

Spelling Word Practice Ideas

Fancy Letters - Use old magazines, catalogs, or newspapers to cut out letters and glue them down to spell your words.

Typing - Type all of your spelling words on the computer.

Spelling Baseball - Draw four bases on a piece of paper or set up four chairs to be the bases. Pitcher selects a word. If batter can spell it correctly, she moves forward one base. If batter cannot spell word, she remains where she is. Child receives a point every time she passes home base.

Trace Around - Print one of your spelling words neatly. Take a colored pen and draw an outline around the word, closely following the shapes of the letters. Close your eyes and remember the shape. Now try to write the word.

Colorful Words - Use two differently colored pens to write your spelling words. Use one color to write the consonants and the other for the vowels. Do this one more time. Close your eyes and picture the word in your mind. Now try to write the word with just one color.

Back Writing - Use your finger to spell out each of your words one letter at a time on another person's back. The other person has to guess the word. Then switch places; the other person writes while you feel and guess.

Air Write - Write your spelling words in the air using your finger. Have a partner read your words as you write them. Then your partner can "air write" your words and your job is to read the words.

Backwards Words - Write your spelling words forwards. Then write them a second time backwards.

Scrambled Words - Fold a piece of paper three times lengthwise (making three long rectangular columns). Write your words in the first column. Then write them again with the letters all mixed up in the second column. Put your words aside. Come back later to unscramble your words. Write the unscrambled words in the third column.

Create an Activity - Can you think of a fun way to practice your spelling words? Try it! Be sure to tell me about your activity so that I can share it with the class.