

Sorting – Compound words

Write each part of a selection of compound words onto two separate pieces of card or paper, e.g. post on one piece, box on another piece.

Mix them up and place face up on the table.

Time how many you can match up in 2 minutes.

Can you beat your record? Can you beat another family member?

Sorting – Jigsaw words

Write 4 or 5 words from your spelling list onto cards.

Chop them up, mix them up and then try to piece them back together again.

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Sorting – Domino words

Write words from your spelling list on to a long strip of card or paper. Cut the words in half to make your domino pieces.

Card	start	hard	Cart	bark	dark	farm	smart
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Then play dominoes using the usual rules.

Sorting – Word sort

Make word cards using a selection of words from each of your 5 or 6 spelling lists (and any extras that you have found during your research). Make labels for each of the spelling rule. Sort the words into the correct spelling rule column.

Sorting - Bingo

A game for 2 or more players – with 1 or more spelling rules. Make word cards with a selection of your spellings. Make bingo boards with some of these words on – making sure each bingo card is different. Take 1 board each and read your words. Take it in turns to draw a card from the pile of word cards. If you have this word, cover it over. The first person to cover all their words is the winner.

Sorting – Hangman

A game for 2 or more players. Pick one of the words from your spelling list, but don't tell anyone. The other players have to guess your word by suggesting a letter that may be in the word. If the person guessed a correct letter they sort the rest of the words from the spelling list into two piles – words it could be and those it could not. If the person guessed an incorrect letter they sort the words into two piles as above, but they also lose a life. They win if they guess the word before their man is hung! This could be played without the words from the spelling list to sort.