

Tricky words do not follow phonics rules but we must learn to read and spell them correctly.



Here are some fun ways to practise reading words.

Hopscotch Words Create a hopscotch grid using your words. Use chalk outside to copy the word and then read each word as you jump.	Speed Reading Read as many words as you can in 1 minute. Repeat - can you improve upon your score?	Bingo Draw a bingo grid and copy words into each square. Ask a grown-up to say a word. Cross it off in the correct square.
Kim's Game Copy each word onto a post-it note and stick them on a door. Practise reading them. Close your eyes and ask a grown-up to take one word away. Open your eyes and read the remaining words. Which one is missing?	Snap Copy out each of your words twice on a small piece of paper/post-it note. Make an upside-down pile and turn the words over one-by-one. When two words are the same, shout 'snap' & win the pile.	Splat Copy each word onto a post-it note and stick them on a door. Practise reading them. Ask a grown-up to shout out a word. Run up to the door and 'splat' that word with your hand as fast as you can.

Here are some fun ways to practise spelling words (through writing & speaking).

Rainbow Writing Use different coloured pencils and keep writing over the same word. <u>Or</u> write words in a rainbow shape and use different colours to recreate a rainbow.	Speed Writing Write as many spelling words as you can in 1 minute. Repeat - can you improve upon your score?	Behind my Back With an adult at home, take turns to spell a word on each other's back. What did they spell on your back? Do they know the word that you wrote?
Typing Words Type words onto a computer. Explore using different fonts.	Spelling flower Draw a flower and write each word on a petal	Tray Words Use your finger to spell out words in a tray of sand, salt or rice.
Mnemonics and Rhymes For example: what: warm hands and toes laugh: laugh and u get happy friend: a good friend stays until the end	Crocodile Chomp Hold out your arms to make a crocodile's mouth. 'Chomp' each letter by opening and closing your arms as you say it aloud.	Funny Voices Spell the words aloud using funny voices. Mouse - squeak each letter Cheerleader - "give me an..." Volcano - start whispering, get louder and explode at the end!

You can use lots of these ideas to practise reading and spelling your weekly phonics words too!