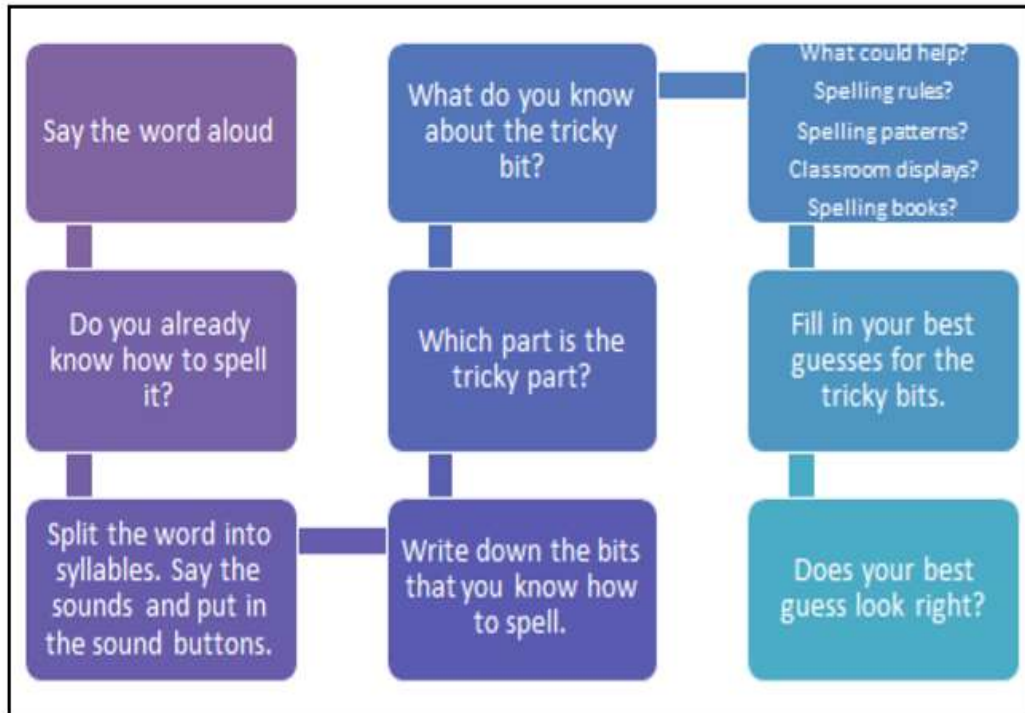




Finlay help guide: phonics & spellings.

Prompts to help your child/children:



Ideas to help

Missing letters: write out a set of words but leave out letters and put a blank instead for them to figure out what letter it should be.

Scramble the letters: mix up letters within words and ask them to rearrange to make the correct spelling.

Random words: ask to spell random words (and others that are similar in concept) throughout the day.

Hangman: choose words they are struggling with and play this good old fashioned game.

Make the word: encourage children to make the words on their list out of different materials. These could include: magnetic letters, large letters torn from magazines or newspapers, pipe cleaners or plasticine, letter beads, shaving foam, paint, playdough.



Look-Say-Cover-Write-Check: your child should:

- Look at the new word closely, spotting the shape of the word, the order of letters, any smaller words contained within a larger word, familiar letter patterns etc.
- Say the word quietly to themselves while they look at it
- Cover the word or fold the paper back so the word cannot be seen
- Write the word from memory
- Check answer, repeat if necessary

Shannon's game: this is a step on from the game of hangman. Without telling your child which one, choose one of the words from a spelling list. Draw dashes on to a piece of paper, one dash for every letter in the word (to make it easier you could add first letter to help). Your child then has to guess the next letter- without looking at their list. If they are correct you write in the next letter.

Crosswords: for more able children (year 2 and above), challenge them to produce a crossword puzzle, using words on their spelling list. Provide them with a blank grid and a dictionary. This will help them to write the clues. You can then answer the crossword, and check it together.

Just a minute: how many words can they write in a minute - spelt correctly! Can they beat you or their own record!

Hidden words: write words hidden in a series of letters. Once they are hidden, ask your child to find them. For example: hyrewitwtw garttherelaj

Play a traditional game: scrabble, boggle, I spy (with the words spelt out)

Useful websites

1. <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>- Useful information for parents.
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>
4. <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
5. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>.
6. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-Y4Ha4e7j4>
7. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks>
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