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To all attendees:

Good day,

I would like to thank you for attending the PD opportunity on 'My Orthography Journey' to grow your knowledge and expand your thinking on understanding our English orthography so you can help assist student learning.

The more we deepen our understanding about our own language, the better we can assist students with their understanding, especially those who struggle with how to read, spell and write. Our English language is a complex language, NOT irregular or full of exceptions.

I really appreciated those who completed the feedback form at the end of the session as 21 responses were received. Your positive attitude towards wanting to learn more and create a community of learners in Bermuda was so encouraging. I noted that all who responded are interested in more professional development in the area of orthography. I hope to be in touch in the near future with how you can take part in further PD and expand this wonderful community.

I am sharing some resource information and links as advised to help you start your learning journey. Please see the links and information on the next page. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email [carmano@bccl.bm](mailto:carmano@bccl.bm).

Kind regards

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Resources and links:

### **Helpful Organizations:**

- **Dyslexia Training Institute:**  
<https://www.dyslexiatraininginstitute.org/conference/>

### **Resources for Educators:**

- **Dr. Peter Bowers**  
[https://www.wordworkskingston.com/WordWorks/Structured Word Inquiry.html](https://www.wordworkskingston.com/WordWorks/Structured_Word_Inquiry.html)
- **Sue Hegland**  
<https://learningaboutspelling.com/>
- **Gail Venable**  
Book – Backpocket Words
- **Rebecca Loveless and Fiona Hamilton**  
<https://www.thehfwproject.com/>  
<https://wordtorque.com/>
- **Mary Beth Steven**  
<https://mbsteven.edublogs.org/>
- **The Real Spelling Online Toolbox2**  
<https://www.tbox2.com/>