same way but have different spellings and different meanings.

Audible and Visible Correction

Misspelled words are presented letter by letter visually and audibly so that you can compare your misspelling to the correct spelling.