

72 Ways to Practice Spelling Words

1. ***30 Second Words-** Write a TV commercial using all your spelling words. Read it to a parent or sibling!
2. ***3-D Words-** Use Play Dough or clay to sculpt your spelling words.
3. ***ABC Order-** First write your spelling words in a list. Then write them again in alphabetical order. Finally, write them in reverse alphabetical order.
4. ***Across and Down Words-** Write each of your spelling words across and then down. See the example below.
Example: teach e a c h
5. ***Acrostic Poem-** Choose one of your spelling words. Write an acrostic poem for that word. You must also illustrate your poem. *Example: fly Fun in the sky Laps around clouds Yes! I'm free!*
6. ***Adding My Words-** Each letter has a value. Consonants are worth 10 and vowels are worth 5. Write your spelling words. Then add up the value of each spelling word. *Examples: said 10+5+5+10 = 30 there 10+10+5+10+5 = 40*
7. ***Air Write-** Write your spelling words in the air using your finger. Have a partner read your words as you write them OR a parent can "air write" your words and your job is to read the words.
8. ***Back Writing-** Use your finger to spell out each of your spelling words, one letter at a time, on your mom or dad's back. Then it's YOUR turn to FEEL and spell.
9. ***Backwards Words-** Write your spelling words forwards. Then write them a second time backwards.
10. ***Blue Vowels-** Write each of your spelling words. Using a blue colored pencil, trace over the vowels in each word. Remember the vowels are: a e i o u
11. ***Bubble Letters-** Write each of your spelling words in bubble letters. After you finish, color your words with crayon or colored pencils.
12. ***Buzzing Bees-** Draw and color an outdoor picture. Count your spelling words. Draw a bee for each of your spelling words. Then write the words inside each of the "spelling" bees. Write neatly!
13. ***Choo-choo Words-** Write the entire list end-to-end as one long word, using different colored crayons for each word.
14. ***Code Words-** Come up with a code for each letter of the alphabet. Write down your code. Then write your spelling words in code. You must write the actual spelling word next to the "code word." *Example: a= b= c=*
15. ***Colorful Words-** Write each of your spelling words. Write each letter using a different colored pencil.
16. ***Connect the Dots-** Write your spelling words in dots. Then connect the dots by tracing over them with a colored pencil. *Example: happy happy*
17. ***Consonant Circle-** Write each of your spelling words in a list. Then go back and circle all of the consonants in your words! Don't forget to write neatly!
18. ***Create an Activity-** Can you think of a really fun way to practice your spelling words? Then go for it! Be sure to explain your activity so that I can share it with the class!
19. ***Delicious Words-** Spray a small amount of whipped cream (or anything you can eat) on a plate and spread it out. Write your spelling words in the whipped cream and be sure to clean up afterwards... yummy!
20. ***Dots Game-** Make a square of 4 rows of dots with 4 dots in each row. Before taking a turn, the player must spell a spelling word correctly. If the word is correct, the player can connect two dots. When a player forms a square by connecting dots, he can write his initials in the box. The player with the most squares at the end of the game wins! *Example: ____ ____ ME*
21. ***Draw and Label-** Draw and label your spelling words. You must color your drawings. Don't forget to add lots of great detail!
22. ***Dusty Words-** Go outside to your sandbox and write your words in the sand.
23. ***Etch a Word-** Use an Etch-A-Sketch to write your spelling words. Read the words to a parent or sibling.
24. ***Fancy Letters-** Write your spelling words. Then write them again using *fancy* letters.
25. ***Flash Writing-** In a darkened room; use a flashlight to write your spelling words in the air. Have a partner read your words as you write them OR a parent can "flash write" your words and your job is to read the words.
26. ***Good, Clean Words-** Find a countertop or flat surface that can be cleaned easily. Spray a small amount of shaving cream and spread it out. Write your spelling words in the shaving cream and be sure to clean up afterwards!
27. ***Goofy Spelling Story-** Write a goofy spelling story using each of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your words as you use them. Illustrate and color your story!
28. ***Hidden Words-** Draw a picture and write your spelling words in the picture. Try to hide the words!
29. ***Hopscotch Words-** Make a hopscotch board on the sidewalk or driveway with chalk. Write letters instead of numbers. You get to HOP your words!
30. ***Letter Writing-** Write a friendly letter to a teacher or friend using each of your spelling words. Underline the spelling words that you use in your letter.
31. ***Magazine Words-** Use an old magazine and find your words (or the letters that make up your word). Cut it out and glue it on your paper.
32. ***Match-Up-** Write each of your words on two different index cards. Turn all the cards face down and mix them up. Lay out your cards in rows (like Concentration) and flip over two cards at a time. Read each card aloud to see if they match. Keep them if they do or flip over and try again.
33. ***Morse Code-** Use Morse Code to spell your words. It is a series of dots (1 count) and dashes (3 counts). Check out this site <http://www.morsecode.dutch.nl/alphabet.html> to see the international (NATO) Morse Code so you can practice!
34. ***Make Some Music-** Write a song or rap that includes your words! Share with a friend or family member.
35. ***Newsy Words-** Use old magazines, catalogs, or newspapers to cut out letters. Glue the letters down on a piece of paper to spell your words. **Helpful Hint:* Cut out lots of extra letters. Store them in a Ziploc bag for future use. This is a huge timesaver!
36. ***Other Handed-** If you are right handed, write your spelling words using your left hand. If you are left handed, write your spelling words using your right hand.
37. ***Pasta Words-** Arrange alphabet pasta or Alphabits cereal to form your spelling words. Glue onto a piece of paper.

64. ***Trace a Shape**- Draw a shape for each of your spelling words. Then trace each shape by writing your spelling words around them.
65. ***Trace Around**- Write each of your spelling words using a pencil. Then trace around each word with a crayon, colored pencil, or a marker.
66. ***Type 'Em**- Type your spelling words on the computer. Make each word have a different font. You can even email your words to me at stampkm@pwcs.edu
67. ***UPPER and lower**- Write your spelling words two times each. The first time, write each word in **UPPERCASE** letters. Write your words a second time in **lowercase** letters.
68. ***Vowel Circle**- Write each of your spelling words in a list. Then go back and circle all of the vowels in your words! Don't forget to write neatly!
69. ***Word Search**- Make a word search puzzle using your spelling words. Use the Discovery School's online Puzzle Maker <http://www.puzzlemaker.com>. Then find your words!
70. ***Words Within Words**- Write each spelling word and then write at least two words made from the same letters. *Example: slide side lie lid led etc*
71. ***Words Without Consonants**- Write your spelling words on a list, but replace all the consonants with a line. Then go back to the beginning of your list and see if you can fill in the correct missing consonants.
72. ***Words Without Vowels**- Write your spelling words on a list, but replace all the vowels with a line. Then go back to the beginning of your list and see if you can fill in the correct missing vowels.