



How to support your child at home with learning high frequency spelling words

Spelling Levels	Essential Spelling Word Lists
Year 0-1 Early level 1	List 1 words with some List 2 words
Year 1-2 At level 1	List 1 words and List 2 words
Year 3 Early level 2	List 3 words, List 4 words and List 5 words
Year 4 Level 2	List 5 words and List 6 words
Year 5-6 Early level 3 - Level 3	List 7 words and Commonly Misspelt Words

Year 0 - 2

- Set goals with your child. Learning 3-5 words a week is a good place to start. Use a reward chart to motivate your child.
- Practice in short sessions. 2 short sessions (5-8mins) will be more productive than a long session.
- Use magnetic letters to make the words on the fridge.
- Say the letters in the word aloud, close eyes and visualise the order of the letters in the word/the whole word.
- Use physical body movements when spelling the words out aloud.
 - For example:
 - Clap while saying the letters in the word.
 - Hop while saying the letters in the word.
 - Nod or tap chin while saying the letters in the word.
- Use different materials to spell the words.
 - For example:
 - Felt pens, pencil, colour pencils, crayons or paint on paper.
 - Chalk on boards or footpath.
 - Trace the words in sand.
- Write a sentence for each of the spelling words being learnt.

Year 3 - 4

- Practice learning the spelling words in short sessions. 2 short sessions (5-8mins) will be more productive than a long session.
- Practise learning the spelling words using the guide **Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check**.
- The **Look, Cover, Say Write, Check** guide will help your child memorise spelling words.
- Write a sentence using the spelling words.
- Use different materials to spell the words.
 - For example:
 - Using paint or crayons on paper.
 - Chalk on boards or footpath.
 - Trace the words in sand.
- Use physical body movements while spelling the words out aloud.
 - For example:
 - Clapping the letters in the word.
 - Hopping while saying the letters in the word.



Years 5 - 6

Once learners can say and spell the 250 high frequency words they are well set up in both their writing and reading.

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- Practice learning the spelling words using the guide **Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check**.
- The **Look, Cover, Say Write Check** guide will help your child memorise spelling words.
- Write a sentence using the spelling words.
- Dictation: Read out the words in a sentence, get your child to listen to the sentence and write it down.