

Spelling ideas

1. Kim's game – 5 spellings, remove 1, spell that word
2. Write 3 versions of spellings of the same word on the word. Write down the correct one. Reveal the correct spelling.
3. Have a list of words – make them from letter tiles – scrabble tiles, milk bottle tops, ping pong balls, multilink, pegs,
4. Espresso games under English KS1 and KS2
5. Other online sites such as www.educationquizzes.com or Spell zone
6. Show a word on the board, letters scattered across the board. Say the word. Children spell the word. Ask a child to assemble the word correctly.
7. Sorting games: correct/incorrect/made up/real/spelling patterns – in small groups. Words on card.
8. Word hunt. Hide words around the room. LPs have to find one word from each spelling pattern or category. Write a sentence for each word.
9. Have HFW in a special bag on lolly sticks. Ask a child to pick one out and read it. Everyone else has to write it down.
10. Role play: children to act out a word from a list. Other children write down what they think it is.
11. Children act out a word before and after prefix is added e.g happy, unhappy, type, retype, correct/incorrect
12. Dice with spelling pattern or suffix/prefix: a child rolls dice. All children have to write a word with it in or say a sentence with one in.
13. Best bet: have 2 or 3 spelling patterns or suffixes, prefixes or exceptions: write it on separate card. Give the cards to different children or pin up on the board. Say a word. All the other children write the spelling pattern down and hold up board. Tell the children who is right. All children to write the word. The children with the card can write theirs on the card they have been given. Repeat.
14. Family Fortunes: have a list of 5 words you have been working on covered up on a board. Remind the children which words we have been working on. Children to write down a word they think might be on the board. Hold up boards. Pick a child. If they have guessed a correct word, reveal it. If not carry on. Set a time limit. Game ends when children have guessed all the words or the timer has run out.
15. Crocodile river: Give children a HFW. They have to write each letter on separate pieces of paper/card and place it on the river to form stepping stones. If correct, they are safe. If not, the stones collapse and they end up in the crocodile river. (They have to use their imagination here but props add to the effect!)
16. Missing Letters Spelling game. Give the children a list of words. Child 1 chooses a word from the list, keeping it a secret from child 2. Ch 1 counts up the letters and draws the exact number of letter spaces on a w/b like in Hangman. Ch 2 rolls the

dice. Ch 1 then has to reveal that number of letters. Ch 2 has to fill in the remaining missing letters.

17. Write out spelling words in alphabetical order.
18. Write a story using all of the spelling words. Underline them.
19. Write silly sentences with a spelling word e.g My cat wears a yellow hat when she goes dancing.
20. Spelling board game. Roll a dice and land on a square. If you land on a 'word card' square, pick a word card. Do what it says on the card. E.g write a word, find the missing letters, put the word 'children' into a sentence, answer a question e.g What word explains what I do if my typing is wrong? (Retype) which word is correct – write the correct one down etc. The spelling board could be up on the board for whole class teaching or in groups (more resourcing).
21. Jigsaw – put the pieces together to make a word
22. Croaker – puppet reads a word he has spelt on the board. Is it spelt correctly? Write it down.
23. Fly swats – put correct and incorrect words on the board – children swat the correct answer
24. Bowling – put words on pins. Whatever words the children knock down they have to write in a sentence.
25. Hangman
26. Test each other – Spelling Buddies
27. Word searches – make your own
28. Countdown conundrum – put a jumbled up word on the board. Children have to unscramble the letters to find the real word (anagrams)
29. How many words can you make from a word e.g Manchester
30. Quickwrite words or HFW
31. A word ladder – write a word on the top and the bottom. Change one letter each time until you get the one at the bottom e.g goat, boar, soar, soak
32. A 3x3 grid with letters inside. How many words can you find. Use Boggle for older children
33. Football syllables. How many syllables in Manchester United?
34. Guess the letter. A child picks a letter and says the letter story. The other children have to write it. What letter is it?