

Spelling Strategies

Look, say, cover, write, check:

1. Look at the word carefully.
2. Say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it will make it more memorable.
3. Cover the word
4. Write the word from memory, saying it as you do so.
5. Have you got it right? If yes, write it again and again. If not, start again.

Trace, copy and replicate:

1. Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly and is large enough to trace.
2. Trace over the word and say it at the same time.
3. Move next to the word and write it out as you say it.
4. Turn the page over and write the word as you say it.
5. Have you got it right? If yes, try two words at a time. If not, start again.

Segmentation: Break the word down to help you spell it.

Drawing around the word to show shape:

Draw around the word to show the shape, make sure you have a clear distinction in size for ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure you get the same shape.

shape

Quickwrite: Time yourself to see how many times you can write out a word in the given time limit.

Drawing an image around the word:

This strategy is about making the word memorable. The drawing should link to the meaning of the word to make it noticeable but it also should complement the shape to help you remember the spelling.

Pyramid Words: This method of learning words forces you to think of each letter separately.

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