

Repetition, Repetition, Repetition!

Ten Fun Spelling Homework Techniques

1. "Write" spelling or sight words in rice, sand, or shaving cream.
2. Do jumping jacks or jump rope. Instead of counting numbers when doing jumping jacks or jumping rope, say the letters of the sight or spelling words.
3. Write the words using tracing paper over the correctly written sight or spelling words.
4. Allow your learner give an adult a spelling test and then correct it! Figuring out the grade percentage can be an added challenge!
5. Roll a pair of dice. The number rolled will equal the number of times a spelling word must be written. Roll the dice for each spelling word to vary the amounts.
6. Slide spelling word cards into a photo album or scrapbook. Review the words each night.
7. Unlock word spellings. Use two clear containers, one labeled "locked" and the other labeled "unlocked." Put spelling word cards into the locked container. To *unlock* a word, your youngster needs to spell it correctly five times. This is easy to do if he practices a few words each morning or evening. The goal is to move all words into the *unlocked* container by the end of the week.
8. Write spelling words on post-its® and stick them to a "word window" in your home. Every day your learner must spell the words for you (without looking). Correctly spelled words are removed from the window. Challenging words can remain on the window for regular practice throughout the week.
9. For an additional challenge, encourage your learner to highlight new or unknown words in the newspaper. Create word flash cards and record the time it takes for him or her to spell them all correctly (verbally or written). They should try to improve on their time each session.
10. Write spelling words on popsicle sticks that are kept in a cup on the kitchen table. Have your learner practice spelling the words throughout the week. After several weeks,, there will be enough sticks to glue together and create a "word house."

Skill Set: Word Play

Check out The Reading House book for additional spelling practice games!
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