

Ways to Practice Your Spelling Words

Spelling homework will consist of the seven “smarts” choice activities. These activities will focus on your child’s individual strengths. There are seven multiple intelligences: Number/Logic smart, Body smart, People smart, Self smart, Picture smart, Word smart and Music smart. **Each week, 3 different activities from the seven different kinds of “smarts” should be chosen.** If you choose an activity that is not a written activity, you may have an adult sign off on the multiple intelligences circle on your spelling sheet to indicate completion of the activity. This booklet should be kept in your homework folder for the rest of the year.

Number /Logic Smart Activities

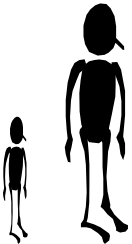
1. How much do your spelling words cost?

- Write each spelling word.
- Using the cost for the letters, add up the cost of all the letters in the word. Write the price after each word. Example: run = 25 cents
- Vowels a, e, i, o, u 5 cents
- Consonants b, c, d, f, g... 10 cents
- Put a star by the spelling word that costs the most.



2. Shortest to longest

- Find the shortest word on your spelling list. Write it first, then the next shortest and the next shortest until you come to the longest spelling word.
- Write the number of letters each word has after each word.
man=3
home=4



3. Alphabetical order

- List your spelling words in alphabetical order by the first, second and third letters. For example: “ball” comes before “bar” but “batter” comes after “bar”
- Look at the alphabet to help you keep your words in order.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Reverse alphabetical order

- Write your words in reverse alphabetical order.

5. Vowel and consonant search

- Write each spelling word neatly.
- Circle each vowel and underline each consonant.
- Put a star by the word or words with the most vowels.
- Put a happy face next to the words with the most consonants.



6. Math spelling

- Write and solve five math word problems using at least one spelling word in each.

7. Sentence Spelling

- Write sentences using the letters in each word.
- Example: tree = Tom really enjoys eggs.

Body Smart Activities

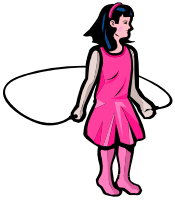
1. Words of clay

- Take out a piece of paper for your table or desk.
- Using clay or dough make each spelling word with your clay.
- Have someone check your work.



2. Popcorn jump

- Spell your spelling words out loud while jumping rope or just jumping.
- Each time you jump say a letter or each time you jump say a vowel.



3. Skill spelling

- Write your spelling words using the hand you normally don't write with.

Word Smart Activities

1. Write a letter

- Write a letter to someone using all of your spelling words.
- Be sure to include: date, greeting, body, closure, and signature.



2. Spelling story

- Write a story using all of your spelling words.
- Try to make it as interesting and exciting as you can. You may have to have some silly sentences in order to use all of your words.
- Underline your spelling words in the story.

3. Quadruple time

- Write each word from the list 4 times each.



4. Word search puzzle

- Get a sheet of graph paper with squares on it.
- Write the words from your list on the squares. Place one letter in each square.
- The words may be spelled down, across or obliquely.
- Surround them with other random letters.
- Solve your puzzle later in the week.

5. Poetry

- Write a poem using your spelling words.
- Underline the spelling words.
- Make a list of words that won't fit into the poem.

6. Spelling Steps

- Write each of your spelling words using the step method
- m
- mo
- mos
- most

7. Flash cards

- Make a set of flash cards for your spelling list.
- Use the cards to study your words.

8. Hard Words

- Write the five hardest words on your list ten times each.

9. Syllables

- Divide each spelling word according to its syllables.
- Use a dot to represent each syllable break.

People Smart Activities

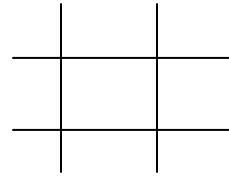


1. Back Tracing

- Put your spelling list where you can see it.
- Ask a partner to stand or sit with his/her back to you.
- With your finger write the word on your partner's back.
- Have your partner guess the word you wrote.

2. Tic-Tac-Toe

- Choose someone to play tic-tac-toe with you.
- Each of you must use a different color pencil or pen.
- Make a tic-tac-toe double cross form.
- Taking turns, say and write a spelling word for each of the squares.
- The first person to have all of his/her words in a line wins.
- Continue the game until each of you has written all the spelling words (7 games).



Music Smart Activities



1. Song writing

- Write a song to a favorite tune using as many of your spelling words as possible.
- Make a list of any words that won't fit into your song.

2. Jump rope chant

- Write a chant using your spelling words that you can sing while you jump rope.
- Practice your chant.

3. Spelling cheer

- Use your spelling words to make up cheers. For example: "s u c c e s s that's the way to spell success"



Self Smart Activities

1. Tape your spelling

- Say your spelling words into a tape recorder. Spell it and then say it again.
- Do this for each word.
- Check yourself by listening to see if you spelled each word right.



2. Concentration

- Make square cards with paper.
- Print each of your spelling words on two cards. There should be two cards for each word.
- Spread the cards face down in rows on the floor or table.
- Take turns turning over two cards. If you have a pair of matching cards keep them turned face up in a pile in front of you.
- If you don't turn up a pair, turn the cards face down again in that same spot.
- The game continues until all the cards have been made into pairs.

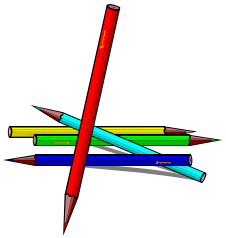


Picture Smart Activities



1. Hidden words

- Draw a picture with several objects in it.
- Find ways to write all of your spelling words in the picture so that they are hidden.



2. Collage

- Cut the spelling words out of magazines or newspapers and make a collection of words and pictures.

3. Picture book

- Write each word and draw a picture to illustrate the meaning of the word.

4. Cartoon strip

- Draw a cartoon strip.
- Use your spelling words, along with other words, to make the cartoon talk in balloons of the comic strip.
- If there are words you cannot use, write them in a list on your paper.

