

# WAYS TO STUDY SPELLING WORDS

This list is also available online at <http://brainybunch.weebly.com/>

**Spelling City:** Go to <http://brainybunch.weebly.com/> and choose Spelling City.

**Back Writing:** Use your finger to spell out each of your spelling words, one letter at a time, on your mom or dad's back. Then it's YOUR turn to identify the words as mom or dad writes them on your back.

**Backwards Words:** Write your spelling words forwards. Then write them a second time backwards.

**Bubble Letters:** Write each of your spelling words in bubble letters. After you finish, color your words in with crayon or colored pencil.

**Choo-Choo Words:** Write the entire spelling list end-to-end as one long word, using different colored crayons for each word.

**Clean Words:** Find a countertop or flat surface that can be cleaned easily. Spray a small amount of shaving cream and spread it out. Write your spelling words in the shaving cream and be sure to clean up afterwards!

**Connect The Dots:** Write your spelling words in dots. Then, connect the dots by tracing over them with a colored pencil.

**Create An Activity:** Can you think of a really fun way to practice your spelling words? Then go for it! Be sure to explain your activity so that I can understand what you did.

**Crossword Puzzle:** Use the website, <http://www.puzzlemaker.com/CrissCrossSetupForm.html>, to insert your spelling words to create a crossword puzzle. You can have mom or dad make the puzzle, and then you can fill it out, if you wish. Remember to give a clue for each word! Print out your completed puzzle and bring it to me!

**Delicious Words:** Spray a small amount of whipped cream (or anything you can eat) on a plate and spread it out. Write your spelling words in the whipped cream and be sure to clean up afterwards. Yummy!

**Dirty Words:** Go outside and write your words in sand, mud, or dirt.

**Etch A Word:** Use an Etch-A-Sketch to write your spelling words.

**Flash Writing:** In a darkened room, use a flashlight to write your spelling words in the air. Have a partner read your words as you write them, or a parent can "flash write" your words and your job is to read the words.

**Goofy Spelling Story:** Write a goofy spelling story using each of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your words as you use them. Illustrate your story.

**Hidden Words:** Draw a picture and write your spelling words in the picture. Try to hide the words!

**•Hopscotch Words:** Make a hopscotch board on the sidewalk or driveway with chalk. Write letters instead of numbers. You get to HOP your words!

**Look Say Spell Cover Write Check:** Write your words on a blank piece of paper. Then LOOK at the first word. SAY that word out loud. SPELL that word out loud. COVER that word up. WRITE it next to the word you were just looking at. CHECK the spelling to see if you spelled it right. If it's right, move on to the next word and repeat for all of your spelling words. If it's not correct, try the whole thing again until you get it right.

Or...you could do it online!

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

**Make Some Music:** Write a song or rap that includes your words! Share with a friend or family member.

**Other Handed:** If you are right handed, write your spelling words with your left hand. If you are left handed, write your words with your right hand.

**Pasta Words:** Arrange alphabet pasta or Alphabits Cereal to form your spelling words.

**Popsicle Words:** Form your words using Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, Q-tips, markers, or anything thin and straight.

**Pyramid Words:** Write your spelling words in a pyramid shape. Start with the first letter. On the next line, write the first two letters. On the next line, write the first three letters. Continue until you have written the entire word.

*Example:* T  
TH  
THE  
THEM

**Rainbow Write:** Write your words using a pencil. Then trace over your words with a crayon. Then trace a second time with a different colored crayon. Finally, trace a third time with a different colored crayon. Trace NEATLY and you will see the rainbow!

**Reversed ABC Order Words:** This is a CHALLENGE! Write your words backwards, starting with the last letter first. Then, write them again in ABC Order backwards!

**Rhyming Words:** Write each of your spelling words. Next to each word, write a rhyming word. If necessary, your rhyming words can be nonsense words.

**Scrambled Words:** Use the following website to type in 10 of your spelling words. It will print out a scrambled list, and you have to unscramble them!

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/spelling.htm>

**Sign Your Words:** Use sign language finger spelling to sign the spelling of your words. Check out this site for a diagram of the letters:

<http://www.unitykid.com/signlanguage.html>

**Silly Sentences:** Write silly sentences that include your spelling words. Underline your words.

**Spelling Fractions:** Create a chart as seen below for all of your spelling words. Figure out the fraction of consonants and the fraction of vowels that each word has.

*Example:*

Word	Total Letters	Fraction of Vowels	Fraction of Consonants
Target	6	2/6	4/6
Computer	8	3/8	5/8

**Spelling Poem:** Write a poem using several of your spelling words. Underline the words that you choose. Illustrate your poem. You can write any kind of poem you'd like.

**Spelling Synonyms:** Using a thesaurus, or your own vocabulary, write three synonyms (words that mean the same) for 10 of your spelling words. You can also use [www.thesaurus.com](http://www.thesaurus.com) as long as you understand the words you choose. Do not write words you've never heard of before.

*Example:*

Pretty: Beautiful, gorgeous, good-looking

Mad: Angry, raging, upset

**Spell-er-size:** Spell your words as you do jumping jacks! For each letter, do one jumping jack! Then do one last jumping jack as you say the whole word you just spelled.

*Example:* D (jumping jack), O (jumping jack), G (jumping jack), DOG (jumping jack)

**Syllables:** Write your words, but put dashes in between the letters that break up the syllables.

*Examples:* el-e-phant

tooth-brush

Mont-gom-er-y

**Tongue Twisters:** Write a tongue twister for 5 of your words. Underline your spelling words.

*Example:* Sally sold seashells by the seashore.

Davey dug daringly deep into the depths of the dune.

•**Toss A Word:** Toss (or roll) a ball back and forth with a partner. You say the 1<sup>st</sup> letter, and then toss, and your partner says the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, and so on. Toss the ball until you have spelled all of your words.

**Type 'Em:** Type your spelling words on the computer. Make each word have a different font or color. Print it out, or email it to me! [kaci.moorel@austinisd.org](mailto:kaci.moorel@austinisd.org)