Twelve crazy ways to practice spelling words

You might think that learning to spell words is boring. Think again! Using the word mats, choose ten words and try out these crazy different ways of learning how to spell them. Have fun!

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| Practise your spellings outside.  1. write on the ground using chalk  2. trace your chosen words in mud, on the grass, on the wall of your house, on your patio  3. using a stick, trace your words either on the ground, or in the air | Write your spellings using a variety of medium.  1. paint  2. felt tip  3. oil pastel  4. glitter  5. use your finger to trace the words | Create your own crossword puzzle using your chosen spellings.  There are free online tools like Discovery Education’s puzzlemaker program to help you make puzzles. All you have to do is type in the word list. |
| Write the words in rainbow colours.  This is a variation on the old ‘write your words ten times’ homework. Write each word over and over again to remember the order of the letters for each word. It makes a much prettier word list. | Build it!  Build your words using magnetic letters, alphabet blocks, or scrabble pieces. | Use Sensory Play.  Trace the words in shaving foam, sand, mud, bubbles in the bath, on a steamy shower wall/bathroom mirror or kitchen sink. |
| Make up a Spelling Word Song.  If you and your child are creative, you could create your own silly tune. For the less musically-inclined, try setting the words to the tune of ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ or another nursery rhyme song. | Play the ‘Add-A-Letter’ Game  One of you starts writing the spelling word on the paper by writing one letter. The next person adds the next letter. Continue until you have written the whole word. | Highlight the words in the newspaper.  Give your child a highlighter and a pile of newspapers, magazines, old books and help them to fond and highlight all the words in their list. |
| Play a What Letter Is Missing?’ Game.  Adults write the chosen words, but leave a blank space or two for key letters. Let your child put in the correct letters. This works particularly well to practice the vowel sounds. | Act them out.  Play charades with your child’s spelling list. You can do it a couple of ways-give your child the list of the words and have them guess which one you are acting out or put all the words in a bowl, and have them choose one and act it out. | Use different writing styles.  Use different writing styles to make your list of words really interesting to look at.  1. CAPITAL letters  2. tiny letters  3. huge letters  4. **bold** letters |