

Spelling Tip#1

How Can I Help My Child Be a Better Speller?

What is an Effective Study Method for Learning Spelling Words?

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Current research has found the **LOOK, COVER, WRITE** and **CHECK** procedure to be a very effective study method.

During the first step, the student **LOOKS** at the word very carefully so as to remember what he/she has seen. Then the student needs to **LOOK** for words within the word or **LOOK** for groups of letters which seem to go together. Each student needs to concentrate on the tricky part and then close his/her eyes to visualize the word. **THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS.**

During the second step, the student needs to **COVER** the word so it cannot be seen.

During the third step, the student **WRITES** the word from memory. It is helpful for the pupil to say the word softly as it is written.

During the final step, the student **CHECKS** what was written. If the word isn't correct, the child **shouldn't** change it, but instead go back and repeat the same process.

It's important to remember never to copy a word. A student should always write the whole word from memory.

References: **Spelling: A Teacher's Guide** by C. Hudson, M. O'Toole