



A great way to check that those tricky words have really stuck, is to spell as a game of catch or ball roll. Each player says the next letter as the ball is passed until the word is finished.

A real challenge is to play the game again but spell the word backwards!

Don't forget the old favourites to help!

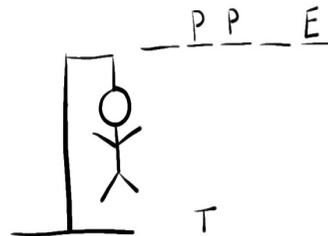
Scrabble



Boggle



Hangman



Support for Spelling at home



At Reed First School, your child is learning to spell following a teaching sequence, where each new concept is taught, practised and then applied. This is not just in spelling lessons but in writing across the curriculum.

This booklet will give you a variety of strategies to use at home which your child will begin to recognise from school. They are designed to support all learning styles as we recognise that what works for one child, may not work for another.



Although there are words which need to be learnt by heart, there are also spelling patterns and rules to be applied as our children move through the school. The activities outlined will help to create confident life long spellers who will enjoy exploring and using a wide range of vocabulary and have the confidence to learn from mistakes.

<p>Mnemonics</p>	<p>necessary – one collar, two sleeves</p> <p>because— big elephants can always upset small elephants</p> 
<p>Etymology</p>	<p>Explore and discover the origin of words to help to understand and remember them.</p> <p>bi + cycle = two + wheels</p> <p>atlas - Greek god's name, often shown carrying the world on his shoulders.</p>
<p>Other strategies</p>	<p>Other methods can include:</p> <p>Rainbow writing. Using coloured pencils in different ways can help to make parts of words memorable. You could highlight the tricky part s of the word or write the tricky part in a different colour.</p> <p>suppose</p> <p>You could also write each letter in a different colour, or write the word in red, then overlay in orange, yellow and so on.</p> <p>Making up memorable 'silly sentences' containing the word.</p> <p>Saying the word in a funny way – for example, pronouncing the 'silent' letters in a word e.g. Wed—nes— day</p> <p>Clapping and counting to identify the syllables in a word.</p> <p>Use letter frames to show and split the syllables.</p> 

<p>Drawing around the word to show the shape</p>	<p>Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where there are ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure that you get the same shape.</p> 
<p>Drawing an image around the word</p>	<p>This strategy is all about making a word memorable. It links to meaning in order to try to make the spelling noticeable.</p>  <p>You can't use this method as your main method of learning spellings, but it might work on those that are just a little more difficult to remember.</p>
<p>Words Without vowels</p>	<p>This strategy is useful where the vowel choices are the challenge in the words. Write the words without the vowels and choose the correct grapheme to put in the space. For example, for the word <i>field</i>:</p> <p>f _____ ld</p>
<p>Pyramid words</p>	<p>This method of learning words forces you to think of each letter separately.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">p py pyr pyra pyram pyrami pyramid</p> <p>You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.</p>

<p>Look, say, cover, write, check</p>	<p>This is probably the most common strategy used to learn spellings. Look: first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is difficult, look at that part in more detail. Say: say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable. Cover: cover the word. Write: write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so. Check: Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write, check.</p>
<p>Trace, copy and replicate (and then check)</p>	<p>This is a similar learning process to 'look, say, cover, write, check' but is about developing automaticity and muscle memory. Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Move next to the word you have just written and write it out as you say it. Turn the page over and write the word as you say it, and then check that you have spelt it correctly. If this is easy, do the same process for two different words at the same time. Once you have written all your words this way and feel confident, miss out the tracing and copying or the tracing alone and just write the words. You could use a sand pit too!</p>
<p>Segmentation strategy</p>	<p>The splitting of a word into its phonemes in the correct order to support spelling.</p> <p>Buttons and frames are useful:</p>  <p>Individual sounds and letter patterns are identified and grouped.</p>
<p>Quickwrite</p>	<p>Writing the words linked to the teaching focus with speed and fluency. The aim is to write as many words as possible within a time constraint. Write words provided by your teacher or generate your own examples. For example, in two minutes write as many words as possible with the /i:/ phoneme. Or write as many words as possible with the suffix -ly.</p> <p>Any rules given by your teacher can be used.</p>