

Learning your spellings can be fun!



There are lots of different fun activities which you can use to help you to learn your spellings. Try these:

- (1) You can follow the process of 'look', 'say', 'cover', 'write' and 'check' -

LOOK at the word, **SAY** the word, **COVER** the word, then **WRITE** the word and finally **CHECK** your spelling of the word using your wordlist.

- (2) Print the word onto a strip of paper. Cut the word up into individual letters. Now mix up the letters and then rearrange them to spell the word. Check your spelling using your wordlist.

- (3) Working with a spelling partner, write the word on your partner's back (using your finger) one letter at a time. As you draw a letter on your partner's back, s/he says the letter aloud and then writes it down. When you have done this for each letter and your partner has written the complete word, check the spelling using your wordlist.

- (4) Try to break down longer or more difficult words i.e.

MATHEMATICS - math / em / at / ics

SEPARATE - sep / ar / ate

- (5) Look for common spelling patterns / sounds / word endings, such as -ble, -ible, -able

- (6) Write the word **VERY BIG IN THE AIR** in joined handwriting.

(7) You have one minute and your partner will time you.

In that minute you must write your chosen word as many times as you can. You may have the correct spelling at the top of your board for this.

THEN... Write the word on a white board as quickly as you can and each time you do this your partner makes a tally. Rub the word off and write it again. Say the word each time you write it. See how many times you can spell the word correctly in the one minute.

(8) You can use **MNEMONICS**. This means making up a rhyme or chant to help you to remember all the letters in a word in the correct order. This is good to do with a tricky word such as **BECAUSE**:

Big

Elephants

Can

Always

Understand

Small

Elephants

ne**CeSS**ary - one coffee with two sugars

OR

ne**CeSS**ary - one collar and two sleeves