Thinking Strategies Approach to Spelling

Ten Fun Spelling Tasks

1. Rainbow Spelling

Write each spelling word four times. First, write each word in pencil. Second, write each word in crayon. Third, write each word in marker. Fourth, write each word in chalk. Alternatively, write each word using four different coloured pencils.

2. Fancy Spelling

First write each word in regular writing. Then, write them again in fancy letters. (squiggly, bubbly, curly)

3. Dot Spelling

Write ten of your spelling words in dots. Connect the dots by tracing over them with a coloured pencil.

4. Upper and Lower Spelling

First write each word in UPPERCASE letters. Then write them again in lowercase letters.

5. Spell-er-size

Pretend you are a cheerleader and call out your words! Stretch your hands above your head for letters that touch the top writing line, put your hands on your waist for letters in the middle, and touch your toes for letters that go on the bottom line.

Example: bag b (above) -a (waist) -g (toes)

6. Type Them Spelling

Type your spelling words on the computer, then change the font of each word.

7. Rhyming Spelling

Write each of your spelling words. Next to each word write a rhyming word which follows the same spelling pattern. If necessary the rhyming word can be nonsense.

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8. Triangular Spelling

Write your spelling words in a triangular shape. Start with the first letter. On the next line write the first two letters. On the third line write the first three letters of the word, and so on until you have written the word.

Example:

that

t

th

tha

that

You could use a different coloured pencil for each letter.

9. Match Up Spelling

Write each of your words on two different cards.

Turn all your cards face down and mix them up.

Lay out your cards in rows (like Kim's game), and turn over two cards at a time.

Read each card aloud to see if they match.

Keep them if they do or turn over and try again.

10. Magazine Words

Use old magazines/comics and find your words (or the letters that make up your words). Cut them out and glue them onto your paper.

Useful websites for additional Fun Spelling Activities

www.SpellingCity.com www.ByKidsSpell.com www.busyteacherscafe.com/teacher_resources.../spelling.htm

A few of the sites allow children to input their own words.