

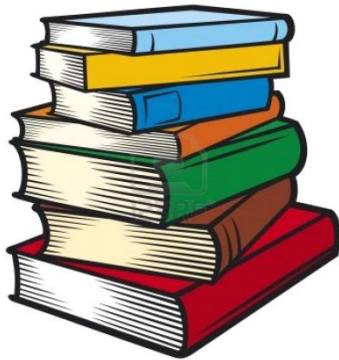
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5 Home Activities to Sharpen Your Child's Spelling Skills



Spelling is
~~difficult~~
~~challenging~~
hard.

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Help your child improve his spelling skills with these five fun and effective ideas!

ACTIVITY 1 – WHICH IS IT?

Prepare two word lists side by side so that your child is looking directly at two different versions of the same word, one spelled correctly and one incorrectly. She will need to choose and circle the correct word.

lady	ladey
brig	bridge
fone	phone

ACTIVITY 2 – WORD WEB

Scatter different versions of the spelling list words (both correctly and incorrectly spelled) across the page. Have your child look at each word and choose to circle it if it's spelled correctly and cross it out if it's spelled incorrectly.

tonight	mighty	mitey	slef
paid	self	payed	tonite
dreem	shop	shope	dream

ACTIVITY 3 – YOU'RE THE TEACHER

Provide your child with a list of spelling words, all incorrectly spelled. Ask him to write the word correctly next to each one.

dreme	dream
spie	spy
sopt	stop
wen	when

ACTIVITY 4 – PROOF IT!

For this activity, you need to prepare a simple paragraph in a document using as many of the spelling list words as you can, making sure that at least some of the spelling words are misspelled. Adjust the line spacing to provide room for writing corrections, and then print out a copy for your child to read and correct.

~~dream~~
I had a bad ~~dreem~~ last nite. It skared
me. Wen I woke up, I yelld four my
mom. She mad me feal better.

ACTIVITY 5 – WORD MAZE

Using a grid, write a "path" of words spelled correctly. Fill the remaining blanks with misspelled words. Your child must find her way through the maze, crossing out incorrectly spelled words as she goes.

NOTE: You can download a printable grid and sample here:

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/free-printable/reading-printables/spelling-word-maze>

