



## Strategies to help your child learn to spell a word

When your child is trying to learn a word:

- ❖ First let them have-a-go at spelling it.
- ❖ Then note all the letters which are correct.
- ❖ If some are incorrect, often there is a good reason, eg. 'handsome' may be spelt 'hansom'. Praise the child for having a sensible go at spelling the word as this is how it sounds.
- ❖ Then divide the word into syllables and see if this helps or if letters are reversed, focus only on those letters rather than the whole word. Sometimes focusing on a common spelling convention also helps.
- ❖ Then try the 'look, cover, write, check' method.

