

Parent Guide

How can I use this with my children?

Does your child get weekly spellings to practise at home? Have a bit of fun practising their spellings using this 'spelling menu' for a range of interactive and fun activities.

How does this help my children's learning?

A lot of children find practising spellings boring. These ideas can help to make it more fun which will not only make your life easier, but also help your child better remember their spellings.

Ideas for further learning:

You could cut the cards up and put them in a bag or pot and choose one at random. Why not add your own ideas of how you could make spelling practise more fun for everyone?



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Opposite hand

Can you write your spelling words using the hand you don't normally write with?

Rhymes with...

Write a list of words that rhyme with your spelling word. Remember, they might not have the same spelling pattern.

Write a story

Can you use all of your spelling words to write a short story?

Typing mad

Type out your spelling lists on a computer or other device. Why not use a different font for each word?

Scrambled words

Ask a family member to scramble your spelling words. Can you unscramble the words and spell them correctly?

Word search

Create your own word search using your spelling words. You can find blank grids [here](#).

Magazine letters

Cut out letters from a magazine or newspaper and use them to spell out your words.

Alphabetical order

Write out your spelling words so the letters are in alphabetical order. For an extra challenge, as a family member to do this and see if you can work out which word is which.

Code words

Create a grid and match each letter of the alphabet in order to numbers 1 - 26. Create a number code for each of your spellings words. Keep this grid and reuse it.

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Pasta shapes

Using pasta shapes, can you spell out your spelling words?

Nonsense sentences

Use all of your words to make a nonsense sentence.

Font fun

Write each letter of your spelling word in a different style of font. Get creative with colours and patterns too.

Water squirter mayhem

Write out the letters of the alphabet onto pieces of paper or card - make sure they are big enough to read from a couple of metres away. Ask a family member to shout out a spelling word and you spell it out by squirting the right letters.

Colour coding

Choose two colours - one for vowels and one for consonants. Write out your spelling words using your different colours for the letters.

Pyramid words

Start by writing the first letter of your word on the top line of your page. On the next line, write the first two letters. The next line, the first three letters and so on. You will end up with a spelling pyramid.

Rainbow words

Write your words out with rainbow colours.

Hidden words

Draw a picture and hide the words in the picture. They could be peeping out from a tree or floating down a river.

Spelling tracing

Trace the letters of your spelling word on a family member's back. Can they guess the word? Swap over and see if you can guess the word.

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Spelling dominoes

Make your own spelling dominoes using this [template](#) and play a game with your family.

Playdough spelling

Use playdough (or something similar) to make the letters to spell out your word.

Spelling maths

Combine spelling and maths. Consonants are worth 10, vowels are worth 5. What is the total of each word?

Tasty words

Spray some squirty cream on a dinner plate and spread it out. Write your word out with your finger in the cream. Make sure to clear up afterwards!

Torch writing

Turn all of the lights off and use a torch to spell out the word onto a wall. Can your partner guess the word?

Morse code

Use this [Morse code sheet](#) to help you spell out your words using Morse code.

Scrabble spelling

Work out what the value of your word would be using the Scrabble points.

Sign language

Use this [Sign Language sheet](#) to learn how to spell your words using sign language letters.

Spelling shapes

Spell out your words by moving your body to look like each letter. Can a partner work out which word you're spelling?

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Throw and catch

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Choose a word and one person calls the first letter and throws the ball to their partner. The second person calls out the second letter and throws the ball back. Repeat this until you've spelt out the whole word. If you drop the ball, start from the beginning of the word!

Acrostic poem

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Write an acrostic poem with your spelling words. Write the spelling word down the left hand side of the page and each line of your poem must start with that letter.

Bam!

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Write your word onto small pieces of ripped up paper, along with the words 'Swipe' and 'Bam!'. Fold the papers and put them in a big bowl. Take it in turns to pick out a word. If it's a spelling word, give it to someone to spell and they can keep it if they get it right. If you get a 'Swipe' card, you can steal a word from another player. If you get a 'Bam!' card, you have to put all your spellings words back.

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