

# SPELLING BEE CLUB

## STUDY TIPS

It is natural to feel quite overwhelmed when you look at the word list and wonder how on earth am I going to learn all 450 words, especially when I have not even heard of some of them! Well remember that you are not alone and this list of study tips will help you conquer your task!

1. Write out the word several times until you have memorized it. LOOK at the word, COVER the word, SPELL the word.
2. Spell the words OUT LOUD even when you are by yourself.
3. Pretend you are at a real spelling bee. Ask family or friends to test you.
4. Find a comfortable rhythm or beat when spelling that helps you keep track of each letter.
5. Spell the word SLOWLY and CLEARLY.
6. Do imaginary writing on your arm or hand to spell the word.
7. Close your eyes and imagine the way the word is spelled.
8. For hard words, chunk it into its syllables or groups of letters in a way that makes sense to you.
9. Think up a funny sentence or rhyme to help you remember how to spell a word correctly.  
Eg. *Accommodation* - "I want accommodation in castles and mansions". This might help you remember there are 2 c's and 2 m's.
10. Identify the root word:  
Eg. *Verdure* - 'verd' comes from French meaning 'green'. This may help you with the spelling and the meaning of the word.  
Eg. *Princely* - is just 'prince' plus 'ly'  
Eg. *Anticipatory* - root word is 'anticipate'
11. Use a dictionary or the internet to find out how a word is pronounced. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! Sometimes there is more than one way. Try to become familiar with all the ways.
12. Use a dictionary or the internet to find how the word is used in a sentence.

13. Use a dictionary or the internet to find a word's language of origin. Many words come from Greek or Latin. You may recognize a pattern and be able to figure out the meaning of a word you don't know.
14. Use different colors to highlight parts of words.  
Eg. *Cephalopod* - use red for 'ceph', yellow for 'alo', and green for 'pod'.
15. Review your words in the morning and test yourself in the evening to see if you remember them.
16. Keep extra copies of your word and vocabulary list with you so you can study them during car rides, bus rides, or any place you may be waiting (such as a doctor's appointment).
17. Set a goal to learn a few words each day.
18. When you get stuck on a word. DON'T GIVE UP! Make a list of the words you keep getting stuck on and review them often. Soon, you will know them very well!

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!