

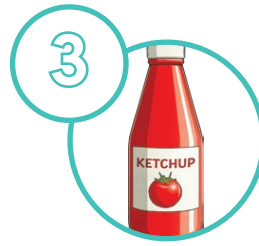
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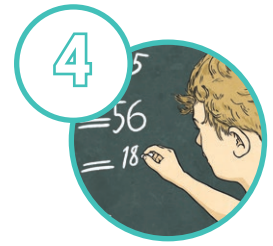
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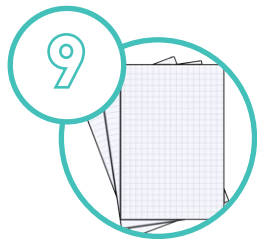
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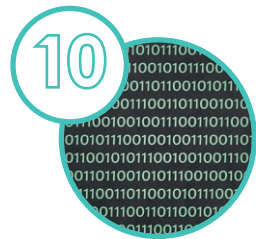
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A fun and physical way to reinforce target spellings. Write all the letters of the alphabet on pieces of paper (or use this [A-Z Alphabet on Lily Pads](#)) and lay them out (in any order) on the floor like lily pads on a pond. Say a word for your child to spell by stepping from one letter to the next, spelling out the word correctly. If she gets a letter wrong, pause at the incorrect letter and remind her of what letter should come next. Then, start again from the beginning of the word.

This can be made into a game by giving a point every time a word is spelt correctly or a time limit within which he or she has to spell the word, e.g. 30 seconds. Alternatively, allow your child to hold the spelling words and test you to see if you spell them correctly. This will help your child to think of the letters sequentially as they check if you are stepping on the correct letters in the correct order.

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A fun and sometimes 'tickly' way to learn words. Sit with your back facing your child and ask them to write one of his or her spelling words on your back. If spelt correctly, he or she gets a point. If spelt incorrectly, provide the spelling on paper or say each letter out loud so your child can write it on your back correctly. Allow your child to check if you can spell the word correctly too by swapping roles.

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This is a fun, sensory way to practise spelling words, especially for those children that like getting messy! Spray some whipped cream (or ketchup, chocolate spread or anything else squidy and edible!) on a plate and spread it out. Now, write your spelling words in the food with your finger!

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Buy a pack of coloured chalk and allow your child to write the words on paving stones in the garden or on the driveway. With our typical British climate, it isn't long until the words will be washed away by the rain, ready to start again. Children love this activity as it allows them to write where they wouldn't normally be allowed to. This can be varied by challenging children to create shapes and pictures with their target spelling.

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Pretend to be a cheerleader and spell out the words by saying the letters individually and then the word altogether. Use a high cheer for tall letters (e.g. t, l, h), put hands on hips for middle letters (e.g. a, e, n, c) and a low cheer for letters that drop below the line (e.g. y, g, j). You could even buy or make pom-poms to make it really authentic!

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Many children love to use phones and tablet computers so why not let them practise their spellings on them? Ask your child to write all their spellings in a text or as a message and send it back to yourself or another phone owner within the household. Check the spellings once sent. They will have to resend any that they get wrong.

Alternatively, you could ask your child to text or message a silly story with their target spelling words in. They often love the opportunity to engage with technology and write nonsense stories!

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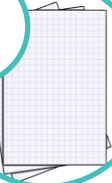
Use alphabet pasta to make the target spelling words. Any form of 3D letters, such as plastic or magnetic ones, is a great alternative. They particularly help those children who struggle with learning spellings using the traditional written method.

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Draw out a scene of anything you like - a countryside picture, a cityscape, a scene in a park, etc. Now, using coloured pencils, colour in your scene with your spelling words. To do this, simply fill up each image in your scene with your spelling words written out in very small letters over and over again. This can also be done using online websites. A quick search online for word collage generators should come up with several options.

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This is a fun way to practise your target spelling words. First, you will need some squared paper ([try this 1cm Squared Paper](#)). Next, draw a square in the top half of the paper: this will be the word search. Begin by writing a spelling word in the box (one letter per square). Tip: this could be horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Then, write the spelling word again at the bottom of the page: this will form the list of words to find in the word search. Continue to do this until you have a list of 10 to 20 words in the word search. Fill in all the blank squares in the word search with random letters from the alphabet. Now, put your word search in a safe place for a few days.

A few days later, take out your word search (you'll probably have forgotten where you originally hid all the words now) and see if you can find your hidden words.

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Make a code for the alphabet. This could be as simple as using numbers, such as a=1, b=2, c=3 and so on, or you could create small symbols or emojis to replace each letter. Once you have done this, use your code to write or draw out your spelling words. Store this somewhere safe.

A few days later, take out your secret spelling words and use your code to decode the word correctly below or beside each of your code words.