

Spelling Tip#3

How Can I Help My Child Be a Better Speller?

What Are Some Games for Learning Spelling Words?

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The following spelling games challenge students to discover interesting features about words. These same activities stimulate an interest in words, focus attention on words and provide opportunities to talk about words.

In the spelling game, **Concentration**, a student writes words from the spelling list on index cards (two cards for each word). Then the cards are spread out, face down on the table. The students then take turns to turn up two cards. If the words match, they must say and spell the word and keep the cards. The child with the most pairs, wins the game.

Another spelling game is called **Spin the Wheel**. In this game, the spelling words are written on the spokes of the wheel. The child spins the arrow. The partner player (child/parent) then asks the child to spell the word where the arrow landed. A point is awarded to players each time that a word is spelled correctly. Player with most points wins.

Professionally developed games such as **Boggle, Junior Scrabble, Scrabble, crossword puzzles, word ladders** and **word jumbles** provide opportunities for students to learn new words by “playing” with words.