

How to Improve Children's Spelling

Instructions

Things You'll Need:

- Games

1. Step 1

Play **Scrabble** with the child. Start by using simple words that are common for the child's grade. You can find words that are common for spelling test for your child's grade in a simple online search.

You can give the child a head start in points to start out with in **Scrabble**. This will make the game fairer so you can both have fun playing **Scrabble**. You do want to let the child win sometimes until the child gets used to playing. Letting the child win a few games should help strike their interest in playing more often.

Another great way to keep the child interested and able to beat you is to let the child use a dictionary. This will help the child to find new words to help win the game. The child won't even realize they are learning to use a dictionary and spell better at the same time.

2. Step 2

Play **Boggle** with the child. **Boggle** can be an exciting game to discover new words. Have the children sound the letters out loud, help them if needed with the sounds of the letters. When the child think the sounds make a word have them write the sounds down.

Normally play last two to three minutes. The child should get twice as long as you do. Simply turn the sand timer over again for the child.

Help the child go through their list and find the real words. Explain why sounds that didn't make a word and inform the child of the correct spelling.

1. Step 3

Let the child play spelling blaster games. These games are easily found all over the web or in-store for computer games and some game systems. The main point of the game is for the child to answer question correctly to continue through a cute story line.

Boggle & Scrabble are two of my all time favorite games—*Have fun!*



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