

Remember spelling can be difficult, never give up!

You will get there. Here are our top tips:

- Make it visual
- Make it auditory
- Make it kinaesthetic
- Make it FUN!!

Contact Us

If you would like more advice about spellings and how to encourage practice at home, don't hesitate to ask your class teacher.



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APPLYING SPELLINGS

How can I make sure they write spellings correctly in their writing?

As well as engaging in all the fun activities suggested, it is still important to put the words into sentences for the child. This puts it into context and also gets them to apply the spelling within writing rather than a 'list of words.'

You could ask your child to write a short story using all of their spelling words. This would also be a great opportunity to check their vocabulary and use of punctuation, so you are not only supporting their spelling but also their writing.



Some fun activities you might want to try...



The cat ate a bowl of cereal.

My dog likes to ride roller coasters.

His sister jumped on an octopus.

He wants to buy a cake for his frog.

That house is full of monkeys.

I like to eat my cereal in a shoe.

My friend is a monster.

Spell Jumps

Jump up and down on a trampoline or skip whilst saying each letter of your word you are spelling.

Silly Sentences

Write a silly sentence using spelling words. The sillier the better! Can you make it funny? Can you make it unbelievable or even scary?

Create an Activity

Can you think of a really fun way to practice your spelling words? Then go for it!

Be sure to explain your activity so you can share it with someone else or a class friend! Play your activity - did it work?

Internet Games

Search online for word games to practice words. E.g. www.funbrain.com/spell/

Musical Spellings

Make up a short rhyme or song to remember spellings or rules for spellings.

Spelling Tennis

One person starts with a letter, the other adds one letter until a word is made. The last person to add a letter wins.

Some fun activities you might want to try...



Look, say, cover, visualise, write, check

- ✓ Look at the word
- ✓ Say it out loud
- ✓ Cover the word
- ✓ Visualise the word (imagine a picture of it in your head)
- ✓ Write the word from memory



Hangman

Play hangman with a partner, using the words you are learning.

Bubble Writing

Write the word in bubble writing and write inside it.

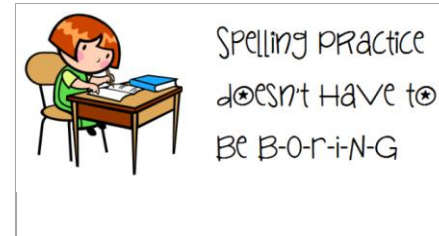
Mnemonic

Write a mnemonic to remind you of the spelling. The first letter of each word in the sentence spells the word. E.g where: what has everyone really eaten?

Tracing

Write your word down 3 times and trace over it in different colours.

This leaflet contains tips and ideas for helping your child learn their spellings in a fun and purposeful way.



- ✓ Making spelling fun
- ✓ Using strategies for spelling
- ✓ Applying spellings to their writing

STRATEGIES FOR LEARNING TO SPELL

Lots of children learn in different ways which is why teaching them means using a range of approaches. This will also help them when applying spelling because they will see the word in different contexts. Here are some strategies for spelling:

- √ Listening for the sounds and breaking them down
- √ Breaking a word into syllables
- √ Using rhymes, mnemonics and songs to remember
- √ Using visual approaches e.g. 'word shape', 'bubble writing'
- √ Being multi-sensory e.g. 'word painting'
- √ Using verbal and social e.g. 'spelling tennis'
- √ kinaesthetic and physical e.g. 'spell jump'

HOW CAN I MAKE SPELLING PRACTICE MORE FUN?

Some fun activities you might want to try...



Sliders

Cut two slits in the centre of some A4 card and insert a strip through the centre with some words on. As you pull the strip it will reveal and hide different words.



Matching Pairs

Find matching pairs of words with a spelling pattern in. E.g. train/rain.

Rainbow Spelling

Using the colours of the rainbow to write out your spelling words.

Find the Word

Look to see if you can see a small word inside your word. E.g. where, friend.

Jumbled Letters

Write your word on paper, cut each letter and put the word back together.

