

Activity Ideas for teaching spellings



LANGUAGE
(Linguistic)

Write down words and look up their meanings and histories.

Discover how to change a word to mean the opposite.

Spell out loud.



SPATIAL

Write words vertically.

Write words so their shape makes a picture of the word.

Break words into syllables and write each syllable in a different color.



**LOGIC/
MATH**

To see the connections between words, build word families.

Teach those spelling rules which are the most consistent.

Practice prefixes and suffixes in pattern exercise.

Analyze your writing for errors.



**BODY
MOVEMENT**
(Kinesthetic)

Use the computer or typewriter--change the type often.

Use stencils to write words.

Trace letters in the air with an extended arm or a flashlight.

Mark up words or text to show stress or spelling patterns.



MUSICAL

Use familiar tunes to memorize the letters to a word.

Use rhymes to remember words, "I'm a friend to the end" or "Miss-iss-ippi."



SOCIAL (Interpersonal)

Play spelling games. One person starts with a letter, the other adds one until a word is made. The last person to add a letter wins.

Play Scrabble.



SELF (Intrapersonal)

Picture a word in your head. What color is it? Spell it backwards. How many letters are in it?

Make a list of words that are personally important to you. Arrange them by categories or spelling patterns.



NATURE (Naturalist)

Take urban walks and try to spot spelling words as you walk around.

Practice prefixes and suffixes in pattern exercise.

Investigate roots of words and see how many words you can find that are based on the same root.