

Ideas for how to learn or practise your spellings

Below are a few ideas of how to practise your spellings at home to keep it interesting and interactive:

- Look, cover, write, check: have the word in front of you and read it, then cover it to hide it from view and write the word as you saw it. Finally check the word to see if it looks the same.
- Word pyramids: create a pyramid as you write the word adding a letter every stage of the pyramid.

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- Write silly sentences or super short stories using the spellings that you are focussing on.
- Creating artistic pictures using the letters from your spelling words. Use different fonts for each letter or even bubble writing.
- If you are competitive, time yourself to see how fast you can write the words.
- Write your words in some sand, in a tray, or at the beach or outside in the garden using chalk or water.
- Use scrabble tiles to make the words and take photos of them and display them around the room or on a screensaver in the room somewhere.
- Trace the spelling words in lots of colours to create rainbow words.
- Create your own crossword puzzle.
- Pairs: Create a double set of the words your child is finding tricky. Pick up two cards at a time until they find a pair. Can they verbally spell it out to you?
- Pocket Cards: Make small cards to keep in your pocket or bag and when you are walking to school, making breakfast or sitting in the park ask the children to spell the words to you.
- Spelling Word Race: Create two teams with a player from each team taking the 'pen' at a time. Someone calls out the word and the two players race to write the word first.
- Spelling Puzzle: Make a home-made puzzle by writing the words in large on a piece of card. Get your child to cut it up and then can they piece it back together again?
- Type it out: Open up a document to type on. Call out the word for the child to spell. They can then play around with the word; increase the font size, change the colour etc.
- Voice record: Using a recording device have your child spell out the word and get them to listen back.
- Puzzlemaker: Go onto this website and you're your child or you enter the weekly spellings and then have fun searching for them in the puzzle.
<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp7>
- Spelling City: Head over to the website and have your child type in the spelling words by playing a range of fun games. <http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Good luck and have fun!