**Fun Activities to help with Spelling**

**Air spelling**

Choose a spelling word. With your index finger write the word in the air slowly, say each letter. Your parent needs to remind you that you need to be able to 'see' the letters you have written in the air. When you have finished writing the word underline it and say the word again. Now get you parents to ask you questions the about the word. For example they could ask 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?' 'How many letters are there?' etc.

**Media Search**

Using a newspaper or magazine you have 15 minutes to look for your spelling words. Circle them in different coloured crayon. Which of your spellings words was used the most times?

**Ransom Note**

Cut the letters needed to for your words from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell the words.

**Salt/Sand/Flour Box Spelling**

Ask your parents pour salt (sand/flour) into a shallow box or tray (about 3cm deep) and then practice writing you spellings in it with your finger.

**Pyramid Power**

Sort your words into a list from easiest to hardest. Write the easiest word at the top of the page near the middle. Write the next easiest word twice underneath. Write the third word three times underneath again until you have built your pyramid

**Scrabble Spelling**

Find the letters you need to spell you words and then mix them up in the bag. Get your parents to time you unscrambling your letters. (For extra maths practice you could find out the value of each of you words!)

**Word Search**

Create your own word searches using your spelling words. Or use this link to get your computer to do it for you. <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>

**Messy Spelling**

An easy way to clean those dirty tables is to finger paint on them with shaving cream. Squirt some on the table (with your parents permission and supervision!) and then practice spelling your words by writing them with your finger in the shaving cream.

**Spell It With Beans** (or pipe cleaners or tooth picks)

Use Lima beans (or any dried beans or lentils) to spell out your words. If you glue them onto separate pieces of card then you made a great set of flash cards to practice with for the rest of the week.

**Tasty Words**

Just like above but this time try and find tasty things to spell your words with, like raisins. Then when you spell them right you get to eat them!

**Design A Word**

Pick one word and write it in bubble letters. Colour in each letter in a different pattern.

**Sign a Word**

Learn the sign language alphabet to spell your words

<http://www.british-sign.co.uk/bsl-british-sign-language/fingerspelling-alphabet-charts/>

**Sing a Word**

If you can’t remember the sign language – try singing instead! Any tune will do.

**Water wash**

Use a paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or pavements.

**ABC Order**

Write your words out in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

**Story Time**

Write a short short using all your words. Don't forget to check your punctuation!

**Simple Sentence**

Write a sentence for each of your words. Remember each sentence must start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

**Colourful Words**

Use two different coloured pens to write your words. One to write the consonants and one to write the vowels. Do this a couple of times then write the whole word in one colour.

**Memory Game**

Make pairs of word cards. Turn them all over and mix them up. flip over two cards, if they match you get to keep them, if not you have to turn them over again. Try and match all the pairs.

**Finger Tracing**

Use your finger to spell out each of your words on your mum or dad’s back (warn them first). Then it's their turn to write the words on your back for you to feel and spell.

**Spelling Steps**

Write your words as if they were steps, adding one letter each time. (It's much easier doing this on squared paper)

**Scrambled Words**

Write your words then write them again with all the letters mixed up.

**X-Words**

Find two of your spelling words with the same letter in and write them so they criss-cross.

**Ambidextrous**

Swap your pen into the hand that you don't normally write with. Now try writing out your spellings with that hand.

**Telephone Words**

Translate your words into numbers from the telephone keypad.

**Secret Agent**

Write out the alphabet, then give each letter a different number from 1 to 26. (a = 1, b = 2, c = 3 ect.) Now you can spell out your words in secret code.

**Missing Letters**

Ask your mum or dad to write out one of your words loads of times on piece of paper, but each time they have to miss out a letter or two. Then you have to fill in the missing letters. After you have checked them all try it again with another word.

**Listen Carefully**

Ask your parents to spell out one of your words then you have to say what the word is they've spelt out. Try using letter sounds and letter names.

**Acrostic**

Use words that start with each letter in your spelling word. You’re more likely to remember it if it makes sense!

**Spelling Board**

Play any game that is normally played with dice -- Monopoly, for example. The adult can continue to move their token forward in the normal way by throwing the dice, but children must orally spell a word to move forward!

**Use the Spelling City website:** [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

Parents can register for the free version and input your child’s spelling word lists. Children can then play games and activities or take practice tests on the site.

Please note that any websites are external to the school and usual internet safety rules apply.