

We recommend practising spelling words every day, if only for 5-10 minutes. Confidence in spelling allows children to write more freely and imaginatively. We've listed a few suggestions for games or ideas you could use. Feel free to try a different one each night to keep it fun and interesting. A variety of games and tasks is a great way to ensure the learning sticks!

1) 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>

2) Air spelling:

Choose a spelling word. With your index finger write the word in the air slowly, say each letter. You need to remember 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, 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?'

3) 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?

4) Salt Box Spelling:

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

5) Scrabble Spelling:

Find the letters you need to spell your words and then mix them up in the bag. Get your parents to time you unscrambling your letters. For extra maths practice you could find out the value of each of your words.

6) Pyramid Power:

Sort your words into a list from easiest to hardest. Write the easiest word at the top of the page near the middle. Write the next easiest word twice underneath. Write the third word three times underneath again until you have built your pyramid.

7) Design A Word:

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

8) 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.

9) 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.

10) 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.