

Spelling Ideas for Homework

This year we are really focusing on Spelling. We will be giving out a list of words on a Monday and then testing them the following Monday. We will then give out more words along with how you did in the test. We know that everyone learns how to spell differently and we all need help and ideas to make it interesting. Below are some ideas of how you can practice your weekly spellings.

1. Write each word 5 times, using a different colour each time.
2. Type your spelling words 10 times, using a different font each time.
3. Create a comic strip. Add captions that use 5 of your words.
4. Write the words in ABC order.
5. Write the words in reverse ABC order.
6. Write a TV ad for a product that uses 5 of your spelling words.
7. Find each word in the dictionary. Copy a definition for each one.
8. Cut each spelling word out of a newspaper or magazine. Glue all the words on a piece of paper.
9. Write a sentence for each spelling word, but leave out the spelling words. List all the words on the page. Ask a family member to add the correct spelling word to each sentence.
10. Find each word in the dictionary. Write the page number on which it appears and the guide words at the top of the page.
11. Write each word in a sentence. Make pictures for 3 sentences.
12. Write your spelling words. Add a rhyming word next to each one.
13. Write a story that uses 10 spelling words.
14. Scramble each spelling word. Have a family member unscramble the words and sign your paper.
15. Spell your words with alphabet pasta. Glue them onto paper.
16. Cut out paper letters for half of the words and glue onto paper.
17. Make a word search puzzle in which you hide all of your spelling words. Give it to a family member to solve and sign.
18. For a different type of word search, draw a Boggle-type game board. Make sure it contains at least 5 of your spelling words. See if a family member can find the spelling words.
19. Make two copies of your spelling words on index cards. Use the cards to play a memory or "Concentration" game with a family member.
20. Type 5 of your words into a word processing program. Use its dictionary to find and copy definitions.
21. Write a brand-new tall tale that uses 10 of your spelling words.
22. Write a poem using at least 6 of your spelling words.
23. Sort your spelling words using their parts of speech.
24. Write each word forwards and backwards.
25. Write the *letters* of your words in ABC order. (For example, STUDY would be DSTUY)
26. Write the words on a piece of graph paper so that every word intersects with another word, if possible.
27. Try to form new words by *changing* just one letter in each spelling word. Example: load - loaf
28. Try to form new words by *adding* one letter to each spelling word. (Example study - sturdy)
29. Write a story about your favourite holiday that uses at least 6 spelling words.
30. Write a story about a terrible, awful day that uses at least 6 spelling words.
31. Use building blocks, toys or other items to form your spelling words.
32. Rewrite all your spelling words using a code. Include the code on the page. Ask a family member to solve.
33. Draw a picture for all of your spelling words.
34. Make a greeting card for a family member that uses at least 3 of your spelling words.
35. Write 5 sentences so that each one contains a spelling word and a synonym or antonym for the spelling word.