



Fun ways to learn Spellings at Home

This is a useful document that will provide you with a range of different activities you can carry out with your child to help them learn their weekly spellings and keyword spellings. Here are some fun ways of playing with words!

With spelling flashcards:

- Pairs: Create a double set of the words your child is finding tricky. Pick up two cards at a time until they find a pair. Can they verbally spell it out to you? Remember to use letter names.
- Flip, Read, Letters and Write: Your child can learn their spellings in 4 quick steps. Have the child flip over a card, read it, spell out the letters and then write it down.
- Trace, Copy, Recall: Fold a piece of paper into three columns and label them trace, copy and recall. Write the word in the first column and have your child trace it. Next, get them to copy the word in the next column by looking back at the letters. Finally, get them to fold and hide the first two columns and practise writing the word in the final column.

With pen, pencil, marker and paper:

- Spelling Word Race: Create two teams with a player from each team taking the 'pen' at a time. Someone calls out the word and the two players race to write the word first.
- Spelling Puzzle: Make a home-made puzzle by writing the words in large on a piece of card. Get your child to cut it up and then can they piece it back together again?

Colourful Words: Get your children to use two different coloured pens to write their words. One to write the consonants and one to write the vowels..

- Stairs: Write the words as if they are stairs, adding one letter each time:

S, Sp, Spe, Spel, Spell

- Chalk: If you have any chalk (and don't mind getting your paving a bit messy) get the child to write the words on the ground and then the rain will wash it away.
- Water Wash: Use water and a paintbrush to water paint the spelling words. On a hot sunny day the words disappear quickly so they need to paint fast!

Design A Word: Pick one word and write it in bubble letters. Colour in each letter in a different pattern.

With a computer or tablet:

- Type it out: Open up a document to type on. Call out the word for the child to spell. They can then play around with the word; increase the font size, change the colour etc.
- Voice record: Using a recording device have your child spell out the word and get them to listen back.

Air spelling:

Choose a spelling word. Children write the word in the air slowly, saying each letter. Remind your child that they need to be able to 'see' the letters they have written in the air. Now ask them questions the about the word. For example, you could ask 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?' 'How many letters are there?' etc.

Scrabble Spelling:

Find the letters needed to spell the words your children are practising and then mix them up in the bag. Time the child to see how long it takes them to unscramble the letters.