



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Key Stage 1 Spelling: How Can I help?

There are many strategies that you can use to help your child become a confident and accurate speller. These include:

1. Sounding words out: breaking the word down into sounds.
For example, **c-a-t** and **sh-e-ll**. Longer words do not work with this method very well so you should try some of the strategies below.
2. Dividing the word into chunks, and saying each chunk whilst writing the word.
For example, **REMEMBER** can be broken up into **RE – MEM – BER** and then blended back together.
3. Using the **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** method:
 - Look at the word and say it out aloud, cover the word, then write it and finally check to see if it is correct.
 - If not, highlight or underline the incorrect part and repeat the process.
4. Using mnemonics to help memorise tricky words. For example, “There is a **cess** pit in **necessary**.”
5. Finding words within words. For example, “There is **a rat** in **separate**.”
6. Making links between the meanings of words and their spelling. For example, **sign**, **signal**, and **signature**.
7. Using a dictionary as soon as they know how to.



And finally... encourage your child to have a go at spelling words they are unsure of. This will give them the opportunity to try out spelling strategies and to identify those that they find useful. You can help them to use the strategies outlined above and praise their efforts.

Remember tricky spellings can't be read by blending. Imagine trying to read the word *said* or *does* by blending each letter! These words just have to be learned by sight and flashcard-type games are a good way to practise these.

Teach your child how to write the letters as the letter sounds are learned. And don't forget to show your child how to hold the pencil correctly too!

Read lots and lots of books and remember...

Encourage your child/ren to explore a wide range of vocabulary; to develop a deeper understanding and more accurate and precise use of spelling, within their written work.

Carry on sharing and reading lots and lots of stories and information books to and with your child.

For more information on supporting your child with spelling in Key Stage 1, please visit our school website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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