

Tips for Learning Spelling Words

- Look into Spelling Power as a spelling curriculum, it is very good.
- Have your child write his/her spelling words in different mediums. For example, get a tray and put some sand in it then have him write the spelling words in the sand with his finger.
- Use a chalkboard (not a dry erase board as it doesn't give the sensory feedback to the brain like a chalkboard can) to practice writing the spelling words.
- Get a sheet of sandpaper (perhaps a variety of different grades of sandpaper) have him trace the spelling words on the sandpaper with his/her finger.
- Have him/her close his/her eyes and visualize the word and spell them from memory.
- Have him/her jumping up and down (if you have it, try this on a trampoline or he/she can use a jump rope if it isn't too frustrating) while spelling the words. At first you might need to call out the word and spell it letter by letter as he/she jumps and repeats the letters and spells the words.
- Write the alphabet on the driveway/sidewalk with chalk and have the child run to the letters as he/she spells the words.
- Have him/her cross mid-line---this is harder to explain, but here goes...if he/she is right handed, .have him/her put the sheet of paper on his/her left side near/under his left hand; have him sit facing the table, then reaching over with his right hand (don't twist the body so that his right hand must cross over his mid-line) have him write the words on the paper. Obviously, you are NOT concerned with how neat the writing is. :-)
- Many people "remember" better if they move their eyes and look up and to the right slightly cocking their heads. You might remind him to try looking up and to the right when he is remembering how to spell a word.

Many children learn easier if you can get the hands and feet involved in the learning process. Here are some links that might be helpful:

http://www.questia.com/Index.jsp?CRID=teaching_spelling&OFFID=se1&KEY=teaching_spelling

<http://www.edhelper.com/spelling.htm>

<http://www.avko.org/>

<https://ssl31.pair.com/scottr/mindex.htm>