

SPELLING MADE FUN With VISUAL PATTERNS



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Some pupils are natural spellers and seem to become proficient spellers without any explicit instruction. But the vast majority of pupils need to be given strategies and cues to assist them in learning spelling. Learning to spell works best when it is multisensory and multistrategy.

Learning to spell involves developing four different kinds of spelling knowledges.

Phonological knowledge

How a word sounds and the pattern of sounds in words. Pupils can learn to segment words into individual sounds and syllables. They can recognise onset and rime, rhyming words and blend sounds to make words.

Visual Knowledge

How letters and words look. Using this knowledge pupils can focus on patterns in words and visual cues that support memory .

Morphemic Knowledge

How words are related by meaning. Word building is explored and pupils look at how changes to a word create changes to the words meaning. It requires understanding of root word , prefixes, suffixes and syllables.

Etymological knowledge

How words are derived, the origin of words and the effect this has on spelling patterns.

This spelling workbook contains 32 units of work. Each unit has a spelling list. The purpose of this spelling workbook is to give children activities based on the spelling lists to reinforce the spelling and improve retention. It provides a multisensory, multistrategy approach to spelling. It is designed to accompany the **Spelling Made Fun with visual patterns Book 1 lower, level 2**.

It is important that children understand the meaning of the words that they are learning to spell, so many of the exercises in the workbook involve the pupils using the words in the context of a sentence. Dictation is an essential element of the programme as writing the target words in the context of a sentence makes them more meaningful and easier to remember.



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There is a lot of emphasis on the visual letter patterns in the word lists, finding little words in the bigger words and any cues that will make it easier for the pupil to memorise the words, spelling tips, rules and mnemonics.

The worksheets are to assist busy class teachers in their classrooms.

The activities are designed so that the pupil can work independently or with limited instruction ,to allow the teacher to facilitate group teaching in his/ her classroom eg. while groups are working on their workbooks the teacher can be doing dictation with another group using the dictation sentences that correspond with the lists from The Spelling Made Fun With Visual Patterns programme.

Although the words on the worksheets are printed the children should be encouraged to complete their work using a cursive handwriting style if it is used in their school. Research has shown that cursive handwriting aids recall of letter order and hence improves spelling.

The children should be encouraged to add the words which give them problems to the word bank at the back of the activity book, My Tricky Words. This is their own personal word bank.

Practise spelling these words each night.

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LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK

LIST 1	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
come				
home				
some				
women				
back				
sack				
black				
snack				
track				
school				
pool				
wool				
tool				
fool				
where				
her				

Write the ome letter

pattern in each balloon.

c _ _ _

w ____ n

h

S

List

1

Now make new words with the Write the words beside the pictures.

Write the words beside the pictures.



