

Introduction

Learning to spell is important because correct spelling helps others to read your writing. Being able to spell also helps you as a writer. If you can spell easily, you have more time to think about the content of your writing.

This book helps you learn to spell. It shows you patterns, rules and strategies that will help you spell sets of words. It also teaches you how to spell some 'tricky' words that don't follow the normal patterns.

Finding your way around

There are six sections in this book. Each section has five pages and then a 'tricky words' or 'topic words' page. Revision pages towards the end of some sections check that you have remembered earlier spellings. Each of the main pages is made up of three parts.

Remember

This tells you the spelling pattern or rule that you will practise. There are examples to help you.

Try it

Here you use the pattern to help you spell words. Write the words in the spaces.

Read–cover–write

Here you practise spelling words in a sentence – just as you do when you are writing.

Top tip

Top tips appear on some pages. They provide extra help, so make sure you read them.

The correct answers to the questions are given at the back of this book on pages 40 to 47. Each page you work through tells you the number of the page where you can find the answers. This number is given in the coloured box near the foot of the page.

How to begin

Write your name on the cover. Then work carefully through the first page of activities. When you finish a page, turn to the answers page. **Use the answers page to check that your spellings are correct.** Practise each word that you got wrong. Write the word correctly. Then look at where you went wrong. Write the word again correctly. Write it five times. When you think you can spell all the words, get a friend to test you. Again, practise any words you get wrong. You will find a box like this at the bottom of the page.

I can spell all the words on this page.

I can choose the correct spelling of homophones.

Tick these boxes when you are confident about spelling all the words and using the pattern or rule when you are writing.

Now make sure that you spell all the words correctly in everything that you write.