# Structured Word Inquiry

# Saturday, 1 February 2020

**Dr Peter Bowers** 

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Join Peter Bowers, PhD, for this active, engaging and practical workshop hosted by David Hornsby and Julie Shepherd. Learn how educators around the world apply the principles of inquiry to the study of English spelling as a means of enriching vocabulary, reading and spelling – and to leverage learning in any subject area. Bowers' instructional research has been published in prestigious journals and his workshops are highly sought after around the world.

### **Workshop Information**

Date: Saturday, 1 Feb 2020

Time: 9:00 Tea/coffee/registration

9:15 am - 3:30 pm Workshop

Location: Brunswick South PS

56 Brunswick Rd, Brunswick East. Parking available in surrounding streets. Tram 1 or 6 along Lygon St; or Tram 96

along Nicholson St.

#### For whom?

Classroom teachers, literacy leaders, specialists, lead teachers, principals, speech therapists.

#### Registration

#### https://davidhornsby.net.au/events

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#### Cost

\$220 for individuals \$180 each for 3 or more people from the one workplace. (We encourage school

groups to attend.) Handouts, morning tea and lunch are provided in the cost.

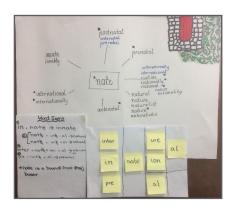
## What is Structured Word Inquiry? (SWI)

SWI (Bowers & Kirby, 2010) engages learners of all ages and abilities by making sense of our surprisingly logical spelling system through scientific word investigation.

Teachers and students become "word scientists" who investigate families of related words and discover how the meaning structures of words (morphology), history (etymology) and pronunciation (phonology) work together interdependently.

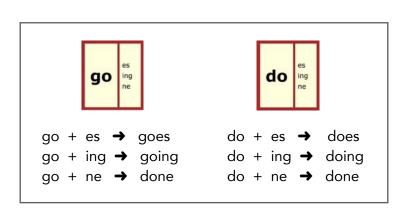
For more information about Pete Bowers and Structured Word Inquiry, see:

> http://www.wordworkskingston.com/ WordWorks/Home.html





Marcia Henry, Past President of the International Dyslexia Association and former director of the Center for Educational Research on Dyslexia at San Jose State University, has said this about Pete's work: "Pete and Sus Bowers are great 'wordsters' who provide teachers with an in-depth understanding of the English Language. Teachers can gain so much practical knowledge from their teacher resource book, Teaching How the Written Word Works, and their impressive and informative online WordWorks newsletter."



#### Select references

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