

## Top Tips for Helping Your Child in Spelling

### **Break the word into sounds**

th-a-n-k d-i-a-r-y

### **Look for words within words**

There's a 'hen' in 'when'.

You hear with your ear.

The word separate has 'a rat' in it

There are keys in donkeys

### **Make up a silly sentence using the letters in a word (mnemonic)**

big elephants can always understand small elephants - spells 'because'

rhythm helps your two hips move - spells 'rhythm'

necessary has one collar and 2 sleeves

### **Say the word as it is written**

Wednesday = Wed - nes - day

Knight = K - night

Gnome = G - nome

### **Correct gently**

A child can usually spell 80% of a word correctly. Use small ticks to show which letters are correct and talk about the part of the word which your child needs to remember.

### **Websites**

- <http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-make-spelling-easy>
- <http://teachmama.com/fun-ways-to-learn-spelling-words/>