

## **50 Ways to Practice Your Spelling Words**

1. Vowel - Type or write your spelling list on the computer. Write each vowel in a different color.
2. Sentences - Use each spelling word in a sentence. Challenge yourself by using more than one spelling word in a sentence.
3. Double Writing - Hold two different colored markers or crayons in your hand. Write your words in your best handwriting.
4. ABC Order - Write your spelling words in ABC order.
5. Word Search - Make a word search. Don't forget to highlight your words.
6. Letter - Use your spelling words in a letter to a friend. Don't forget to underline them!
7. Flashcards - Make flashcards to help you study.
8. Challenge - Give a family member a spelling challenge with your words, and you correct it!
9. Silly Sentence - Use each letter in a spelling word to begin a word and create a silly sentence. Example: that - Tom had a top.

10. Chalk - Use sidewalk chalk to write your words out on your driveway or sidewalk.

11. Poem - Create a poem using your spelling words. Don't forget to underline your spelling words.

12. Shaving Cream - Spread a handful of shaving cream on an easy to clean surface, like a counter top, and practice writing your spelling words in the shaving cream. Don't forget to clean up when you're finished!

13. Spelling Aerobics - Stand and cheer each letter of a word. If the letter is a sky letter, raise your arms and say the letter. If the letter is a plane letter, stretch your arms in front of you and cheer that letter. If the letter is a grass letter, put your arms out to the sides, and if the letter is a dirt (or worm) letter, touch your toes and say the letter.

14. Value - Figure out the value of each word (vowels are equal to \$.10 and consonants are equal to \$.05).

15. Spelling Pyramids - Make a spelling pyramid for each of your spelling words.

Example: T

TH

THA

THAT

16. Finding Sentences - Find sentences in books that use your spelling words. Write the sentence and underline the word!

17. Fonts and Colors - Write your words on the computer using different fonts and colors for each word.

18. Cut Words - Find your words in magazines or newspapers. Cut them out and create a collage. (Heads up: this takes longer than you think it will!)

19. Spelling Memory Game - Write two sets of spelling words on index cards. Shuffle and spread face down. Find the matching words.

20. On-line Puzzles - Go to <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/index.html> and use your spelling words to create and solve a puzzle of your choice.

21. Alphabet Math - Each letter in the alphabet corresponds to a number (a=1, b=2, c=3, etc.). Add up each spelling word. Example: sat = 19+1+20=40.

22. Pop-Up Words - Sit in a crouched position and spell your word out loud. Each time you say a vowel jump up.

23. Syllables - Divide each word into syllables.

24. Reversed Words - Write your words in ABC order, backwards!

25. Rainbow Words - Write each of your words in three colors.

26. Backwards Words - Write your words forwards, then backwards.
27. Picture Words - Draw a picture and then write (or hide) your words in the picture.
28. Words-in-Words - Write your words and then write at least 2 words made from the letters in each.
29. Story Words - Write a short story using all of your words.
30. Etch-A-Word - Use an Etch-A-Sketch to write your words.
31. Telephone Words - Translate your words into numbers from a telephone keypad.
32. Sound Words - Use a tape recorder and record your words and their spelling. Then listen to your tape, checking to see that you spelled all the words correctly.
33. Pasta/Cereal/Cookie Words - Write your words by arranging alphabet pasta, Alphabits Cereal or Trader Joe's Alphabet Cookies. When you're finished, you can eat your words!
34. 3D Words - Use modeling clay or Model Magic, rolled thinly, to make your words.

35. Words without Vowels - Write your words replacing all vowels with a smiley face or star or other symbol.

36. Words without Consonants - Write your words replacing all consonants with a line or star or other symbol.

37. X Words - Write two of your spelling words that have one common letter so they crisscross.

38. Other Handed - If you are right-handed, write your spelling words with your left hand, and vice versa.

39. Dice Spelling - Grab a die and roll it. Write your spelling word that many times with a crayon/marker in rainbow color order (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).

40. Email - Type all your spelling words on the computer and send them to a friend (or your teacher).

41. Spelling Baseball - Draw four bases on a piece of paper or set up four chairs to be the bases. Pitcher selects a word. If the batter can spell it correctly, he moves forward one base. If the batter cannot spell the word, s/he remains where s/he is. Players receive a point every time they pass home plate.

42. Hangman - Play "Hangman" with your spelling words. Can you beat an older sibling or a grown-up?

43. Riddle - Write a riddle for each word.

44. Vowel Highlights - Write your words, highlighting every vowel in a different color.

45. Crayon Resist - Write your words in white crayon on white paper. Then paint over the entire paper with watercolor paints to “reveal” your words.

46. Scrabble - Use Scrabble tiles to spell your words.

47. Family Challenge - Give a family member a spelling challenge with your words...then you're in charge of “correcting” it!

48. Spellingcity.com - Use the games on this website to practice your words.

49. Back Tracing - Have someone in your family trace the letters of your words onto your back, and try to figure out what each word is, then switch places!

50. Create Your Own - Be creative! Think of your own way to practice your words!