

Help your child with spelling

Different media

Provide different media for children to write and make marks with e.g. paint and paintbrushes, chunky markers on large paper, chalk on the pavement or patio, dry-wipe markers on the mirror or using fingers in shaving foam, or custard. You could also encourage children to explore making marks on a computer or tablet device.

Flashcards

Have flashcards, letter tiles or similar items around for children to use to spell out words.

Make a copy

Children could copy out the spelling list in alphabetical order or from shortest to longest.

Grab a dictionary

Have a dictionary to hand for looking up unfamiliar words

Narrow it down

Narrow down long lists and focus on 4 to 5 at a time.

Get moving

Use physical activity - for each letter of the word get children to do a star jump, walk up or down a step, touch their toes etc.

Games

Make the list into a game - try playing hangman, making word searches or coming up with crosswords.

Shout out

Encourage your child to spell words out loud on long car journeys or when walking to school.

Encourage your child to read.

Good readers are often good spellers!