

# 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 your parents to ask you questions 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 your 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 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

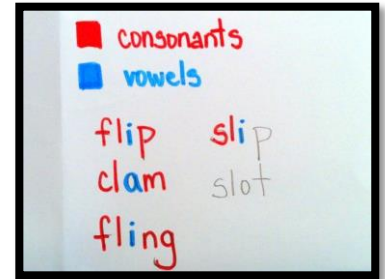
Write your words out in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

### 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!

