



Top 10 Tips

Improve your child's spelling

Spelling is a difficult task to master; most children can read long before they are spelling well.

Here are our top ten tips to help your child to spell:

1. Encourage your child to read. The more they read, the more they will soak up how words are spelt.
2. Put your child in charge of writing up lists – shopping, birthdays etc. and dictate to them how to spell words, including explanations of the spelling rules (I before e except after c etc.).
3. Play word games with your child, for example: Hangman, Scrabble, Bananagrams, Pairs in Pears and Boggle.
4. Keep a range of different reading materials in the family home – magazines, books and newspapers. You will be surprised what words they will pick up just from glancing at these.
5. Print out word searches, crosswords and other word-related activities from the internet which are based on your child's interests or play word games online.
<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/puzzles>
<https://howtospell.co.uk/spellingquiz.php>
6. Take part in the Copleston High School Spelling Programme which is found on our website.
7. Encourage your child to use a dictionary if they are unsure of how to spell a word.
8. Ask your child to check their own spellings and try not to dishearten them too much if they have spelt words wrong as they may get frustrated and discouraged from writing all together.
9. Encourage your child to use 'spellcheck' and make sure they double check to ensure the computer has found the correct word they are looking for.
10. Ask your child to leave you notes or letters to remind you of tasks they would like you to do for them.