Spelling Tip 1

Get someone to read out the spelling and write it down as if it were the real test- work out which spellings you need to spend time on

Spelling Tip 2

Use your spellings as part of your handwriting practicewrite each one out a few times

Spelling Tip 3

Get someone to read out the spelling and spell it back to them a letter at a time

Spelling Tip 4

Put the words in Spelling City and play the related games

Spelling Tip 5

Put the words into a free wordsearch generator- get used to having to find the next letter and therefore learning the spelling

Spelling Tip 6

Place your spellings in a sentence so that you are clear on the meaning, especially if you are looking at word groups like homophones

Spelling Tip 7

Enlarge the spellings onto cards and use like flashcards- this means you are not overwhelmed by the number of spellings you need to learn

Spelling Tip 8

If you print the spellings on cards or enlarge them onto an A4/A3 piece of paper, stick them on a wall up and to the left- research has shown that looking up and to the left helps us to access the parts of our brain that can visualise

Spelling Tip 9

Use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method: look at the word and say it as you look at it; visualise the word in your head, cover the word up and try spelling without help; finally uncover the original word and check if you got it right

Spelling Tip 10

Break words up into letter or sound blends such as, Wednesday becomes Wednes-day

Spelling Tip 11

Find words that rhyme with it to get used the sounds in the word

Spelling Tip 12

Create a mnemonic to learn harder words: because (big elephants cause accidents under small elephants' spells)

Spelling Tip 13

Write out your spellings using different pens, pencils or materials- writing in the sand has also been proved to work well for younger pupils

Spelling Tip 14

Close your eyes when you try to spell the word out loud-this can help you to visualise or 'see' the word in your head

Spelling Tip 15

Some children may learn words better when they are presented differently, such as vertically, in a ring or in a shape of their choosing

Spelling Tip 16

Look up the words in a dictionary or thesaurus-forcing you to spell each word out a letter at a time. Find the meanings and/or alternative words

Spelling Tip 17

A little and often is the keydo not spend too long on each spelling. Revisit them in short bursts of 5-10 minutes in the morning, after school, on car journeys.

Spelling Tip 18

Look at the rule given for the group of words that you are being tested on- does this give you a clue about patterns in spelling?