Spelling Strategies

Rhyming Words

Think of a word you know that rhymes and use that word to help you.

jelly smelly

Syllables

Break the word into syllables. Most often a syllable will contain a vowel.

fish-ing

Base Words

Can you find any smaller words inside the word?

friendship

Beginning, Middle and End Sounds

Say the word slowly to yourself and write the sounds you hear at the beginning, middle and end.

a(-pha-bet

Blends

Are there any blends in the word that you can use to help you?

spoon

farm

Ask for Help

Ask someone next to you or the teacher for help.

Can you please help me spell this word correctly?

Does it Look Right?

Write the word on a piece of scrap paper to see if it looks right.

Syllable Sort

Write your spelling words in order from the least amount of syllables to the most. Words with the same number of syllables should be in alphabetical order.

bas/ket/ball

Spelling Task Cards

Build Your Words

Use playdough/pipe cleaners/wool to build your spelling words. Shape each letter in the word.

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Syllable Words

Group your spelling words according to the number of syllables.

1. cut

2. pen/cil

3. el/e/phant

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Letter Search

Use magazines or newspaper to cut out the letters you need to spell your spelling words. Stick them into your book.

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Crazy Colours

Write each of your spelling words in different colours in your book.

apple
baby
frog

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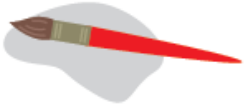
Paint It!

Using a container of water and a paintbrush, paint each of your spelling words on the concrete. See how many times you can write your spelling words before the first word dries.



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Rainbow Writing

Write each of your spelling words in your book using a different colour for each letter.

apple

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Rhyming Rules

Write as many words as you can that rhyme with each of your spelling words.

bee

tree

free

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Skipping Spelling

Skip and spell one of your spelling words at the same time! With each jump, say the next letter in your spelling word. How many times can you spell your spelling word before you stop skipping?

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How many letters

Using your spelling words, count how many As, Bs, Cs etc you have in your list. Order them from the least amount to the most.

Letters in my spelling list	Number
A	45
B	3
C	6
D	14
E	67

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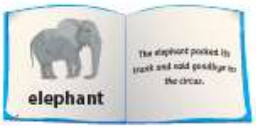
Spelling Book

Make a book of your spelling words. Fold some pieces of A4 paper in half and staple them together down the fold. Write your words, use them in a sentence and draw a picture for each word.



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Colour Match

Write your spelling words in your book. Write the vowels in blue and the consonants in red.

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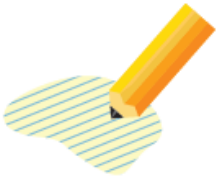
Sentences Everywhere

Use as many of your spelling words as you can in different sentences.



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Sand Spelling

Carefully spread some sand out on your page. Spell each of your spelling words one at a time by tracing them in the sand.

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Back to Nature

Carefully search the gardens to find sticks, leaves, twigs etc to make the letters of your spelling words.

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Invisible Words

Write your spelling words on a piece of paper using a candle or a white crayon. Paint over the paper to reveal your spelling words.

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Building Blocks

Draw letter boxes for each of your spelling words. Box the shape of short, tall and tail letters and then write the words in your boxes.

elephant

Alphabet Order

Write your words in alphabetical order.

after
again
baby
clean
laugh
myself

Wacky Words

On a sheet of paper, write your spelling words in different directions, filling up the whole sheet. Use different colours and types of writing for each word.

Bubble Words

Write your spelling words in colourful bubble writing.

bubble

Tongue Twisters

Write a tongue twister for each of your spelling words.

Big brown bears buy berry bubblegum.

Dot Spelling

Write each of your spelling words using dots.

leopard

Spelling Search

Search for spelling words or words within words in your class novel/book you are currently reading.

Tracing

With a partner, take turns to trace letters or words on your partner's back and let them guess what word you are spelling.