

Ideas to Use When Practising Spelling Rules/Words

Activity	How it Works
Look, Cover, Write, Check	Look carefully at the word, cover it, write it from memory, then check it. Repeat any mistakes.
Rainbow Words	Write each word several times, using a different colour for each repetition.
Silly Sentences	Put each spelling word into a funny or memorable sentence.
Spell It Aloud	Say the word, then spell it aloud, letter by letter.
Air Spelling	Use your finger to write each word in the air while saying the letters.
Pyramid Words	Build the word one letter at a time: s, sp, spe, spel, spell.
Alphabet Scramble	Write the letters of a word on separate pieces of paper and mix them up. Rearrange them correctly.
Magnetic Letters	Use magnetic letters on the fridge to build each spelling word.
Post-it Words	Write words on Post-it notes and place them around the house. Read them whenever you pass them.
Spelling Hunt	Hide spelling words around a room. Find each one and spell it aloud when discovered.
Spelling Staircase	Write the first letter on one line, then add another letter on each line until the whole word is complete.
Back Writing	Someone writes the word on the child's back with a finger. The child guesses the word and spells it.
Partner Quiz	A parent or sibling says a word. The child writes it down and then checks it against the list.
Beat the Clock	Set a timer for two minutes. See how many words can be correctly written before time runs out.
Spelling Bingo	Create a bingo grid containing the spelling words. A parent calls out words and the child covers them.

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Word Tennis	Take turns saying the letters of a word. Each person says one letter at a time until the word is complete.
Clap the Letters	Say each letter while clapping. This adds rhythm and can help children remember the sequence.
Syllable Clap	Clap the syllables in the word before spelling it. For example, beau-ti-ful.
Build It with Lego	Make each letter using Lego or other building materials, or build a word underneath the letters.
Rainbow Tracing	Write a word in large letters and trace over it several times in different colours.
Missing Letters	Write words with some letters missing: b _ autiful. The child fills in the gaps.
Which Letter?	Give two choices for a tricky part: separate or sepearate. Choose the correct spelling and explain why.
Spelling Detective	Find the tricky part of each word and highlight it. For example, the unusual spelling pattern in because.
Draw the Word	Draw a picture connected to the word and write the spelling underneath it.
Word Shapes	Write the word inside a shape, then trace around the letters while spelling it aloud.
Type It	Type the words into a document, email or notes app. Try typing them without looking at the list.
Spelling Karaoke	Make up a simple tune or rhythm and sing the letters of difficult words.
Memory Challenge	Look at a word for 10 seconds, hide it, then write it from memory. Check afterwards.
Parent's Deliberate Mistake	The adult spells a word incorrectly on purpose. The child has to spot the mistake and correct it.
Mini Spelling Test	At the end of the week, ask someone at home to give a short spelling test. Mark it together and practise any mistakes again.