

Article Review

**Complete APA bibliographic reference:**

Joseph, L., & Orlins, A. (2005). Multiple uses of a word study technique. *Reading Improvements*, 42 (2), 73-79.

**Three to five descriptor terms that best describe the topic:**

Word analysis, Reader response, Reading attitudes

**Type of Article:** Quantitative Research

**Levels:** Lower Elementary (1-3)

**Briefly stated major purpose(s) of the study:** The study examined the multiple purposes of a word sorting technique. Case One: Study the usefulness of word sorts for student improvement in word recognition. Case Two: Study the usefulness of word sorts for student improvement in spelling.

**Research article – summarize the major findings in 1- 4 sentences:** The word sort program did improve the word recognition and spelling for each student in each case. It was determined that when the word sort program was effective because of positive results versus pre-testing and establishment of the baseline for each case.

**Quantitative Study Information:**

Independent Variables Included:

Gender, grade

List Dependent Variables:

Word sort survey

Treatment: Baseline established; list of words were introduced and the word sort program implemented. Each student was given the same words in each case to respond.

Is reliability information reported? (no)

If so, for which instrument?

Is validity information reported? (no)

If so, for which instrument?