



Ideas to help support spelling at home

- Write the word on someone's back or with your eyes
- Visualise the word:
 - Look at the word
 - "Throw" it at the wall
 - Can you still "see" it?
 - Spell it out loud
- Write it in different colours: Use a different colour for each letter or for each word
- Pyramid Writing: write the word in the shape of a pyramid

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Example

- Speed spelling: How many times can you write the word correctly in one minute?
- Look, say, cover, write, check
- Highlighter check: Tick each correct letter in the word and use a highlighter to underline the tricky part to be learned

- Play "Spellman" (a version of hangman)

- E.g. difficulty

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Play in the same way as hangman but with a starting letter. The aim is to make a sensible guess at what the next letter could be and so on until the end of the word

- Mnemonics: Make up sayings to help you remember the order of the letters

E.g. FRIEND

Five Red Indians Eating Nuts Downstairs

- Goopy Words: Materials - Re-sealable plastic bags, hairstyling gel or finger paint, masking tape

Fill the re-sealable bag with gel or finger paint. Use masking tape to secure each bag to a table or other flat surface. Use one finger to press the letters of the word into the gel or paint.

You can erase the word by gently rubbing the bag with the palm of your hand until it is evenly distributed inside the bag.

- Silly Sentences: Write a silly sentence using a spelling word

E.g. My dog wears a blue and purple dress when he takes a bath.

- Backwards Words: Write your word forwards and then backwards.

E.g. where/erehw colour/ruoloc

- Bubble letters: Write your word in bubble letters, colouring your word with a crayon, pen, paint etc

- Rhyming words: Find other word that rhyme with your chosen one

- Word Chain: Create a word chain in which the last two letters of a word form the first two letters of the next.

E.g. metal >> almost >> stone >> nest >> stare >> reverse >> seat >>

...and so on.