Supporting your child with spelling at home

Word Search

Create your own word searches using your spelling words. Or use this link to get your computer to do it for you. http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp

Air spelling

Choose a spelling word. With your index finger write the word in the air slowly, say each letter. Your parent needs to remind you that you need to be able to 'see' the letters you have written in the air. When you have finished writing the word underline it and say the word again. Now get you parents to ask you questions the about the word. For example they could ask 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?' 'How many letters are there?'

Media Search

Using a newspaper or magazine you have 15 minutes to look for your spelling words. Circle them in different coloured crayon. Which of your spellings words was used the most times?

Shaving Cream Practice

Practise writing your spellings in shaving foam

Salt Box Spelling

Ask your parents pour salt into a shallow box or tray (about 3cm deep) and then practice writing you spellings in it with your finger.



Scrabble Spelling

This can be done with scrabble letters, magnetic letters or simply letters written on cards.

Put all the letters you need spelling into a bag or muddle them up. Time yourself- how quickly can you unscramble the letters to make your word?

Ransom Note

Cut the letters needed to for your words from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell the words.



Spell it with beans

Use Lima beans (or any dried beans or lentils) to spell out your words. If you glue them onto separate pieces of card then you made a great set of flash cards to practice with for the rest of the week.

Pipe cleaners or tooth picks

These are just a couple of suggestions of things you could use to for your spelling words.

Tasty words

Just like above but this time try and find tasty things to spell your words with, like raisins. Then when you spell them right, you get to eat them!

Design a word

Pick one word and write it in bubble or graffiti letters. Colour in each letter in a different pattern.

Water wash

Use a paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or pavements. (Could also be done with chalk)

ABC Order

Write your words out in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

Story Time

Write a short story using all your words; the sillier the better!

Colourful Words

Use two different coloured pens to write your words, one to write the consonants and one to write the vowels. Do this a couple of times then write the whole word in one colour.



Memory Game

Make pairs of word cards. Turn them all over and mix them up. Flip over two cards, if they match you get to keep them, if not you have to turn them over again. Try and match all the pairs.

Finger Tracing

Use your finger to spell out each of your words on your parent or guardian's back. Then it's their turn to write the words on your back for you to feel and spell.

Spelling Steps

Write your words as if they were steps, adding one letter each time. (It's much easier doing this on squared paper)

X-Words

Find two of your spelling words with the same letter in and write them so they criss cross.

Ambidextrous

Swap your pen into the hand that you don't normally write with. Now try writing out your spellings with that hand.

Secret Agent

Write out the alphabet, and then give each letter a different number from 1 to 26. (a = 1, b = 2, c = 3 ect.) Now you can spell out your words in secret code.

Missing Letters

Ask your mum or dad to write out one of your words loads of times on piece of paper, but each time they have to miss out a letter or two. Then you have to fill in the missing letters. After you have checked them all try it again with another word.

Listen Carefully:

Ask your parents to spell out one of your words then you have to say what the word is they've spelt out.

Acrostic

Use words that start with each letter in your spelling word. You're more likely to remember it if it makes sense!



Bia

Can

Always Understand

Small

Elephant

Elephants

Spelling scribble:

Make a scribble and then fill the spaces with your spellings. Use a different colour for each section.

BAM!

Play this game with a partner. Write the spelling words on separate word cards. Add in several extra cards that say 'BAM!' Place all the cards face down in a pile. Take it in turns to select a card from the pile and read it to your partner. Your partner has to



spell the word on the card correctly to win the card. If you pick up a BAM card, you lose all your cards to your opponent. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end of the game. (This game could also be played with words written on lolly sticks that can be selected from a pot.)

Roll and write

Using a dice, create a different forfeit for every number. For example '1' could be 'write your word in rainbow letters' '2' could be 'spell your word out loud in every room of the house'. This could be played like bingo whereby the players have to complete all the forfeits from 1-6 at least once to win the game. (This could also be played using M&Ms or skittles where the forfeits are attributed to the different colours rather than a number)

Battleships:

Plot spellings instead of ships and be the first person to sink all your partners' words! (See instructions and resources on the Oakridge fed website)