

P4 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. Can you add letters to the start or end of each word to make a new word?

- **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.

Newspaper

How many words can you make by cutting out headline letters from a newspaper?

- **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 Wordsearch**

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

Word art

Write out any spelling words you find tricky. Can you decorate each one to help you remember it?

- **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.

- **Step spell**

Step spell your words and draw a picture beside your step. See example below -



- **Pairs**

With a partner, make pairs of each spelling word on pieces of paper or card. Jumble the words then place face down on a table. Turn over two cards only. If they are a pair - keep them. If not, place face down again. Your partner now has a turn. The winner is the person who has the most pairs.