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Dear Reader,

AVKO has some great resources, freebies, and discounts available for you in this edition of the AVKO Newsletter! Read on for more information!

## New Member Freebies!

**All volumes of *The Patterns of English Spelling* now available in PDF.**

[The Patterns of English Spelling](#) is what started it all here at AVKO and it's now available to our members for free! Each of the 10 volumes of this invaluable tome are now available on the [member's page](#) for download in PDF.

Most of the volumes now have contextual sentences for the most common words in each word family. All of the volumes will have contextual sentences available by the end of the year.

[The Reading Teacher's List of Over 5,500 Basic Spelling Words](#) is also now available in PDF on the member's page. (It had previously been available in HTML format).

Student Worksheets for [If it is to be, it is up to me to do it](#) now available.

A template for making your own Student Response Book now available as well. For use with [Sequential Spelling](#).

## Introducing AVKO Clearance Items

**Discounts for older editions of your favorite AVKO Materials.**

When we change our covers or revise a book, or have shipments with some bent pages or covers, we have surplus stock that we can't sell at cover price. AVKO has decided to give AVKO members the opportunity to scoop up these bargain buys for a great deal.

If you've been eying a book for a while now and weren't sure if you wanted to commit to it, this is your opportunity!

Clearance items are 40% off the retail value for non-members or 50% off the retail value for members.

Quantities are limited and not available for every title, but many of your favorite materials are available.

See our [Clearance page](#) for more info and to pick up your copies today!

## Catalog Updated 9.18.08

**Some Minor Changes Have Been Made to our 2009 Catalog**

Download your updated catalog now or request a new one at our new [Catalog page](#).

## A Couple Great Resources

### Word Games for your Kids

Word searches are a great way to have fun and learn new words. They're also great for training the eyes and brain to see which letter combinations are likely to make a word. Here's a [great site](#) where you can enter your own spelling words and make customizable word searches -- even of different shapes and sizes! Put in AVKO's Sequential Spelling word lists for a great add-on lesson.

Play the [Wheel of Fortune](#) Online! Play "America's Game" and hone your logic and verbal skills.

### Educational Podcasts

A Podcast is an audio file (generally an Mp3) that can be played on your computer using an audio playing program (like [iTunes](#)) or on your Mp3 player. iTunes has a special spot in the Podcast section called [iTunesU](#), which posts real college lectures online so that you can learn about any subject imaginable!

One of my favorite Podcats is one called [Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips](#). She does quick, 3-4 minute podcasts about real grammar issues that people face every day, including issues of style that even the most ardent grammarians disagree about.

Send us your favorite educational resources to share with everyone, including great websites, books, and your own tips. Email [news@avko.org](mailto:news@avko.org) with your tips!

## Send Us Your Feedback and Pictures

## We Can't Hear From You Enough!

AVKO exists for you, our devoted members. We respect your opinions very highly. Let us know how we can improve our resources, improve our materials, and improve our service for you. Tell us what you like about what we do and what you don't like. We are also in the process of revising and revamping our website -- give us your suggestions so we can make it the best it can be.

**Send us your pictures** of you and your students/children working with the AVKO materials so that we can post them online. Send them to [news@avko.org](mailto:news@avko.org) or to 3084 Willard Rd, Birch Run, MI 48415.

*By submitting pictures, you agree that they may be posted online or in our advertisements for no additional compensation; pictures and sent-in materials will not be returned.*

Sincerely,

Brian McCabe  
AVKO Educational Research Foundation

AVKO is introducing a Featured [Book of the Month](#) promotion. Each month, one of our books will be featured and will be discounted 10%. [Members](#) will therefore get a 32.44% discount because of their pre-existing discount.

**Save  
35%**

**October's book is [Speech to Spelling](#), available for \$10.10 for [members](#) and \$13.46 for non-members.**

**Speech to Spelling is a series of dictation exercises to correct those widespread problems in the translation of *spoken* English into *written* English.**

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