

Spelling activities

Below is a list of different ideas you can use for practising spellings at home. There are lots of different activities to try, so spellings should never be boring – pick a different activity for each day of the week! When you have practised a few times using these ideas, you can try the activities on the Purple Mash website to review your spellings.

Rainbow write – Write out your spelling words 7 times, each with a different colour of the rainbow.

Silly sentences – Write a silly sentence using your spelling words. Underline your spelling words in the sentence. e.g. My dog wears a blue and purple dress when he takes a bath.

Hidden words – draw and colour a picture, then write your spelling words in the picture somewhere. Give the picture to an adult and see if they can find all the words!

Backwards write – write your spelling forwards, and then write them backwards. e.g. where – erehw

Pyramid write – write your spellings in a pyramid by adding one letter at a time. e.g.

h
ho
hom
home

ABC order – write your spelling words as a list and then write the list again in alphabetical order. For an extra challenge, write them in reverse alphabetical order!

Story, story – write a story using ALL of your spelling words. Underline the words each time you use them in the story.

Draw your spelling words – draw a picture to go with each spelling word to show its meaning. e.g.



Bubble letters – write all your spellings in bubble letters and then colour each one in.

Blue vowels – write out your spelling words and then go over each vowel (a, e, i, o, u) with a blue pencil.

Three times – write your spellings out three times. First, write each word in pencil. Second, write each word in crayon. Third, write each word in felt tip.

Acrostic poem – choose one of your spelling words and use it to write an acrostic poem. e.g.

Fun in the sky,
Loop around clouds
Yes, I'm free!

Add my words – write your spellings words and then add up their value. Consonants are worth 10 points, vowels are worth 5 points. e.g. said - 10 + 5 + 5 + 10 = 30! Which is your highest scoring word?

Scrambled words – write your spelling words, then on another sheet of paper, scramble up the letters in each word. Can you then unscramble the words without looking at the original list?

Consonant circle – write out your spelling words and then circle all the consonants.

Spelling dots – write your spelling words in dots. Then go back and join the dots to spell the words.

Rhyming words – write your spelling words and then next to each one, write a word which rhymes with it.

Upper and lower – write each of your spelling words two times. First, write the whole word in upper case. Then, write the whole word in lower case. e.g. SLIDE slide

Across and down – write each of your spelling words across, and then down. e.g.

w	h	e	n
h			
e			
n			

Back writing – use your finger to write out each word on someone else's back. Can they work out which word you have written?

Choo-choo words – write out your entire list of spelling words end to end (like a train) to make one long word. Use a different colour for each word. e.g. hopmopshopstop

Toss a word – throw a ball or soft toy back and forth with someone else. As you throw, take turns to say each letter of the word.

Type them – type each of your spelling words on a computer. Make each word have a different font!

Words without vowels – write all your spelling words but replace each vowel with a line. Go back and see if you can fill in all the correct vowels without looking at your original spelling list.

Scrabble – use scrabble tiles to help you practise spelling out your words.

Create your own – use your imagination and make your own spelling challenges!