

Spelling in a nutshell

When helping a child to spell	
1	<p>When asked, 'How do you spell?'</p> <p>Say (do not write it yet) the word and ask the child to count the number of sounds in the word. C-a-t (3 sounds). Ch-a-t (3 sounds)</p>
2	<p>Model sounding out the word (stretch) and then saying it.</p> <p>ch – a – t = chat.</p> <p>Ask the children to repeat it.</p>
3	<p>Talk about how you write each sound as you write the word on a piece of paper. Refer to the sound chart for ways of writing that sound. If a sound is made up of more than one letter, these may be referred to as special friends. i.e. special friends = oo; ee; ch; igh</p>
4	<p>Ask the children to identify the 'special friends' and underline them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">chicken</p>
5	<p>Say the word in a short sentence that shows the meaning of the word. For some words you may need a more elaborate explanation.</p>
6	<p>Say the sentence again and ask pupils to count the number of words.</p> <p>Say the sentence several times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You say it They say it They say it to their partner (use the actions) <p>Now write it. You model the writing with each word. If necessary 'stretch with special friends'.</p> <p>Ask children to copy it down.</p>
<p>Seize the moment – Be prepared to snatch a minute here and a minute there each day to work with a child when in the corridor, in the playground and your desk. Always be prepared with phonic cards, alphabet, I spy, One, two, three... etc</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">I spy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">With my little eye</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Something beginning with ?</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">I hear</p> <p style="text-align: center;">With my little ear</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Something beginning with ?</p> </div> </div> <div style="border: 2px dashed orange; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">One, two, three, A fun game just for me! My word today is?.....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a word - any word Lolly Clap out your word. How many claps did it have? Lol ly What sound does it start with? Lolly Can you think of another word which starts with the same sound? Lemon What does your word end with? Lolly Can you think of another word which rhymes with it? Dolly </div>	

Seize the moment

Think of a word (shower)

Stretch it (sh-ow-e-r)

Count the sounds (sh-ow-e-r = 4)

Think of a word which starts with the same sound (shell)

Think of another word which rhymes with it (power)

Clap out the number of syllables

(sh ow/er – 2)

Can you grow the word?

(showered or showering)

Can you shrink the word?

(show)