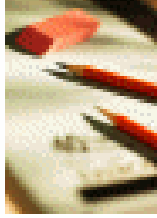


## Safe Spelling Technique



Sometimes students are unsure how to spell a word and are unable to use trial and error or phonetics to attempt a correct spelling. To help students improve their spelling strategies and writing skills, we use a technique I call safe spelling.

1. The student attempts the spelling.

Water baffalow pull the carts in the fields.

Give them permission to circle any words that they believe are misspelled.

2. Ask the student to say the word. You draw a line on paper or a white board for each syllable and repeat the word. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The teacher says the word enunciating each syllable. The student then makes an educated guess for the spelling.

Baf fa low

4. The teacher acknowledges the correct phonemes and then provides the correct spelling in the syllable format.

buf fa lo

Water buffalo pull the carts in the fields.

Guidelines: If a student circles his/her “misspelled” words, no points will be subtracted from a score on his/her work because the student is attempting to improve spelling in an organized way.