

P7 Active Spelling Strategies



Choose one or two of the following activities each week to help you learn your spelling words. Find the ones that work best for you. Have fun!

- **Look, Say, Study, Write and Check**

Look carefully at the word, say the word together, study the word looking for tricky bits, words within word, number of syllables, write the word, check the word. Try this three times.

- **Play Hangman**

Play with your friends, parents, brothers and sisters. Who can get the most words?

- **Alphabetical Order**

Put your spelling words into alphabetical order.

- **Magnetic Letters, Foam Letters, Scrabble Letters**

Make words using letters. Play games e.g. what letter missing, scramble the letters.

- **Speed Writing**

Write the word as many times as you can within a minute, beat your score, compete with partner.

- **Sand Trays**

Write word in sand (alternatively use salt, sugar, flour)

- **Mnemonics**

Use letters of word to create a phrase (the funnier the better!)

e.g. "does" Daddy

Often

Eats

Sweets

- **Rainbow Writing**

Write a word over and over in different colours of felt pens, crayons or pencils.

- **Make a Word search**

Try it out with a friend or adult.

- **Build a Sentence**

Use your words in a sentence.

- **Breaking up words**

Break longer words into syllables. Look for the hard bit and words within words, Highlight the tricky bit e.g. in-ter-est-ing, know-ledge

- **Say it Silly**

Pronounce word as it sounds e.g. Wed-nes-day, be-ca-use

- **Illustrate It**

Choose words which you find tricky and illustrate them to help you remember.

- **Spelling Tennis**

Players spell the words by saying alternative letters until the whole word is spelt. If a mistake is made, the checker shows them the correct spelling and returns to the word at the end of the list.

- **Muddled Letters**

Write your words in a muddled up fashion e.g. beautiful could be written as befitualu. Then try to rewrite the words correctly.

- **Computers**

Try different activities from above on the computer e.g. speed typing, paint programmes, make a word search.

- **Back Spelling**

Try writing the word one letter at a time on another person's back. Ask them to guess the word you are spelling. When they guess correctly, they will choose a word and write it on you.