

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below a number of different methods that may help your child to learn their spellings more easily. Assisting and encouraging them to learn their spellings using these different methods may help your child to remember them. Applying these methods should also help to improve their spelling of other words through applying spelling patterns.

1. **Look, Cover, Write, Check**

Ask your child to look at the word and the letters in the word. Cover the word up and let them try to write it down. Allow your child to check against the original spelling to see if they have spelt it correctly. Repeat with other words. This can be done by the child checking it by themselves.

2. **Adult Testing**

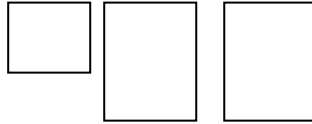
Read out each word in turn. Leave a gap between each word while your child writes the word. At the end of the list of words, mark **with your** child looking at where they have made mistakes. Try this in the order of the words on the list and by mixing up the order.

3. **Break the word into sounds or syllables**

For example *union* could be broken down to u-n-i-o-n. *Condensation* could be broken down into con-den-sa-tion.

4. **Recall visual images or shape of the word.**

For example *egg* fits this shape.



5. **Words within Words**

Look for words within the spelling. This works particularly well with longer words. For example grandchildren.

grandchildren
grand
 ran
 an
 and
 child
 children

6. **Individual Letter Marking**

When marking the word, score one point for each letter correct. For example learning the word blue.

bloo blu blue
✓✓xx ✓✓xx ✓✓✓✓

7. **Learn a Mnemonic**

Learn a mnemonic to help you learn tricky words. For example *because* or *necessary*

b ig	n ever
e lephants	e at
c an	c heese
a lways	e at
u nderstand	s almon
s mall	s andwiches
e lephants	a nd
	r emain
	y oung

8. **Remember memorable features of particular words**

Eg *accommodation* contains two 'doubles' *cc* and *mm*