

Ways to learn and remember spellings.

1. Write the word in very big letters and underline or highlight the bit that you get stuck on.

E.g. SEPARATE

2. Try to say the word slowly and exaggerate the pronunciation, especially the vowels.

E.g. Def-I-NITE-ly

3. Try to find a little word inside a big word.

E.g. sign is used in signal, ensign, signature, design.

4. As you sound the letters out, or the syllables in a word, make a noise such as clicking or clapping. E.g. a two-syllable word,
Danger Dan / ger

5. Sing the spelling instead of talking it. Add a rap and even a dance!!

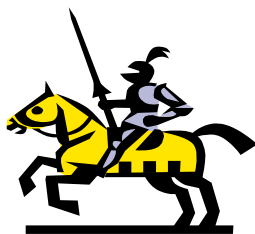
6. Draw or paint the spelling, using different colours.

E.g. C O L O U R F U L !

7. Letters that are silent in a word, pronounce them when learning, to remind yourself that they are there (though remember this is not how you say them!)

E.g. On Wed-nes-day I remember-ed where I put my s-cissors.

8. Draw a picture to remind yourself which spelling you are going to use.



E.g. Knight

OR



Night

9. Close your eyes and imagine the letters as you spell them out. You could write them in your favourite colour, a bit like a large neon sign.
10. Trace the word in the air with your finger as you say or spell it out. Then, tap out the letters on each finger, (or syllables for longer words). Then, imagine your finger is a note pad, and write the whole spelling on here.

10. Think of similar words which use the same spelling pattern.

E.g. r - ough
c - ough
en - ough

11. Think of words in families, which is then used in different ways to make new words.

e.g. walk can become walks, walking, walked.
Or possible/impossible

11. Use Mnemonics to spell a word.

E.g. To spell the word 'Rhythm'.

Rhythm has your two hips moving.

12. Make a game using the spellings - put them on pieces of paper or card, mix them up and use them as flash cards - then try to remember them against the clock. Can you beat your own time?
13. Jump up and down with a skipping rope, bounce on a trampoline, spin with a hula hoop, hop on one foot, or bounce a ball as you say the spelling.

14. Chop the letters up, place them at the end of a garden or back yard, and run backwards and forwards, to collect each letter in the right order. Even better, hide them around the house, and see if you can find them.
15. Write it out, and then delete each letter, Then, after each time, repeat the whole word, until all the letters are gone. make it harder, and choose a random letter each time.
16. Use pipe cleaners, play dough, or other craft material, to create the spelling.
17. Type the letters of the spelling out on an electronic device.
18. Use sand (or shaving cream!), or steam in the bathroom, and then trace out the letters.
19. Use letter blocks from a board game, such as scrabble, to build the word.
20. Hidden Spelling Words - on a white piece of paper, write out the spelling words using a white wax crayon. Once all words have been written, then use watercolours washed over the words, to make the hidden words reappear.
21. Draw a shape or object, and write the word inside the object. E.g. determined, put each letter in a petal of a flower.
22. Use clothes pegs - write each letter of a word on a piece of paper, and then hang them on a washing line.
23. Partner Spell - take turns adding a letter to spell each word. For example, for the word FUN - child starts by saying the letter F, parent adds letter U and child then completes word by adding the letter N.
24. Make a Video - use the household video camera on a phone or tablet to take some quick video of yourself spelling the target words. Then watch it back - how did you do?
25. Balloon Bop - keep a balloon up in the air while spelling your word.