



Writing & Fine Motor Practice

Play Dough Words - use play dough to form letters to spell out each word.

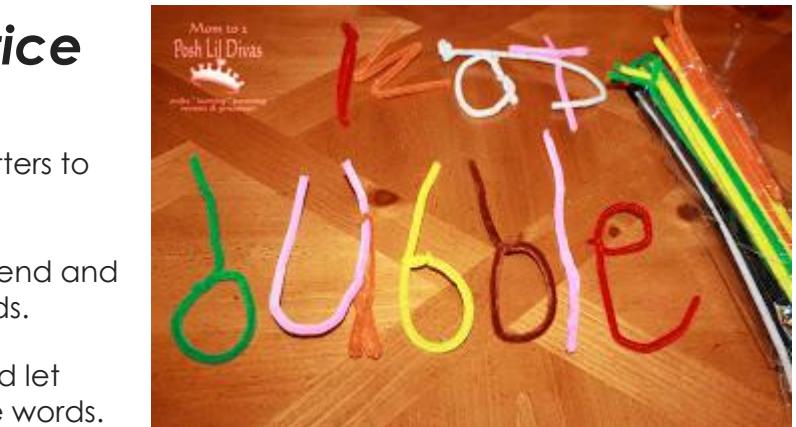
Pipe Cleaner Words - use pipe cleaners and bend and form to make letters used to write out the words.

Yarn Words - supply some yarn and scissors and let children snip and create letters to spell out the words.

Stamp It! - use alphabet stamps and ink pads to stamp out words or let child use fingerprints to write words if you don't have letter stamps.

Paint It! - use a paintbrush and paint to spell words.

Finger Paint - let them get messy and have some sensory fun and finger paint to spell their words



Reverse Chalk Writing (aka Water Writing) - an easy and fun twist on writing words on the chalkboard. Use chalk to cover the chalkboard and have your child use a paintbrush dipped in water to write their words over it. The Lil Divas love this reverse chalk writing.

Type It! - Children love getting computer time, so let them type their spelling words on the computer/ipad/lap top.

Rainbow Words - spell words using different coloured markers or crayons for each letter.

Salt/Sand/Flour Tray - spell words using finger or paintbrush (great sensory experience too). Put coloured construction paper under the salt, sand or flour to make the letters really pop.



Trace - have fun and let children trace their words on your back or palm. Have them focus on properly forming each letter so you can feel it being drawn.

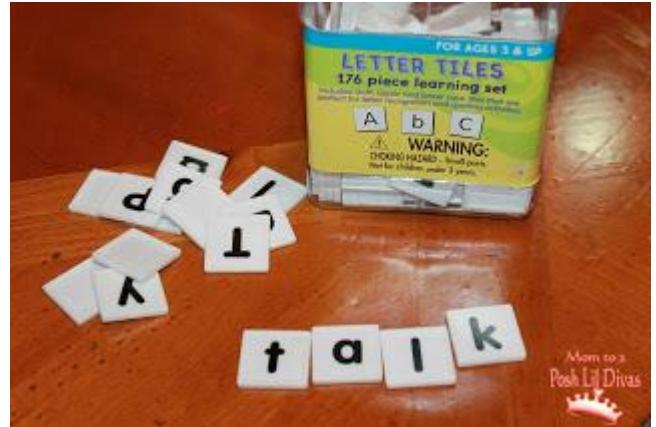
Chunky Chalk (or Paint) - go outside and spell your words using chalk. Just taking the spelling practice outside makes it more fun for children.

Shaving Cream - This is another fun sensory experience. Make a thin layer of shaving cream on a tray and use a paintbrush or better yet a fingertip to spell out the words. Have some napkins on hand.

Trace in the Air - watch as children trace the letters in the air to spell each word.

Alphabet Blocks - use ABC blocks to spell words

Letter Beads - use alphabet letter beads and pipe cleaners to build words



Letter Tiles - spell words using letter tiles

Alphabet Stickers - build words using ABC stickers

Small/Medium/Large Words - Write the word using the smallest letters they can possibly write, then doing it normal sized and finally jumbo sized. It makes tedious writing practice so much more fun.

Build a Word with Legos - using some tape write the letters needed for each word ahead of time on some lego. Mix them up and then call out a word and have child(ren) build it using the appropriate lego and you will end up with some spelling word towers.

Crayon Bits - use your broken crayons to make letters and spell the target words.

Cotton Bud Writing - Use cotton buds and paint to dot letters to spell the word or write the word using the cotton bud as a paint brush.



Magnet Letters - Take a cookie sheet or head for the fridge, add some magnetic letters and spell out the words.

Glue & Glitter - Write out spelling words in glue and sprinkle some glitter on top.

Coffee Filters & Markers - let your child write the words using markers on coffee filters. Once you are all done, hand them a spray bottle of water and let them turn their spelling practice into art!

Hidden Spelling Words - on a white piece of paper let your child write out the spelling words using a white crayon. Once all words have been written use watercolours and paint to make hidden words appear.



Paint (or Hair Gel) Bags - Pour paint into a ziplock freezer bag and seal. Use fingertips to write words on bag. To erase, simply squish bag and you are ready for the next word.

Alphabetti Spaghetti Spelling - Use alphabet pasta to spell words.

Print Words - Use newspaper or magazine print to cut out fun letters. Have child make words using clipped letters.

Cotton bud or Toothpick Letters - use cotton buds or toothpicks to build letters and make spelling words.

Flower Words - draw a flower for each word, 1 petal for each letter of the word.

Other Hand - if you are right handed write your words using your left hand, if you are left handed write words using your right hand.

Alphabet Cookie Cutters - use ABC cookie cutters to make words. For extra fun, go ahead and make some word cookies.

Window Writing - use Crayola Window Markers and write words on windows or sliding glass doors. They wash off easily and writing on windows or doors is so much more fun than boring old paper.



Clothes peg Words - Write letters on clothes pegs and have child peg letters to make words. They can peg onto hanging string (think clothes line) or even an index card.

Torch light Words - set up an Alphabet chart, turn out the lights and use a torch to shine on each letter (one letter at a time) to spell words.

Craft Stick Spelling - write the necessary letters on craft sticks, mix them up and have child build words using the appropriate sticks.

Scrabble Spelling - use scrabble pieces to build words. For some sneaky maths fun have child total the amount for each word.

Tub Spelling - use foam letters in the tub and stick onto the wall to make words.

Shower Spelling - Yes, more spelling fun in the tub. This time spread some shaving cream on your shower door or tiled wall over the tub and let your child(ren) finger write words.

Bathtub Paint - Use bathtub paint and write or paint words onto your shower door, tub or tiled wall. It washes out.

Cereal Words - using circle shaped cereal like Cheerios or Froot Loops build letters to form spelling words. Then have a sweet, crunchy snack.

Penny or Coin Spelling - use pennies or other small coins to make letters and spell out words.

Lima Beans - Write letters on beans, mix them up and put them in a pile for the children. Call out spelling words and have child search for the appropriate beans to spell each word.

Oral Practice

Sing - Use whatever song or beat you like but a simple B-I-N-G-O like song & some clapping works wonders especially on that first day of practicing words. It really helps children begin to remember those words.

Rap - This is so much fun and a great way to - S to the P to the E to the Double L, spells SPELL! Let them have fun with it and get creative.

Partner Spell - take turns adding a letter to spell each word. For example, for the word FUN - child starts by saying the letter F, parents adds letter U and child then completes word by adding the letter N. This requires focus and listening!

Cheerleader Chant - Give me an S, give me a P, give me an E, give me an L, give me a L - what's that spell? SPELL!

Record - use a tape recorder to record child(ren) orally spelling words.

Make a Video - use the household video camera or even your phone to take some quick video of your child spelling the target words.

Microphone - Spell words into a microphone. There is just something fun about hearing yourself loud and magnified so have fun with it and practice those spelling words too.

Gross Motor Practice

Skipping Rope while orally spelling the words.

Hula Hoop and spell words out loud.

Hopscotch Spelling - Write letters outside in chalk or play indoors with large letter cards on floor. Hop from letter to letter to spell words.

Bounce a Ball - bounce a ball as you spell words - 1 bounce per letter.

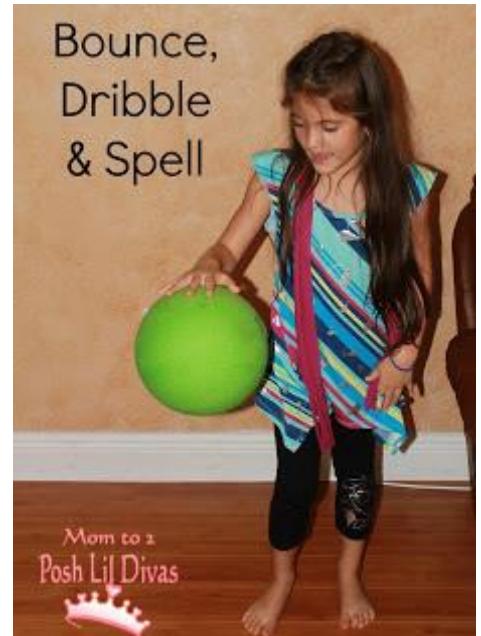
Balloon Bop - keep a balloon up in the air while spelling your word.

Swat & Spell - put letter cards on the floor and using a flyswatter, swat the letters in the order necessary to spell words.

Froggy Spelling - leap like a frog and spell words - 1 letter for each leap.

Star Jumps - do star jumps as you spell words - 1 jump per letter

Hop & Spell - hop on one foot as you spell words, this is a great exercise in balance especially with longer words.



Games and Online Fun

Have child spell and write 2 sets of words onto flashcards and then play a **Memory Game** with them.

Which is Correct? Write words on dry erase board and include misspelled words. Have child identify the correctly spelled words.

Wordsearch - you can visit sites like [PuzzleMaker](#), plug in your child's spelling list and create a word search that you can print. Then have your child search for the correctly spelled spelling words and circle them. Let them use different coloured highlighters for some added visual fun.



Mystery Letters - write words with missing letters. Child must figure out which mystery letters are missing in order to complete words .



Word Puzzle Scavenger Hunt - Write words onto construction paper and cut apart letters. Put letters in plastic eggs or other such container and hide around room. Have child find words you've hidden and put words together correctly like a word puzzle.

Puzzle Words - How about using old puzzle pieces to practice spelling words?

Spelling BINGO - Make or print a few blank BINGO cards to use with spelling practice. Children love to play BINGO. Write spelling words in boxes and randomly call out (or use flashcards) words. Child should cover appropriate words when called. To make things extra challenging, write words spelled incorrectly in a few spaces as well so child has to discriminate between the correctly spelled words and the incorrect ones.

Unscramble - use magnet letters or letter tiles for each word, scramble them up and have child put letters in correct order to spell words.

