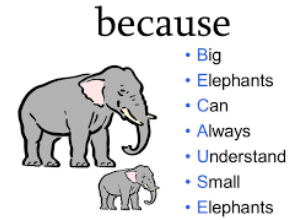


# Spelling Strategies

## **Game 1: Mnemonics:**

Mnemonics are techniques that assist memory  
Is the word one you have difficulty spelling?

- Create your own mnemonic for the word or the tricky part.
- Make it as funny or as weird as possible so it's memorable!  
E.g. because – Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants. Could – Oh U Lucky Duck



## **Game 2: Say it as its spelt:**

Is your word said differently to how it is spelt?

- Say it out loud phonetically when you spell it.

E.g. water = wat-er

two = t-wo

Some words are spelt in a silly way. This is part of the English language.

## **Game 3: Game - Chunking:**

Take long words and break them down into easy to remember pieces.

- Write each chunk with a different coloured pen.

E.g. Wed – nes-day

## **Game 4: Rhyming words:**

Does your word rhyme with other words which have the same spelling pattern?

- List the rhyming words

E.g. mine, nine, line, dine.

## **Game 5: Word families:**

Does your word remind you of another word?

- Find a group of words that are linked together in both the way they are spelt and by their meaning.

E.g. know, knew, known, knowledge

These are all from the same family of words.

## **Game 6: Word spotter:**

Can you find smaller words within your word which you already know how to spell?

E.G., if you can spell 'he', then you can spell 'she'.

## **Game 7: Find the tricky bit:**

Can you find the parts which are tricky to spell?

- Identify the tricky bits
- Write them in another colour. Learn them!

E.g. said – 'ai' is the tricky part