

Top Ten Tips for Learning Spellings



1. Break the word into sounds e.g.
c - a - t

2. Break the word into syllables
e.g. re - mem - ber

3. Use a mnemonic e.g.
people = **p**eople **e**ating **o**ranges
please **l**eave **e**arly

4. Use knowledge of root words
e.g. music, music-al

5. Break into root words and
prefixes/suffixes e.g. thank - ful



6. Group together as word families
e.g. could, should, would

7. Spot words within words e.g.
end in fri**end**, rat in separ**ate**

8. Learn spelling rules e.g. change
the y into i and add es

9. Learn the shape of the word
e.g. look, cover, write, check

10. Movement – practise writing
the word with your finger, in the
air, on the table, with a pencil, on
a keyboard

