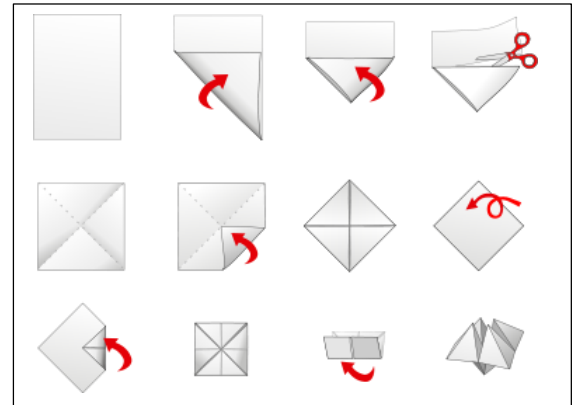


## Practising Spellings (Offline)

### Make a Spelling Word Origami Fortune Teller

Write the spellings on the fortune teller then ask your child to spell the word they pick out loud.



### Become a "Word Catcher"

Give your child a copy of her spelling words, and you might be surprised to see how enthusiastic she is to start 'catching' the words in all the books, magazines, posters, and papers in the house.

### Magnetic Letters, Alphabet Blocks, or Scrabble Pieces

Just as saying the words out loud can help an auditory learner, literally building the words can be helpful for more visual learners. Just keep in mind you might need more than one set of magnetic letters to spell all the words.

### Create Your Own Crossword Puzzle

Create a crossword puzzle using your spelling words.

### Use Sensory Play

Some children learn better when all their senses are involved. Doing things like spraying shaving cream on the table and letting your child trace the words in it or having him write the words with a stick in the dirt can help cement the words in his memory.

### Play Spelling Word Memory

There are a couple of ways to do this. You can make two sets of flashcards with the spelling words—it's a good idea to write each set in a different colour—or you can make one set with the words and one with the definition. After that, it's played just like any other Memory game.

## Trace the Words in Rainbow Colours

This is a variation on the old “write your words ten times” homework. Your child can trace each word over and over to remember the order of the letters for each word. In the end, though, it’s a lot prettier than a simple word list.

## Let Your Child Text the Words to You

This way to practice spelling words depends, of course, on whether your child has a cell phone and what the plan includes. With unlimited texting, it’s easy enough for you to receive the text, correct the spelling if necessary, and send back an emoji.

## Make Word Searches

Use a ten by ten square to hide your spelling words in a word search for others to find.

## Play Hangman

Hangman is a great go-to game when it comes to spelling words. If you have your child use a copy of the spelling list, it will be easier to narrow down which word you’re using. Remember, you can always use the definition as a clue!

## Make up a Spelling Word Song

It may sound silly, but there’s a definite connection between music and literacy. If you and your child are creative, you can create your own silly tune. For the less musically-inclined, try setting the words to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” or another nursery rhyme song.

## Play the “Add-A-Letter” Game

This game is a fun way to interact with your child. One of you starts writing the spelling word on the paper by writing one letter. The next one adds the next letter. Since many word lists include words that start with the same sounds, it may be challenging to know which word your game partner started writing.

## Write a Story Using Each Spelling Word

Give your child a topic to write or tell a story about. For example, challenge her to write a story about zombies using all the words.

## Highlight the Words in the Newspaper

Give your child a highlighter and a pile of newspapers and time him to see how long it takes to find and highlight all the words on the list.

## Play a “What Letter Is Missing?” Game

Slightly different than Hangman and similar to the "Add-a-Letter" game, this game is played by writing or typing the words but leaving a blank space or two for key letters. Your child will have to put in the correct letters. This works particularly well to practise the vowel sounds.

## Act Them Out

Essentially this is playing the game Charades with your child’s spelling words. You can do it a couple of ways—give your child a list of the words and have her guess which one you are acting out or put all the words in a bowl and have her choose one and act it out.

## Put Them in ABC Order

While alphabetising the list won’t necessarily help your child learn to spell each individual word, it will help him recognize the words. For some children, just moving the strips (on which each word is written) around can help them keep the word in their visual memory.