

SPELLING ACTIVITIES

Silly Sentences

Write sentences using each of the letters in your spelling word. The first letter in the word would be the beginning letter of the first word in the sentence, the second letter in the word would be the beginning letter of the second word in the sentence and so on.

Eg. Spelling word - *brook* Sentence: Bobby ran over old kites.

Spelling word - *waves* Sentence: Wanda and Vinny eat sardines.

Spelling Adds Up!

Use the table below with each letter of the alphabet given a numerical value of 0-10. Choose a spelling word and calculate the 'value' of the word. Use the table below to find the numerical value of each letter of the word, then add each of the numbers to determine the value of the word.

Eg. The word "people" would look like this:

$$5 (p) + 5 (e) + 4 (o) + 5 (p) + 1 (l) + 5 (e) = 25$$

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2

n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	1	2	3	4

Spelling Word Puzzles

Write 5 - 10 spelling words onto individual strips of paper then cut the strips into halves or thirds. Mix all the halves (thirds) up and see how quickly you can put the halves (thirds) back together to make the original words.

Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

Choose a page from the newspaper. See how many of your spelling words you can find and highlight or circle them.

Noughts and Crosses

You can play this against your brother or sister, or Mum or Dad. Draw up a 3 x 3 noughts and crosses grid. Your opponent chooses one of your spelling words for you to spell, if you spell it correctly you get to place a nought in the grid and it is your opponent's turn, if you get it wrong it is still your opponent's turn however you do not get to place a nought in the grid.

Scrambled Spelling

Ask Mum or Dad to scramble the letters of some of your spelling words and then try to unscramble them.

Eg. hte = the ntwe = went

Finding Vowels

Underline all the vowels in your spelling words.

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Choose a spelling word. **Look** at the correct spelling of the word carefully trying to imagine its shape. **Say** it aloud and try to picture the word in your head. **Cover** the word. **Write** the word from memory and then **check** if you got it right. If you make a mistake try again starting from the beginning.

Hangman

Play with Mum or Dad or your brother or sister. They choose one of your spelling word to be the 'secret word'. They write down dashes to represent each letter in the word. (Eg. if the word was 'out' you would have 3 dashes, if the word was 'people' you would have 6 dashes). You have to try and guess the secret word by guessing the letters that might be in it, one at a time. For each letter guessed that is in the word, write that letter in the correct position/s it occurs in the word. For each letter guessed that is not in the word, a body part is drawn on a scaffold. If all letters in the word are guessed before a complete body is drawn, you win the game. You can also play hangman using sentences instead of a single word. Also, to make it more complex when using sentences you may wish to only guess consonants, not vowels.

Searching for Syllables

Write down your spelling words and break each word into its syllables using dashes to mark the breaks.

Eg. peo/ple, a/no/ther

Spelling Sentences/Stories

Choose a spelling word and write a sentence including that word in the sentence. Alternatively, you can choose a few words and try and put them into a story.

Coloured Words

Have a go at writing one of your spelling words from memory. If you get any part of it incorrect rewrite the word, writing the correct parts in greylead and the correct spelling of the parts you spelt wrong in colour.

e.g. If you wrote becos incorrectly you would then write because

Dictionary

Use your dictionary to find and write down the meanings of your spelling words.

Word Search

You can ask mum or dad to make a word search for you using your spelling words. If you have the internet at home you can make your own word search using your spelling words. The website you can use to quickly make a word search is:

<http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/Teachers/WordFindBuilder/PuzzleBuilder.html>

WEBSITES - for those who have the internet at home

www.dositey.com/language/spelling/Mislet3.htm

This is a game where you are given parts of words and you have to fill in the missing letters.