

Spelling activities

Stairsteps - spell the word in steps.

e.g: Happily could be written as:

h
ha
hap
happ
happi
happil
happily

Tic tac toe - Similar to noughts and crosses, but instead of just using a 0 or x, you need to use a spelling word spelt correctly in the space.

Puzzlemaker - <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>

Spelling word hunt - Use a reading book or other appropriate book, hunt for the weekly spelling words. This helps encourage the reading of more tricky words as well as recognising them in context.

Musical words - Use a favourite song or piece of music, try to spell out your spelling words to the beat of the track.

Roll a dice

- 1- Write the word backwards
- 2- Write the word in your favourite colour pencil
- 3- Write the word without any consonants
- 4- Write your word, one step at a time
- 5- Write the word in a criss-cross
- 6- Rewrite the word in 3 different jumbled orders

Spell-a-ma-doodle - Ask the child to draw a squiggle or doodle. Select a word that you are going to learn to spell. Write the word over and over again around the doodle.

Shout out loud

- Use one set of word cards.
- Spread the word cards out face down.
- Take it in turns to turn over one card at a time.
- The first person to shout the word out loud wins the card.
- Keep going until all the cards have been won.

You can play this with silly voices but before you turn over a card you have to decide what sort of voice you have to use to say the word e.g. whisper the word, say it like a gorilla, roar it like a lion, squeak it like a mouse. You could also play by calling out each letter as quickly as possible.

Useful websites

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/en19patt-gamewordsearch-ould>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/index.htm>

Times Table Games

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Break My Eggs (need a 12 egg carton and 2 counters)

1. Write numbers in the bottom of an empty egg carton linked to the times tables being learnt
2. Put two small objects in the egg carton. Shake and open. Then multiply the two numbers together.

Rock, Paper, Fingers

1. Two player stand facing each other with their hands behind their backs.
2. They say 'Rock, Paper, Fingers' and then present their hands with numbers shown by raised fingers (like in Rock, Paper, Scissors)
3. The players then need to multiply the number on their hands with their partner's number.
4. The first to say the answer wins a point and play continues.

Card Wars (need a pack of cards)

1. Each card number represents itself, Ace = 1, J = 11, Q = 12, K = 13.
2. Shuffle and deal the cards into two piles and stack a pile face down in front of each player.
3. Both players turn over their top cards at the same time.
4. As quickly as possible, they multiply the 2 cards together, and shout the answer.
5. The person who says the correct answer first places the cards in his or her winning pile.
6. If a tie occurs, take one card each
7. When all of the original stack has been played, the players count their winnings.
8. The player with the highest total wins.

Buzz

- Instead of saying multiples of 3 you say buzz
e.g. 1...2...buzz...4....5....buzz
- Other versions: Fizz/Buzz
Buzz for multiples of 3 and Fizz for multiples of 4.
e.g. 1...2...buzz....fizz....5....buzz.....7.....fizz

Website Links:

- <https://trockstars.com/home>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>
- <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
- https://www.mathsonline.com.au/games/times_tables

Some Apps:

- **Times Table Mountain App**
- **Squeebles Times Tables**
- **10 Minutes a Day Times Tables**
- **Maths Rockx**
- **Times Table Rock Stars**
- **Hit the Button Maths**
- **TimesX Multiplication Tester**