

Active Spelling Strategies

Other Handed: First write your spelling words the way you usually do it. Then, try writing the list with your other hand.

Word Search: Make a word search puzzle using your spelling words. Make your own or use http://www.puzzle-maker.com/wordsearch_Entry.cgi to make one then find your words.

Surround Words: Write your words on graph paper (Ask your teacher for some). Write middle letters e.g. a in one box, tall letters e.g. b in two boxes and low letters e.g. j in two boxes. Then outline the words using different colours.

Secret Agent Words: Number the alphabet from 1-26 e.g. a=1, b=2 etc. Then convert your words to a number code.

Train Words: Write your entire spelling list end to end as one long word. Use a different coloured crayon for each word. E.g hopmopestopdrop

Backwards Words: Write your spelling forwards and then backwards. E.g. where erehw

Colourful Words: Write each of your spelling words. Write each letter using a different coloured pencil.

Pyramid Writing: Pyramid write your spelling words. E.g home h

ho

hom

home

Rhyming Words: Write each of your spelling words. Next to each, write a rhyming word.

E.g. cries tries

Fancy Letters: Write each of your spelling words using FANCY letters. Your letters can have curly q's or dots for example!

Silly Sentences: Write silly sentences using a spelling word in each sentence. Please underline your spelling words. Write neatly! E.g. My dog wears a blue and purple dress when he takes a bath.