Spelling Card 1

Grouping Words

Put your words into groups. You could have groups with 'double l', groups that rhyme with 'ee', groups with prefix 'un-'...

'Double l'

fall allsorts
hollow calling

Prefix un-

untie undo
until untidy

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Spelling Card 2

Phoneme Spotter

Choose a sound or rule you are learning to use (for example /ai/). Read a page in a book or text, and find examples of that sound being used. Example:

Train - ai	Away - ay	Take - a-e
Rain - ai	Play - ay	Great - ea
Made - a-e	Came - a-e	They - ey

/ai/:

made, away, take, train, they, great, came

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Spelling Card 3

Poster Pointers

Create a simple poster that explains a spelling rule you have learnt.

- What are the rules?
- Give some examples.
- Can you give an exercise for someone to complete?



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Spelling Card 4

Pizza Man

Just like Hangman but with pizza. Needs 2 players. Draw a 6 or 8 piece pizza. Write the underlines of each letter in a word (_ _ _ _). Your partner has to guess a letter in the word. If they get it right, add the letter (_ a _ _), but if they get it wrong, remove one piece of the pizza.





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Spelling Card 5

Syllable Break (Syll - a - ble)

Break your words into sounds. Learn to spell each sound before putting it back together again.

difficult –> diff - i - cult –> difficult

pineapple –> pine - a - pple –> pineapple

tremendously –> tre - men - dous - ly –> tremendously

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Spelling Card 6

Syllable Sort

Put your words into groups depending on how many syllables there are:

1 Syllable

back game

fly climb

2 Syllables

work-ing

up-set fol-low

3 Syllables

fan-tast-ic

in-ter-est

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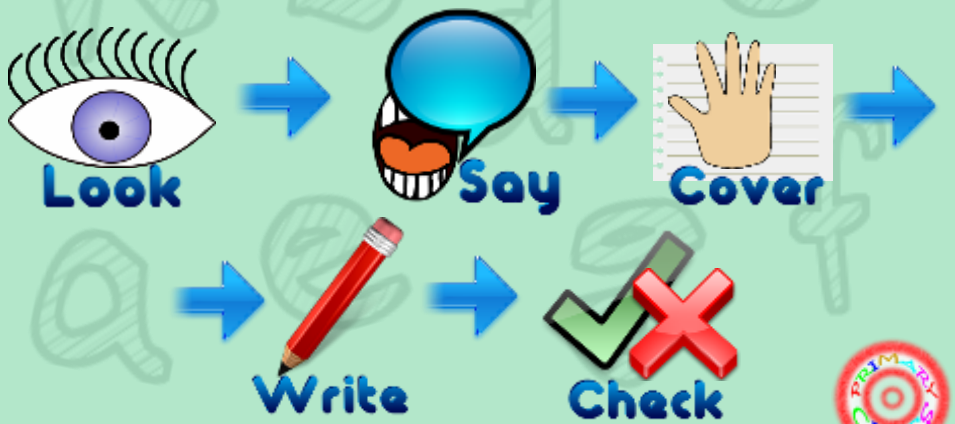
Spelling Card 7

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

A common way for you to test yourself.



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Spelling Card 8

Definitions Game

You need at least two people for this. Describe the meaning of one word from a list or group. One other person has to spell the answer correctly in order to score a point.



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Spelling Card 9

Syllable Game

From a hidden list, or from a pack of cards, one child says a word.

1 point: Another person has to say how many syllables there are for one point.

3 points: They get 3 points for courting the correct number of syllables and spelling it correctly too.

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Spelling Card 10

Invent a Word

Using spelling rules you already know, make up a new word, then explain why it is spelt correctly.

For example: disopple

"This word is spelt correctly as the prefix dis does not change the spelling of the base word op. It is double p because the o is a short vowel, and you need double letters when you add le to the end of a word."

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Spelling Card 11

Base word Bonanza!

Use a base word, and think of how many other words you can make by adding prefixes or suffixes.



Other words you can try:

help, agree, trust, kind, like, comfort

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Spelling Card 12

Words in Words

Find words that you can spell within longer words.

For example:



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Spelling Card 13

Rhyming Challenge

Choose a word.

Think of as many rhymes as you can in 1 minute.

Score a point for each correctly spelt word.

Get an extra point for a word that has a different spelling.

Play against a friend or yourself.

For example:

Light: bite (2), sight (1), kite (2), flight (1), right (1), height (2)

(total: 9 points)

Suggested words: train, blue, nine, book

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Spelling Card 14

Say what you See

Some words do not sound as they are written. Learn to spell them by reading them as they are written. Say words as they might sound.

For example:

chocolate: choc o late ("Chok - oh - late")

handicap: hand i cap ("hand - ee - cap")

Recipe: re ci pe ("reh - si - pee")

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Spelling Card 15

Highlighting

Highlight or underline the difficult part of the word.

miniature

calendar

lightning

acceptable

separate

column

fiery

grateful

misspell

definite

embarrass

possession

receipt

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Spelling Card 16

Mnemonics

Make a sentence out of each letter of a word.

big	rhythm	people	only
elephants	helps	eat	cats
can	your	orange	eyes
always	two	peal	are
use	hips	like	narrow
small	move	elephants	
elephants			

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Spelling Card 17

Different Styles

Write the word in different ways (colour, pen, pencil, backwards, top to bottom, big, small...)

extraordinary

yranidroartxe

extraordinary

extraordinary

extraordinary

extraordinary

extraordinary

e-x-t-r-a-o-r-d-i-n-a-r-y

ex-tra-ord-in-ar-y

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Spelling Card 18

LOUD not silent

For words with silent or soft letters, say them **loud**.

sCissors

Knife

weDnesday

ansWer

busIness

musCle

forEhead

Write

iSland

climB

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Spelling Card 19

Sound it Out

This helps with most simpler words.

Break the words into phonemes.

h-a-t

b-r-igh-t

g-r-ea-t

t-e-l-e-ph-o-n-e

sh-e-ll

w-a-ll

th-i-nk

ch-e-s-t

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Spelling Card 20

Word Detective

Give a partner clues to a word. For example:

How many letters? 6

How many ascenders/descenders? 1 ascender, 1 descender.

Number of vowels? 2

A spelling rule? Uses –ey at the end

Number of syllables? 2

Number of phonemes? 5

First letter? m

monkey

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Spelling Card 21

Pyramids

Build up your word to make a pyramid, adding a letter each time.

b	a	s
br	al	sh
bri	alt	sho
brig	alth	shou
brigh	altho	shoul
bright	althou	should
brighte	althoug	
brightes	although	
brightest		

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Spelling Card 22

Word Cities

Draw the shapes of your words including ascenders and descenders.

bring → bring → □□□□

rhythm → rhythm → □□□□□□

slight → slight → □□□□□

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Spelling Card 23

Colourful Vowels

Write out your words whilst colouring all the vowels (a,e,i,o,u)

significant

manager

vegetable

skeleton

factual

bouquet

cabbage

strange

friend

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Spelling Card 24

Right to Write

Not sure on a spelling? Write out two or three different possible ways of spelling it, then look at them all to see which looks right. Which of these looks correct?

looked, lookt	friends, freinds	desided, decided
intresting, interesting	sed, said	untill, until
tried, tryed	something, somethink	when, wen
surprise, suprise	becose, because	wonce, once

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monkey