



Helping Your Child with Spellings at Home

Spelling can feel tricky for children, but with encouragement and regular practice, they can become more confident and accurate writers. Here are some fun and effective ways you can support your child.

1. Make Spelling Fun

- **Use games:** Play Hangman, Boggle, or online spelling games.
 - **Magnetic letters or Scrabble tiles:** Let your child build words on the fridge or a table.
 - **Chalk or paintbrush with water:** Write words outside on the ground.
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2. Break Words into Parts

- Clap out **syllables** (e.g. *beau-ti-ful*).
 - Spot **prefixes and suffixes** (e.g. *un-* in *unhappy*, *-ing* in *playing*).
 - Look for smaller words inside bigger ones (e.g. *sand* in *sandwich*).
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3. Use “Look, Cover, Write, Check”

1. Look at the word carefully.
 2. Cover it up.
 3. Write it from memory.
 4. Check it against the original.
🔄 Repeat 3–4 times until it sticks.
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4. Say It to Spell It

- Encourage your child to **sound out words** slowly.
 - For tricky words, *exaggerate the sounds* (e.g. *Wed-nes-day*).
 - Make up **silly rhymes**: e.g. *Because = Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants*.
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5. Little and Often

- Practice for **5–10 minutes a day** rather than a long session once a week.
 - Revisit the same words across the week.
 - Use words in **sentences** to check understanding.
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6. Praise and Encourage

- Celebrate *effort* as well as success.
 - Point out when your child uses a spelling correctly in their writing.
 - If they make mistakes, gently correct and encourage them to try that part of the spelling again.
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7. Everyday Opportunities

- Write shopping lists together.
 - Ask them to label drawings or toys.
 - Encourage writing letters, postcards, or diaries.
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✦ **Remember:** Every child learns at a different pace. Patience, encouragement, and regular practice make the biggest difference.