

Strategies for Learning Spellings

Parents: Due to the new National Curriculum, the types of spellings and spelling patterns that children are expected to know continues to increase. As well as further 'common exception words' (words that *do not* follow the usual rules but are used regularly), there is a whole series of spelling patterns and rules for children to learn. Teachers often find that getting children to learn spellings is one thing, but then getting them to use them in their everyday writing is another. All the more reason why children should practise their spellings in different ways and then be given the chance to use them in their writing. In addition, when a new spelling rule has been taught, children need to learn how to apply that rule to all words, not just a list they have been given to learn at home. If you wish to boost your child's spelling ability even further, encourage them to read, as exposure to lots of words will lead to a better understanding of spelling.

Here are some ideas for different ways to learn your spellings at home. Try one or two different ones each week and see which ones work best for you.

Colour Copying

Write your words out three times each. Use different colours each time.

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Create with Colour

Write your words with each letter in a different colour, or write them with all the vowels in blue and all the consonants in red.

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Make the Headlines

Cut letters out of newspapers or magazines and stick them onto paper to make the words in your list.



Build a Pyramid

Make a pyramid using the letters in your words.

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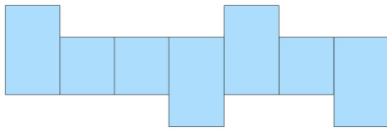
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Boxed In

Drawing boxes around the word can help you remember the shape of the word.

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Words Within Words

Be a detective and see how many smaller words you can find in your spelling. You could colour these in a different colour.

There

Words

This

Foreign

Teacher



Loopy Lettering

Write your words in fancy lettering.

BUBBLE

cursive

italics

Copy Look Cover Write Check

Copy the correct spelling out onto a page, look at the word and memorise it by using the above strategies. Then cover the word and write it down. Uncover the original and check your spelling.



Picture This

Include each of your words in a funny picture that makes you think of the word.



Story Spelling

Write each of your words in a sentence. See if you can build your sentences into a story.

Spellings: huge, came, ate

One day a **huge**

spelling monster

came to my town and

ate all the words!