

# 5 Top Tips for Learning Spellings

## 1. Do not panic!

Some of the smartest people in the world make spelling mistakes all the time so you are not alone! Use your senses – **look** at the words often, **listen** to how they sound out loud, get the **feel** of them as you write them out



## 2. Keep your words close...

It's said that you need to be exposed to a word about 30 times before you 'get it'. Unfortunately, you may have been experiencing that word misspelt for a long time! Keep *correct* versions of the words you find most difficult around you as much as possible. Doodle it on a notepad, stick post-its around the house, arrange magnetic letters on the fridge... Keep looking at those words until they stick!



## 3. Break them down

Attack the longest and most difficult words by breaking them down into easier parts:

Acc / om / mo / da / tion

seg / reg / ation

imp / lic / ation

Look for smaller words inside the bigger words or rhymes to help you remember!

## 4. Practise, practise, practise

Write the words out and recite the spellings as much as possible. Write as many sentences using each word as you can. Have some fun and try to write the most ridiculous sentences you can!

### Top Tip!

One of the best times to learn something is right before you go to sleep. During sleep, your brain organises and links all your memories. Let your brain do the work!

## 5. Trace, copy, recall

Make a chart that looks like this:

TRACE	COPY	RECALL

Then fold over the "recall" part so that only the first two columns show:

Trace	Copy	Recall
word		

Now trace over the word, saying each letter out loud as you go. It's a good idea to put on a funny voice or even shout the letters/parts of the word that you find difficult!

Then copy the word in the next column, doing exactly the same as before.

Lastly, turn over the paper and try to recall the word from memory. Hopefully your silly voice has worked!