

Cued Spelling Strategies

We all come across words which are difficult to spell. Instead of ignoring the word and opting for a simpler one, you should simply try one of the following strategies to remember the spelling of the word.

ACRONYMS

Family: **F**ather – **A**nd – **M**other - **I** – Love - **Y**ou

RHYMES OR SONGS

You can make the letters fit a song or make up a rhyme such as:



WORD IN WORDS

Just breaking words up into bits like syllables helps us to remember them, but if you can break them up into smaller words that mean something, it's even easier to remember them. Words like shep/herd, care/taker and water/fall are like this.

ONE STICKY LETTER

Sometimes it is only one letter in a word that you have difficulty with, for example, Separate or Library. Make up something to help you remember this letter, for example:

Library – Books 'r' found in a library

Separate – You always want to separate yourself from **a rat**

MAKE A PICTURE

If you can make up a picture in your mind about a word, this will help you remember it. (Like thinking up a picture of two people getting married (wed) on a Wednesday to remind you how to spell the name of that day). Some of your mind pictures or "visual images" will seem really silly - but this is good, because if they are funny you will remember them better.



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