

How can I learn my spellings?

Look Say Cover Write Check	<p>Look: first look at the whole word carefully.</p> <p>Say: say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it.</p> <p>Cover: cover the word.</p> <p>Write: write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so.</p> <p>Check: Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write, check.</p>
Trace, copy and replicate	<p>Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Then try it without the word to trace over.</p> <p>If this is easy, do the same process for two different words at the same time.</p>
Segment	<p>Try to split the word up into the sounds that you can hear.</p>
Dot to Dot	<p>Write the word out with dots or silly writing. Then draw over the dots to create the word.</p>
Drawing around the word	<p>Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where there are ascenders and descenders.</p> <p>Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure that you get the same shape.</p>
Quick Write	<p>Get a stop watch and write the word out as many times as you can while getting the spelling right. You could do this with a partner and deduct points for the ones spelt wrong.</p>
Pyramid words	<p>This method of learning words forces you to think of each letter separately.</p> <p>You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.</p>
Colour the tricky parts	<p>Break the word down and colour certain parts of the word in colour.</p>