

Spelling activity ideas

1. Practise writing out the word – read it, cover, write it out again, check you have spelled it correctly.
2. Check the meaning of the words. Can you think of other word that mean the same thing? (synonyms) Can you find other words that mean the opposite? (antonyms). Use an online thesaurus if you have run out of ideas.
3. Speed write your word accurately ten times in 30 seconds.
4. Use the word in a sentence – don't forget to check your punctuation!
5. Use the word in a question sentence and an exclamation sentence.
6. Use your word in a sentence that contains direct speech.
7. Write your word backwards.
8. Write a short story or a paragraph using 5 of the words.
9. Write a sentence that contains 3 of the words – remember, it has to make sense!
10. Make a really silly sentence using two of the words at a time.
11. Ask someone to write out the word with some letters missing – can you fill in the blank spaces? For example ar--i-e-t architect. You can also play hangman to make finding the missing letters more fun.
12. Can you find words within the word? For example – chute: hut catalogue: log playground: play, ground, round, lay.
13. Ask someone to mix up the letters of the word (making an anagram) and your challenge is to put them back together in the right order.
14. Get someone to challenge you to a spelling bee – they say the word and you say it back, spell it out loud and say it back again.
15. Choose words which you find tricky. Write them out in bubble writing and colour them in.
16. Write tricky words on a computer and keep writing them out using different fonts and font sizes.
17. Use a blank grid like the one below. Someone calls out one of the words and you have to spell it correctly in a space on your grid. How many do you get right?
18. Once you have your words on the grid, get someone to test you on them again without looking.
