

<p><b>Spelling Tip 1</b> Get someone to read out the spelling and write it down as if it were the real test- work out which spellings you need to spend time on</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 2</b> Use your spellings as part of your handwriting practice- write each one out a few times</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 3</b> Get someone to read out the spelling and spell it back to them a letter at a time</p>
<p><b>Spelling Tip 4</b> Put the words in Spelling City and play the related games <a href="http://www.spellingcity.com">http://www.spellingcity.com</a></p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 5</b> Put the words into a free wordsearch generator- get used to having to find the next letter and therefore learning the spelling <a href="http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp?campaign=flyout_teachers_puzzle_wordcross">http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp?campaign=flyout_teachers_puzzle_wordcross</a></p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 6</b> Place your spellings in a sentence so that you are clear on the meaning, especially if you are looking at word groups like homophones</p>
<p><b>Spelling Tip 7</b> Enlarge the spellings onto cards and use like flashcards- this means you are not overwhelmed by the number of spellings you need to learn</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 8</b> If you print the spellings on cards or enlarge them onto an A4/A3 piece of paper, stick them on a wall up and to the left- research has shown that looking up and to the left helps us to access the parts of our brain that can visualise</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 9</b> Use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method: look at the word and say it as you look at it; visualise the word in your head, cover the word up and try spelling without help; finally uncover the original word and check if you got it right</p>
<p><b>Spelling Tip 10</b> Break words up into letter or sound blends such as, Wednesday becomes Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 11</b> Find words that rhyme with it to get used the sounds in the word</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 12</b> Create a mnemonic to learn harder words: because (big elephants cause accidents under small elephants' spells)</p>
<p><b>Spelling Tip 13</b> Write out your spellings using different pens, pencils or materials- writing in the sand has also been proved to work well for younger pupils</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 14</b> Close your eyes when you try to spell the word out loud- this can help you to visualise or 'see' the word in your head</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 15</b> Some children may learn words better when they are presented differently, such as vertically, in a ring or in a shape of their choosing</p>
<p><b>Spelling Tip 16</b> Look up the words in a dictionary or thesaurus- forcing you to spell each word out a letter at a time. Find the meanings and/or alternative words</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 17</b> A little and often is the key- do not spend too long on each spelling. Revisit them in short bursts of 5-10 minutes in the morning, after school, on car journeys.</p>	<p><b>Spelling Tip 18</b> Look at the rule given for the group of words that you are being tested on- does this give you a clue about patterns in spelling?</p>

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