



Special educational needs support and inclusion team (SENSIT)

Make spelling fun Some ideas for parents

Draw the target word on your child's back using your finger. Child to say the word.

Put magnetic letters on to the fridge/metal surface. Say the target word for your child. Ask you child to say the letter names or sounds as they pull the letters down to make the word.

Use blank cards. Write the target word on one and others previously learnt on others. Child reads the word then gives the card to the parent and writes the word on parent's back for the parent to guess. Parent turns card over to check.

How many shades of colour can the child paint the target word in or using every colour in a felt tip set write the target word.

Use a game board e.g. snakes and ladders. Use blank cards, write the target word on 1 and words previously learnt on the others. Give each word/card a value 1 to 6 (you will be using the number on the card to move, instead of a dice.) You could make the target word 6 as an added incentive. Child to read out the word from the top of the pack. Parent to write it on paper, saying the names/sounds of the letters as they write. Child to check. If correct parent can move their counter along the game board the amount on the card. Then swap turns. Parents read and child spells the word.

Choose a different body part to write the target word in the air or trace on the floor with foot etc. Always ask the child to say the letters out loud as they are spelling the word.

Write the target word on a piece of paper – the size of a small post it note is o.k. Child has to fill the paper with the target word – saying the letters as they write. They can write in bubble writing, in different colours etc