

## CHART A COURSE

# Spelling out how words work

**Course** Spelling for Life.

For educators such as primary school teachers, for whom spelling is a key part of the curriculum, linguist Lyn Stone has some good news.

"You can still teach spelling well if you're bad at it yourself, because spelling is more mathematical than people give it credit for," the presenter of Teacher Training Australia's Spelling for Life program says.

The course, aimed at school teachers (for years 3 and up), teacher aides, educational psychologists, speech pathologists and home schoolers, shows educators how to help students find patterns in words.

The course starts with basic sound-to-symbol representations, then moves on to how to combine this with more complex spelling patterns, using the rules of English as a guide.

**Cost** \$297-\$324 plus GST (depending on venue).

**Duration** Face-to-face as a one-day course (5½ hours), or online with one module a week for five weeks. See [tta.edu.au](http://tta.edu.au).

**Time** Face-to-face, 9.30am to 3pm. Online at your convenience for one hour a week.

**Where** Melbourne, Firbank Grammar School, Brighton. Sydney, York Function Centre, York Street.

**When** Online: the next course starts August 20. Face-to-face: Melbourne, September 6. Sydney, November 26.

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