

# 72 Ways to Practice Spelling Words

1. \*30 Second Words- Write a TV commercial using all your spelling words. Read it to a parent or sibling!
2. \*3-D Words- Use Play Dough or clay to sculpt your spelling words.
3. \*ABC Order- First write your spelling words in a list. Then write them again in alphabetical order. Finally, write them in reverse alphabetical order.
4. \*Across and Down Words- Write each of your spelling words across and then down. See the example below.

Example: teach e a c h

5. \*Acrostic Poem- Choose one of your spelling words. Write an acrostic poem for that word. You must also illustrate your poem. Example: fly Fun in the sky Laps around clouds Yes! I'm free!
6. \*Adding My Words- Each letter has a value. Consonants are worth 10 and vowels are worth 5. Write your spelling words. Then add up the value of each spelling word. Examples: said  $10+5+5+10 = 30$  there  $10+10+5+10+5 = 40$

7. \*Air Write- Write your spelling words in the air using your finger. Have a partner read your words as you write them OR a parent can "air write" your words and your job is to read the words.

8. \*Back Writing- Use your finger to spell out each of your spelling words, one letter at a time, on your mom or dad's back. Then it's YOUR turn to FEEL and spell.

9. \*Backwards Words- Write your spelling words forwards. Then write them a second time backwards.

10. \*Blue Vowels- Write each of your spelling words. Using a blue colored pencil, trace over the vowels in each word. Remember the vowels are: a e i o u

11. \*Bubble Letters- Write each of your spelling words in bubble letters. After you finish, color your words with crayon or colored pencils.

12. \*Buzzing Bees- Draw and color an outdoor picture. Count your spelling words. Draw a bee for each of your spelling words. Then write the words inside each of the "spelling" bees. Write neatly!

13. \*Choo-choo Words- Write the entire list end-to-end as one long word, using different colored crayons for each word.

14. \*Code Words- Come up with a code for each letter of the alphabet. Write down your code. Then write your spelling words in code. You must write the actual

spelling word next to the "code word." Example: a= b=  
c=

15. \*Colorful Words- Write each of your spelling words. Write each letter using a different colored pencil.

16. \*Connect the Dots- Write your spelling words in dots. Then connect the dots by tracing over them with a colored pencil. Example: happy happy

17. \*Consonant Circle- Write each of your spelling words in a list. Then go back and circle all of the consonants in your words! Don't forget to write neatly!

18. \*Create an Activity- Can you think of a really fun way to practice your spelling words? Then go for it! Be sure to explain your activity so that I can share it with the class!

19. \*Delicious Words- Spray a small amount of whipped cream (or anything you can eat) on a plate and spread it out. Write your spelling words in the whipped cream and be sure to clean up afterwards... yummy!

20. \*Dots Game- Make a square of 4 rows of dots with 4 dots in each row. Before taking a turn, the player must spell a spelling word correctly. If the word is correct, the player can connect two dots. When a player forms a

square by connecting dots, he can write his initials in the box. The player with the most squares at the end

of the game wins! Example: . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . .  
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21. \*Draw and Label- Draw and label your spelling words. You must color your drawings. Don't forget to add lots of great detail!

22. \*Dusty Words- Go outside to your sandbox and write your words in the sand.

23. \*Etch a Word- Use an Etch-A-Sketch to write your spelling words. Read the words to a parent or sibling.

24. \*Fancy Letters- Write your spelling words. Then write them again using fancy letters.

25. \*Flash Writing- In a darkened room; use a flashlight to write your spelling words in the air. Have a partner read your words as you write them OR a parent can "flash write" your words and your job is to read the words.

26. \*Good, Clean Words- Find a countertop or flat surface that can be cleaned easily. Spray a small amount of shaving cream and spread it out. Write your spelling words in the shaving cream and be sure to clean up afterwards!

27. \*Goofy Spelling Story- Write a goofy spelling story using each of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your words as you use them. Illustrate and color your story!

28. \*Hidden Words- Draw a picture and write your spelling words in the picture. Try to hide the words!

29. \*Hopscotch Words- Make a hopscotch board on the sidewalk or driveway with chalk. Write letters instead of numbers. You get to HOP your words!

30. \*Letter Writing- Write a friendly letter to a teacher or friend using each of your spelling words. Underline the spelling words that you use in your letter.

31. \*Magazine Words- Use an old magazine and find your words (or the letters that make up your word). Cut it out and glue it on your paper.

32. \*Match-Up- Write each of your words on two different index cards. Turn all the cards face down and mix them up. Lay out your cards in rows (like Concentration) and flip over two cards at a time. Read each card aloud to see if they match. Keep them if they do or flip over and try again.

33. \*Morse Code- Use Morse Code to spell your words. It is a series of dots (1 count) and dashes (3 counts). Check out this site

<http://www.morsecode.dutch.nl/alphabet.html> to see the international (NATO) Morse Code so you can practice!

34. \*Make Some Music- Write a song or rap that

includes your words! Share with a friend or family member.

35. \*Newsy Words- Use old magazines, catalogs, or newspapers to cut out letters. Glue the letters down on a piece of paper to spell your words. \*Helpful Hint: Cut out lots of extra letters. Store them in a Ziploc bag for future use. This is a huge timesaver!

36. \*Other Handed- If you are right handed, write your spelling words using your left hand. If you are left handed, write your spelling words using your right hand.

37. \*Pasta Words- Arrange alphabet pasta or Alphabits cereal to form your spelling words. Glue onto a piece of paper.

38. \*Practice Test- Take a practice test. Have your Mom or Dad ask you to spell your spelling words. Write them on a list. Check your practice test and correct any missed words. This would be an especially good activity to complete on Thursday night.

39. \*Pyramid Words- Write your spelling words in a pyramid shape. Start with the first letter. On the next line, write the first two letters. On the third line, write the first three letters. Continue until you have written the entire word. Example: them t

th the them

40. \*Rainbow Write- First write your words using a pencil. Then trace over your words with a crayon. Then trace a second time with a different colored crayon. Finally trace a third time with another different colored crayon. Trace NEATLY and you will see the rainbow!

41. \*Rhyming Words- Write each of your spelling words. Next to each word, write a rhyming word. If necessary, your rhyming words can be nonsense words, but make them follow the same spelling pattern.

42. \*Riddle Me- Write a riddle for each of your spelling words. Don't forget to add the answer to your riddles. Then have a parent, sibling, or friend try to figure out your riddles.

43. \*Scrabble- Use Scrabble tiles to spell out your spelling words. For a little extra math practice, figure out the value of each of your words!

44. \*Scrambled Words- Fold a piece of paper three times lengthwise (making three long rectangular columns). Write your words in the first column. Then write them again with the letters all mixed up in the second column. Put your words aside. Come back later to unscramble your words. Write the unscrambled words in the third column.

45. \*Secret Agent Words- Number the alphabet from 1-26. Example: a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5, etc. Then convert your words to a number code.

46. \*Sentence, Please- Write sentences using each of your spelling words. You may use more than one word in a sentence, but you must write at least 10 sentences. Underline your spelling words.

47. \*Sign Your Words- Use sign language finger spelling to sign the spelling of your words. Check out Unity Kid's site <http://www.unitykid.com/signlanguage.html> to see animated hands making the letters so you can practice!

48. \*Silly Sentences- Write silly sentences that include your spelling words. Underline your words.

49. \*Sound Words- Use a tape recorder to record your spelling words and their spelling. Then rewind your tape and listen to it, checking to see that you spelled all the words correctly.

50. \*Speller-cize- Pretend you are a cheerleader and call out your words! Raise your hands to the sky for letters that touch the top handwriting line, put hands on your waist for letters in the middle, and touch your toes for letters that go below the bottom line.

Examples: bag b(sky)-a(waist)-g(toes) spells bag!



fly f(sky)-l(sky)-y(toes)spellsfly!

51. \*Spelling Baseball- Draw four bases on a piece of paper or lay out four pillows to be the bases. The pitcher selects a word. If the batter can spell the word correctly, he moves forward one base. If the batter cannot spell the word, he remains where he is. A point is earned every time you pass home plate. This is a great game play with a friend, sibling, or parent.

52. \*Spelling Bee- Practice your spelling words in Spelling Bee style. Spell your words out loud to a parent or sibling.

53. \*Spelling Flashcards- Make a set of flashcards to practice your spelling words. When you look at your flashcard, read the word and then spell it out loud.

\*Example- there t-h-e-r-e.

54. \*Spelling Flowers- Draw a picture of a great big flower. Write each of your spelling words on one of the flower petals or on a leaf. Draw extra flowers if you run out of room.

55. \*Spelling Poem- Write a poem using several of your spelling words. Underline the words that you use. Illustrate your poem. You can write any kind of poem that you like.

56. \*Spelling Shapes- Count your spelling words. Draw

one shape for each word. Then write your spelling words inside each of the shapes. Examples:

57. \*Squiggly Spelling Words- You are going to write your spelling words two times. First write in regular letters. Then write the words again in squiggly letters!

58. \*Story, Story- Write a story using ALL of your spelling words. You may type your story and email it to me (stampkm@pwcs.edu) if you would like. :

59. \*Superman Letter- Your job is to write a creative letter to Superman (or another superhero). In your letter, you must use each of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your words as you use them.

60. \*Surround Words- Write your words on graph paper. Write "middle" letters, one letter in each box. Use two boxes for "tall" letters like t and l and "low" letters like j and g. Then outline the words using different colors of crayon or colored pencils.

61. \*Telephone Words- Look at your telephone keypad. Translate each letter into the numbers on the keypad. Now write your spelling words using this code!

62. \*Three Times- Write your spelling words three times. First write your words in pencil. Second, write each word in crayon. Third, write each word in marker.

63. \*Toss a Word- Toss (or roll) a ball back and forth

with a partner. You say the 1st letter, and then toss and your partner says 2nd letter, and so forth.

64. \*Trace a Shape- Draw a shape for each of your spelling words. Then trace each shape by writing your spelling words around them.

65. \*Trace Around- Write each of your spelling words using a pencil. Then trace around each word with a crayon, colored pencil, or a marker.

66. \*Type 'Em- Type your spelling words on the computer. Make each word have a different font. You can even email your words to me at [stampkm@pwcs.edu](mailto:stampkm@pwcs.edu)

67. \*UPPER and lower- Write your spelling words two times each. The first time, write each word in UPPERCASE letters. Write your words a second time in lowercase letters.

68. \*Vowel Circle- Write each of your spelling words in a list. Then go back and circle all of the vowels in your words! Don't forget to write neatly!

69. \*Word Search- Make a word search puzzle using your spelling words. Use the Discovery School's online Puzzle Maker <http://www.puzzlemaker.com>. Then find your words!

70. \*Words Within Words- Write each spelling word and then write at least two words made from the same

letters. Example: slide side lie lid led etc

71. \*Words Without Consonants- Write your spelling words on a list, but replace all the consonants with a line. Then go back to the beginning of your list and see if you can fill in the correct missing consonants.

72. \*Words Without Vowels- Write your spelling words on a list, but replace all the vowels with a line. Then go back to the beginning of your list and see if you can fill in the correct missing vowels.