

Supporting Spelling at Home



Ways to help your KS2 child learn their spellings at home.

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Spelling Activities

Hangman Play Hangman with your chosen words	Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check Look at each spelling word, say it, cover it up, write it, check if you are correct.	Active Spelling Say each letter of the spelling word as you jump, skip, bounce a ball or do a star jump.	Bubble Writing Write out your spelling words using bubble writing. You could colour each one with a different pattern.
Torch Spelling Use a torch in the dark to spell out each of your spelling words letter by letter.	ABC order Write your words in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.	Anagram Spelling Get a friend or adult to give you the letters for your word jumbled up. Can you put them in the right order?	Colourful words Use two different colour pens to write your words; one colour for the consonants and another for vowels.
Teacher time Make a poster explaining the phonic/spelling rule for a younger child.	Syllables Clap or count the syllables in a word as you spell them e.g. hap – py	Cheerleader chant Give me an S, give me a P, give me an E, give me an L, give me an L - what's that spell? SPELL!	Word-a-doodle Draw a simple picture of the word. Then write your word end to end around the outline.
Spelling rhymes Create a spelling rhyme for a spelling word (mnemonic) e.g. Claws And Tail.	Small words Find all the small words you can inside your spelling words.	Fancy letters Write/type in different fonts or use old magazines or newspapers to cut out letters and glue them down to spell out your words.	Memory game Split a word in half. Write each half on a bit of paper. Flip them over and try to match the pairs!

Word search Make a word search (or get someone to make one for using all your spelling words)	Visualise Close your eyes when you try to spell the word out loud- this can help you to visualise or 'see' the word in your head.	Word sort Sort your words in some way. For example: Which word has more vowels, more consonants, the most letters or syllables etc..	Word shape Draw around the word to show the shape. Can you draw the empty shapes and get someone to guess which word goes in each box?
Pyramid words This method forces you to think of each letter separately. You can even reverse the process to end up with a diamond.	Rogue Spelling Get a friend or adult to give you the letters for your spelling word jumbled up but with one or more rogue letter. Can you spot the rogue letters and sort the letter order?	Spelling all over! How many different places can you write your spelling words? Try bath letters, Magnetic letters, chalk on the drive/patio, paintbrush and water on the shed or fence etc... GET PERMISSION FIRST!	Rainbow Writing Using coloured pencils in different ways can help to make parts of words memorable. You could highlight the tricky parts of the word in a different colour. You could also write each letter in a different colour or write the word in red, then overlay in orange, yellow etc.
Story Challenge yourself to write a very short story containing all of your spelling words.	Flashcard spelling Write the spellings onto cards/pieces of paper and use like flashcards.	Quick-Write Write the word as many times as possible within a minute. Any mistakes - start again!	Find your word Locate your spellings in as many different places as you can (newspaper, magazine, comic, website, leaflet etc.) Copy or cut them out.
Letter cards Cut up pieces of paper or card to create some letter cards. Construct/build your words using	Who am I? Create a 'Who am I?' for one of your spelling words.	Sign your words Find a sign-language alphabet (try the internet). Use sign language to sign your words!	Computer/tablet spelling Get someone to say your spelling words while you type them.

the letters you have made.		(Be safe online!)	
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Top Tips

- Little and often is best
- Keep coming back to tricky words or tricky bits of words
- Make it fun
- If there is a spelling rule, discuss it
- Better to learn a few words well than a whole list badly
- Play word games and do puzzles
- Talk about what the words mean
- Use a range of different strategies and ideas from the list to keep it interesting
- Spot spelling words in reading books, magazines and newspapers
- Say the words in a sentence
- Spell them out loud
- Write them in joined up writing
- Keep coming back to previous weeks' spelling words and patterns
- Celebrate and praise success

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/spelling/play/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

<http://spellingframe.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

BE SAFE ONLINE. ALWAYS ASK AN ADULT FIRST.

