

KS1 /KS2 Ideas for practising phonics and spelling

Segmenting to spell:

Say the sounds read the word.

Then say the sounds as you write the word.

Underline any 'two letters, three letters, four letters, one sound' or 'split-spellings' in a different colour.

f l igh t

Word sorting:

Write the different ways to spell the sound you are learning (or the different prefixes/suffixes maybe) across the top of the page.

Say the sounds, read the word.

Then say the sounds and write the word under the correct spelling of the sound.

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| <i>igh</i> | <i>ey</i> | <i>ei</i> | <i>ea</i> |
| <i>weigh</i> | <i>they</i> | <i>vein</i> | <i>great</i> |

Practising homophones:

Say the sounds and write the word using sounds or syllables.

Draw a picture next to the word that will help you remember the different meanings. You could stick these around the house so you see them lots.

Fill in the missing gaps:

Ask a grown up to write out your words but to draw a line where the 'two letters, three letters, four letters, one sound' or 'split-spellings' should be. See if you can fill in the correct spelling of the sound.

Polysyllabic words:

For words with more than one syllable, say the sounds read the syllables.

Then say the sounds as you write the syllables.

You could use a different colour for each syllable.

dis/co/ver

Word building:

Say the sounds, read the word.

Write each sound onto post-it notes or small pieces of paper.

Jumble all the sounds up at the top of your board.

Now say the sounds as you build the word below.

Finally, say the sounds and write the word before reading to check.

Decorate your home!

Say the sounds and write the word using sounds or syllables on to a post-it note or coloured square of paper.

Stick all of your words around the house so you see them when you are brushing your teeth, playing, watching TV even!

Quiz time!

After practising your words, ask a grown-up to quiz you on these words. This will help you to understand which of these methods for practising work best for you and help you to remember the words.