

The Spelling Doctor's Credo:

It is my belief that virtually all literate people have been unintentionally conditioned to an acceptance of a monumental misperception concerning the essential structure underlying the English print system, one which is integrally related to, but at the same time very different from, the structure used to represent spoken English. Printed English is composed of a limited number of regularly formed categorical groupings, which are hierarchical and therefore definable at five distinctly different **Levels of Difficulty**. This hierarchy forms a continuum of difficulty levels, each built upon and incorporating the structural values of all preceding levels.

And furthermore, these levels of difficulty can be further specified as representing two more general levels of word processing, the first being **The Primary Level of Word Process**, that level which incorporates within its parameters **all words and roots which contain no more than a single vowel unit able to be enhanced by one or more consonants**. The second of these comprehensive levels is **The Secondary Level of Graphic Word Process**, a level, which incorporates within its framework all primary level words, **and roots, which have been enhanced by the addition of inflections, and affixes** (prefixes and suffixes). The English language is, then, a system of systems in the truest Piagetan sense, systems which operate to control all aspects of print - reading, writing, grammar, and syntax. All of the works that the Spelling Doctor has researched and written over the past four decades are based upon this credo as it has been used to present relevant information about the historical origins and development of our incomparable English language.

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