

Resource List of Spelling Strategies

1. Think of a word with a pattern that is similar

Example:

- If you know 'division' that can help you spell 'revision'

2. Think of a word that is connected in meaning

Example:

- 'communicate' may have a meaning similar to 'communication'

3. Think of the root word and possible prefixes and suffixes

Example:

- dangerous = danger + ous, misunderstand = mis + understand

4. Say the word very slowly and listen to all the sounds

Example:

- in-for-ma-tion

5. Spell the word and ask yourself, *Does it look right?*

Example:

- Should it be 'actor' or 'acter'?

6. Use some memory tricks to remember tricky words

Examples:

- Say the word and exaggerate the tricky parts (e.g., Wed-**NES**-day)
- Colour the tricky letters (e.g., cast**le**)
- Make the tricky letters bigger (e.g., Feb**RUARy**)
- Spell the difficult word gradually and chant the letters as you write them, e.g.,
c
cr
cru
crue
cruel
- Make a word picture (e.g., write 'skinny' in very thin, tall letters)
- Spell the words with letter tiles (e.g., make the word 'because' using letter tiles)
- Pair a word with a tricky letter with another word that starts with that letter (e.g., Autumn**n** includes **N**ovember).