



Headlands Primary School

Strategies for learning spellings at home



In **year 1**, children start to learn more about the different ways of spelling familiar letter sounds that they learned during their Reception year. In addition, they learn more '**common exception words**' (words that don't follow the usual rules but are used regularly). Teachers often find that getting children to learn spellings is one thing, but then getting them to use them in their everyday writing is another. One of the methods which works well is '**Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check**' - as the title suggests, children are encouraged to look at the word, say it out loud, cover it up, have a go at writing it and then check if it is correct. Having two or three tries means they can correct any errors.



Word	1st try	2nd try	3rd try

Copies of our 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' sheet to take home are available from the class teachers.



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There are many other ways to learn spellings at home. Why don't you try some of the following.

Above all.. Make it fun!

Keep Copying

Write your words out three times each. Use different colours if you want to.

spelling

spelling

spelling

Make the Headlines

Cut letters out of newspapers or magazines and stick them onto paper to make the words in your list.



Build a Pyramid

Make a pyramid using the letters in your words.

w

wo

wor

word

words



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Create with Colour

Write your words with each letter in a different colour, or write them with all the vowels in blue and all the consonants in red.

spelling
spelling

Capital Idea

Write your words three times, each in capital letters.

SPELLING
SPELLING
SPELLING

Learn Your ABC

Write your words in alphabetical order, then rewrite them in order of the second letter, third letter and so on.

my
words
spelling
spelling
words
my

Take a Test

Ask someone at home to test you by reading each word as you write it down. To make it more of a challenge, set a time limit, for example 20 seconds per word.

1. my
2. spelling
3. words

Picture This

Include each of your words in a funny picture that makes you think of the word.



Build a Sentence

Write each of your words in a sentence. See if you can build your sentences into a story.

One day a huge spelling monster came to my town and ate all the words!