

- **Spelling Word Memory:** Create a double set of word cards and play a game of Spelling Word Memory by spreading out the cards face down and then taking turns flipping two cards at a time to find a pair!
- **Flip 4 Steps:** In just 4 steps, your child can practice reading, spelling, and writing his words. Flip over a word card, look at the word, say it out loud, say the letters, then flip it back over, and write the word on paper.
- **Trace, Copy, Recall:** Fold three columns on a piece of paper, and label one column 'trace', the next 'copy' and the last 'recall'. Write the word in the first column, and have your child trace the letters. Next have them copy the word by looking at what they have just written. Finally, have them fold (and hide) the first two columns and recall the spelling on their own as they write the word independently.
- **Spelling Word Race:** Create two teams, with a player from each team taking the 'pen' at a time. Teacher (or parent) calls out a word from the list, and players race to write the word.
- **Spelling Puzzle:** Make a home-made puzzle by writing each word in large letters on an index card and then having the child cut each card apart. The fun is in putting the puzzle back together!
- **Word Train:** Use the letters to have your child create a 'word train' by using the last letter of the first word to begin the second word and so on: cat / tap / pan
- **Spell and Eat:** While making breakfast, lunch, or dinner, have your child spell a word, and after each word is spelled correctly, reward her with a small, healthy "treat" from your meal prep.
- **Examine the Word:** Really *look* at the words, talking about the tough parts and analyzing patterns. Make up silly ways of remembering the 'tough' parts: 'president' has an 'l' in the middle because one day I'll be president, OR 'setting' has two t's in the middle just like two tall trees in a fairyland forest.
- **Word Scramble:** Scramble up the letters of each word and have student put them in the correct order. (Don't forget to point out patterns and families!)

- **Stairsteps:** Write the words as if they are stairs, adding one letter at a time.

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- **Noughts and Crosses:** There are a ton of cool ways to play with this old game! Create a larger-sized board and play noughts and crosses where each player uses a spelling word. OR, have each player use an 'X' or 'O' but in order to place a mark on the board, they have to spell a word correctly.
- **Window Writing:** All you need is special window-safe crayons to use, and Window-Writing makes learning spelling words totally crazy and so much fun!
- **WORDO!** Kind of like Bingo but with letters, words, or numbers! (Or just stick with a **build-your-own bingo**— but doesn't WORDO! sound more fun?)
- **Flip and Rainbow Write:** Flip a word card and have your child go through the rainbow, painting or writing each word flipped in rainbow colors. Make the first word red, second orange, third yellow, etc. OR write each letter in a colour of the rainbow.

- **Water Paint:** Use water and a paintbrush to water paint the spelling words. On a hot, sunny day, words disappear quickly—so spellers have to move fast!
- **Type it Out:** Open up a Word document and have your child type the spelling words on the screen as you call them out. Enlarge the font, make it a cool colour.
- **Spell on Tape:** Have your child spell the words into a tape recorder or using the voice recorder on your phone or computer.
- **Video Record:** Pull out the old video camera or flip cam and take a video of your child spelling the words. Have them put on a funny hat, dress-up, or use a silly prop to add to the fun.
- **Karaoke:** That karaoke machine can double as a super-fun spelling machine if you turn it on and allow your child to spell her words into it!
- **Chalkboard Race:** Form two teams, with one player from each team holding a piece of chalk and standing at a designated spot about 10 feet from a chalkboard. Teacher calls out a word, and players run to the board and write the word correctly as quickly as possible. The winner finishes the word first and spells it correctly.
- **Spelling Word Hunt:** Look for those spelling list words in the newspaper or in another book, magazine, or text! Circle them or use a highlighter to highlight them.
- **Scrabble, Boggle:** Use these cool game pieces to 'build' spelling words on the on a cookie tray, on the table, or on the floor.
- **Crazy Words:** Put something 'crazy' (like jell-o mix, shaving cream, sand, or rice) on a cookie sheet, and have your child use his finger to 'write' spelling words on the tray.
- **Paint bag Writing:** Put poster paint in a gallon-sized ziplock bag and seal it tightly! Then have your child use her fingertip to write the letters of each word on the paint bag.
- **Stamp It:** Use alphabet letter stamps to 'stamp' the spelling words, first by looking at the words and then on your own!