

HO-7 Learning to Spell Words

Some words are easy to spell because you've seen them so often. Other words are more difficult because they're not as familiar. It's important to learn to spell these words correctly so others will be able to read what you write.

One strategy that you can use to help with your spelling is the "look, say, look again, cover, write, and check" strategy.

What You Do:

1. Look at the word.
 - Do you recognize it?
 - Do you know what it means?
2. Say the word.
 - Does it sound right?
 - Say the word slowly.
 - Say the word in syllables.
3. Look again.
 - Underline the difficult or tricky part.
 - Look for a way to help you remember the word.
4. Cover the word.
 - Do you remember how to spell it?
5. Write the word.
 - Try to "see" the word in your mind as you write it.
6. Check.
 - Uncover the word and compare it with what you wrote.
 - If you misspelled the word, note the part that gives you trouble and repeat Steps 1 to 6.

