

Supporting children's spellings at home

- Some children can just look at a word and from then on spell it accurately but for most of us it is practise, practise, practise.
- Practising little and often is the best way
- Writing spellings embeds them more effectively than chanting them
- look → say → cover → write → check → correct is an effective tried and tested method
- for some tricky words, using a mnemonic can help: because = big elephants can always upset small elephants
- revisit previous spelling rules
- children should use letter names rather than the sounds that they can sometimes make