Ways to learn spellings

* Look, cover, write and check
* Find words within the word (there's a 'hen' in 'when'!)
* Break the word up into sounds (th-a-nk)
* Break the word up into syllables (Fri + day)
* Make up a silly sentence/ mnemonic using the letters (big elephants cause accidents under small elephants spells 'because')
* Find a word that rhymes with it: is the spelling the same?

***Writing & Fine Motor Practice*** - you can do the old stand-by and write your words on a piece of paper, maybe even the dreaded 5x each or you can.......

1. **Play Dough Words** - use play dough to form letters to spell out each word.

2. **Pipe Cleaner Words** - use pipe cleaners and bend and form to make letters used to write out the words.

3. **Yarn Words** - supply some yarn and scissors and let kids snip and create letters to spell out the words.

4. **Stamp It!** - use alphabet stamps and ink pads to stamp out words or let child use fingerprints to write words if you don't have letter stamps.

5. **Paint It!** - use a paintbrush and paint to spell words.

6. **Type It!** - let them type their spelling words on the computer/ipad/laptop.

7.  **Rainbow Words** - spell words using different colored markers or crayons for each sound.

8. **Salt/Sand/Flour Tray** - spell words using finger or paintbrush (great sensory experience too).

9. **Trace** - have fun and let kids trace their words on your back or palm. Have them focus on properly forming each letter so you can feel it being drawn.

10.  **Outside Chalk** (or **Paint)** - go outside and spell your words using big chalk. Just taking the spelling practice outside makes it more fun for kids.

11. **Shaving Cream** - This is another fun sensory experience. Make a thin layer of shaving cream on a tray and use a paintbrush or better yet a fingertip to spell out the words. Have some napkins on hand
12. **Trace in the Air** - watch as children trace the letters in the air to spell each word.

13. **Alphabet Blocks** - use ABC blocks to spell words

14. **Letter Tiles** - spell words using letter tiles

15. **Build a Word with Legos** - using some tape write the letters needed for each word ahead of time on some legos. Mix them up and then call out a word and have child(ren) build it using the appropriate legos and you will end up with some spelling word towers. Now that's a fun way to spell.

16. **Crayon Bits** - use your broken crayons to make letters and spell the target words.

17. **Magnet Letters** - Take a cookie sheet or head for the fridge, add some magnetic letters and spell out the words.

18. **Glue & Glitter** - Write out spelling words in glue and sprinkle some glitter on top. Glitter makes everything fun, doesn't it?

19. **Hidden Spelling Words** - on a white piece of paper let your child write out the spelling words using a white crayon. Once all words have been written use watercolors and paint to make hidden words appear.

20. **Paint (or Hair Gel) Bags** - Pour paint into a ziplock freezer bag and seal. Use fingertips to write words on bag. To erase, simply squish bag and you are ready for the next word.

21. **Alpha-Bit Spelling** - Use Alpha-Bit cereal, alphabet pasta or even alphabet cookies to spell words - this can even double as a snack when done reviewing if you use the cereal or cookies.

22. **Print Words** - Use newspaper or magazine print to cut out fun letters. Have child make words using clipped letters.

23. **Alphabet Cookie Cutters** - use ABC cookie cutters to make words. For extra fun, go ahead and make some word cookies.

24. **Window Writing** - use Crayola Window Markers and write words on windows or sliding glass doors. They wash off easily and writing on windows or doors is so much more fun than boring old paper.

25. **Flashlight Words** - set up an Alphabet chart, turn out the lights and use a flashlight to shine on each letter (one letter at a time) to spell words.

26. **Craft Stick Spelling** - write the necessary letters on craft sticks, mix them up and have child build words using the appropriate sticks.

27. **Shower Spelling** - Yes, more spelling fun in the tub. This time spread some shaving cream on your shower door or tiled wall over the tub and let your child(ren) finger write words.

28. **Penny or Coin Spelling** - use pennies or other small coins to make letters and spell out words.

***Oral Practice*** - sure you can just practice spelling your words out loud but wouldn't it be more fun to........

29. **Sing** - Use whatever song or beat you like but a simple B-I-N-G-O like song & some clapping works wonders especially on that first day of practicing words. It really helps kids begin to remember those words.

30. **Rap** - Yes rap! This is so much fun and a great way to - S to the P to the E to the Double L, spells SPELL! Let them have fun with it and get creative.

31. **Partner Spell** - take turns adding a letter to spell each word. For example, for the word FUN - child starts by saying the letter F, parents adds letter U and child then completes word by adding the letter N. This requires focus and listening.

32. **Record** - use a tape recorder to record child(ren) orally spelling words.

33. **Make a Video** - use the household video camera or even your phone to take some quick video of your child spelling the target words.

***Gross Motor Practice*** - we like to make spelling practice fun by getting active while practicing our words.

34. **Jump Rope** while orally spelling the words.

35. **Hula Hoop** and spell words out loud.

36. **Hopscotch Spelling** - Write letters outside in chalk or play indoors with large letter cards on floor. Hop from letter to letter to spell words.

37. **Swat & Spell** - put letter cards on the floor and using a flyswatter, swat the letters in the order necessary to spell words.

38. **Hop & Spell** - hop on one foot as you spell words, this is a great exercise in balance especially with longer words.

***Games and Online Fun*** - you can use flashcards or you can take your spelling practice to a whole new level by playing games and even having some online fun.

39. Have child spell and write 2 sets of words onto flashcards and then play a **Memory Game** with them.

40. **Which is Correct?** Write words on dry erase board and include misspelled words. Have child identify the correctly spelled words.

41. **Wordsearch** - you can visit sites like [**PuzzleMaker**](http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker/), plug in your child's spelling list and create a word search that you can print. Then have your child search for the correctly spelled spelling words and circle them.

42. **Mystery Letters** - write words with missing letters. Child must figure out which mystery letters are missing in order to complete words .

43. **Unscramble** - use magnet letters or letter tiles for each word, scramble them up and have child put letters in correct order to spell words.

I hope you are able to get some new ideas from this list

& make spelling ***fun*** rather than tedious and boring!