



Practical Publications:

Spelling Games and Activities to Foster Spelling Development

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When is the last time you played a spelling game with the children in your class? How about the last time you played a spelling game yourself? I know ... you are 'flat out' covering the prescribed work! When can you find time for a fun game?

What if I told you that these games are actually designed to promote the development of spelling skills and that a couple of minutes spent each day playing a game – as a reward for you and the children – will actually have positive outcomes?

Some of the games are old favourites like 'Hangman' which you all know. Did you know that this simple game helps children to recognise patterns of letters in combination? It also reinforces the simple fact that all English language words contain a vowel (or, in the absence of a vowel, a 'y' ... there are *always* exceptions). Recognition of patterns helps them to think about the ways in which words are constructed – what are common consonant combinations?

The games are most suitable for lower, middle and upper primary / elementary years but may be used with great success in secondary settings. Here are just some of the games ...

Alphabet Songs – Lower
Clap to Stop – Lower
Snap – Lower, Middle and Upper
Dominoes – Lower, Middle and Upper
Bingo – Lower and Middle
I went Shopping – Lower, Middle and Upper
Word Squares – Lower, Middle and Upper
Mnemonics – Lower, Middle and Upper
Spelling Bee – Middle and Upper
Find the Words - Lower, Middle and Upper

You've Got to be Yolking - Lower, Middle and Upper
Number Plates - Lower, Middle and Upper
Presto Change-O – Middle and Upper
Ladders – Middle and Upper
String Along – Middle and Upper
Making Words - Lower, Middle and Upper