

### Ideas to practise spellings

- Children can learn to spell some words by sounding out each letter. Short, simple words are best to learn in the beginning. Encourage your children to write stories and to spell words using the sounds the letters make.
- Make a puzzle word by writing a word on paper and cutting the letters apart. Magnetic and felt letters can also be used for this activity. Mix the letters and have your children spell the word by putting the letters in order.
- Say a word and have your children repeat the word. Then have them write the letters that match the sounds in the word.
- Point out that some words are similar. Talk about how *hop* is similar to *top*, *cop*, and *mop*. Ask your children to say words that are similar to *fun*, *man*, *pay*, and *pin*.
- Ask your children to draw a picture of a family activity. Have them write a sentence about it below the picture. Encourage your children to say the sentence and write letters to match the sounds in each word. Then have them read what they wrote.
- Have your children cut a picture from an old magazine and write a story about the picture.
- Tell your children a story and have them write their own ending for it.
- Have your children write letters and thank-you notes to friends and relatives.
- As your children progress, help them learn the correct spelling of the words they write.

### Spelling linked websites

[www.spellzone.com](http://www.spellzone.com) - there is a free trial that you can sign up for, but there are also lots of things that are available for free. It can take a little time to work out how to access these but they are worth it if you do.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcgv39q> - KS1 spelling activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb> - KS2 spelling activities

[www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) - free trial available

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-spelling/> - lots of tips and activities

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - if you enter English, Spellings and the age group in the search engine you will find lots of spelling games and activities

[www.primaryspellingonline.co.uk](http://www.primaryspellingonline.co.uk) - free to register and it will give you spellings to work on for your year group