

Mnemonics

Interesting ways to remember tricky words

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What are mnemonics?

A mnemonic (the first "m" is silent) is any learning technique that aids information retention.

Mnemonics aim to translate information into a form that the brain can retain better than its original form.

Quirky sentences can help mis-spelling seen in every classroom

Said



six ants in drinks

After

A fat teacher eats rolos

Want

Want a nice toffee?

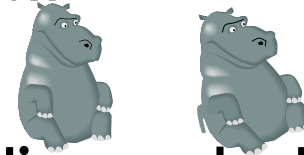
Could/Would/Should

Oh u lucky devil/duck

Any

Ants never yawn

They



Two hippos eating yoghurt

Laugh

Laugh and u get happy

Night/light/fight etc

I go home tonight

Frequently mis-spelt words need extra attention

People

Pigs eat oranges, pigs love eating

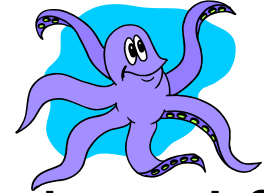
Because

Big elephants can always understand small elephants



Remember to link to pictures to make more memorable

Does



Do octopus eat sweets?

Answer

A nice sweet with extra raspberry

Went

We eat nine tomatoes

Tricky days and months need talking through

Feb-R U-ary (Say the tricky letter names in the middle)

Au-gu-st (Say letter names out loud and in chunks)

Tuesday (**Tuesday u eat sweets day**)

UR days (**Thur**sday and Sat**ur**day)



Some more complex spelling challenges



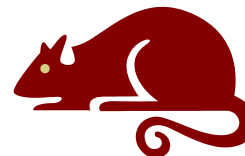
Accommodation- 2 **c**ats, 2 **m**ice and a **d**og

Diarrhoea- **d**iarrhoea is a **R**EALLY **R**UNNY **h**ea**p** of **e**ndless **a**mounts

Embarrassment- 2 **r**ed cheeks and 2 **s**carlet ears

Rhythm- rhythm helps your two hips move

Separate- there's **A RAT** in separate



Tricky words that we can all struggle with...

Necessary – link to a shirt with 1 collar and 2 sleeves



Occasion – 2 cups of coffee, 1 with sugar

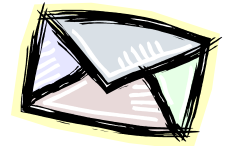


Cemetery – all the vowels are e's

Stationery (paper and pens) - has an e for envelope, unlike the stationary car

Soldier – a soldier can die

Business- you get a **BUS IN** to work



Hot tips...

Involve child in composing own mnemonic or selecting the most memorable for them

Add a picture or visual prompt to aid recall

Make a helpful display, record in a spelling book

Sometimes the funnier or ruder ideas are the more memorable

Practise regularly- use those mini whiteboards

Some pitfalls...

Be selective- focus on the trickier words that pupil finds to learn

Memory issues- some children may stumble in recalling the supposed helpful sentences and change them without realising

e.g. “big elephants can always understand **little** elephants”
'becaule'

