

Strategies for practising spellings:

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Look: first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is difficult, look at that part in more detail.

Say: say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable.

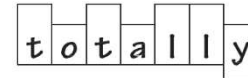
Cover: cover the word.

Write: write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so.

Check: Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again - look, say, cover, write, check.

Word Shapes

Draw around the words, making a clear distinction in size where there are 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 that you get the same shape.



Word Pictures

This strategy is all about making a word memorable. It links to meaning in order to try to make the spelling



noticeable.

Words Without Vowels

Write the words without the vowels and then choose the correct grapheme to put in. For example,

f_____ld for the word *fields*

Pyramid Words

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

You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.

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py
pyr
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