



C.E. Primary School

KS2 Spelling Workshop

22.09.26

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**TEACHING
SPELLING AND
ASSIGNING
SPELLING ARE NOT
THE SAME THING**

DR RICHARD GENTRY

Spelling is
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~~chalanging~~
hard.

“When you are
teaching SPELLING,
you are teaching
READING.”

Pam Kastner

“TO LEARN TO READ
IS TO LIGHT A FIRE;
EVERY SYLLABLE
THAT IS SPELLED OUT
IS A SPARK.”

— Victor Hugo,
“Les Miserables”



Sometimes,
I forget how
to spell a
word so
I change
the whole
sentence to
avoid using it.



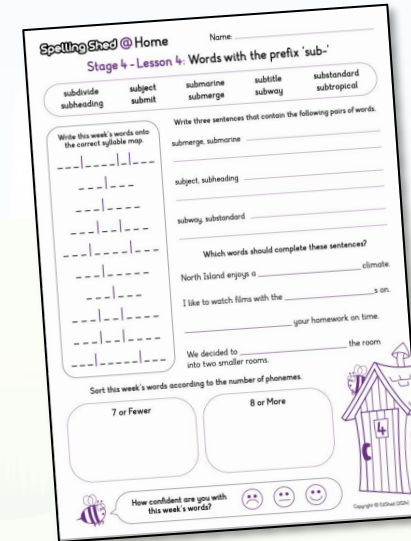
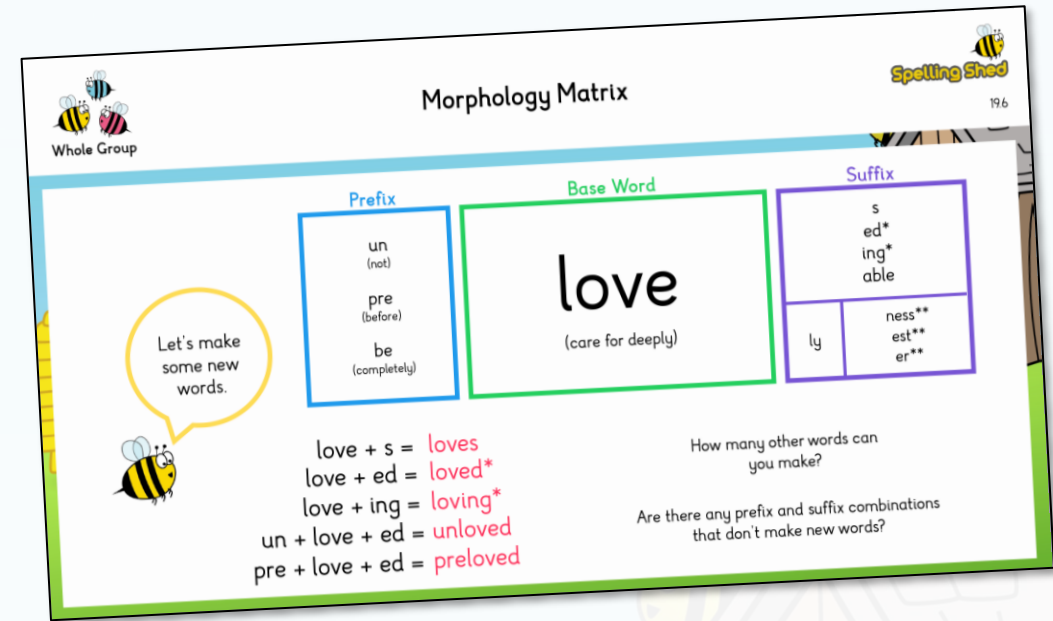
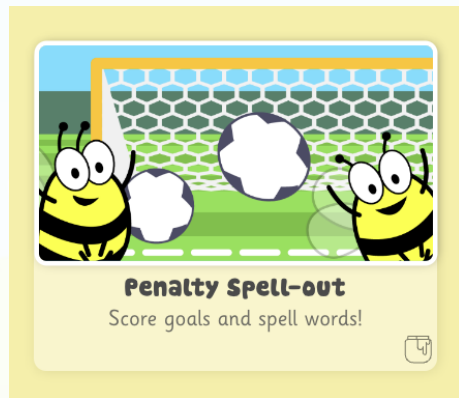
**Spelling is more
difficult to learn
than reading.
It requires
explicit instruction.**

SUNSHINE &
RAINBOWS
IN TEACHING

What is Spelling Shed?

Daily spelling lessons & practice in school

Online interactive games & homework



- ▶ Teachers use Spelling Shed from the summer term in Y2 then throughout KS2:
- Session 1: 30 mins, Revise and Introduce new words
- Session 2: 20 mins, Independent Practice
- Session 3: 20 mins, Independent and Consolidation

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Reading Records & Homework in.		
8.40 - 9.00	Spelling Shed - Intro Spellings (Y3) + Mastering Number (Y4)	Spelling Shed - Practice Spellings	Spelling Shed -Refine Spellings	Arithmetic + Mindfulness	Spelling & Times table tests
09.00 - 09.20	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Celebration Assembly
09.30 - 10.30	Spelling Shed - Intro Spellings (Y4) + Mastering Number (Y3)	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths

Research-based spelling

- Research has shown that learning to spell is much more than just memorising a list of words.
- Children that learn the skills of our language are much more effective spellers.
- Spelling Shed helps children develop their language skills, so they learn HOW to spell, not just a list of words.

Skills

Phonics

letter-sound links

Morphology

Chunks of meaning

Orthography

letter patterns

Etymology

where words come from

Visual Memory

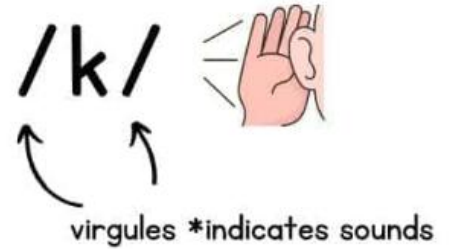
memorised words

Terminology

- **Phoneme** – the smallest unit of sound in a word.
- **Grapheme** – the letter or combination of letters that links to a single phoneme.
- **Morpheme** – the smallest unit of meaning in a word.

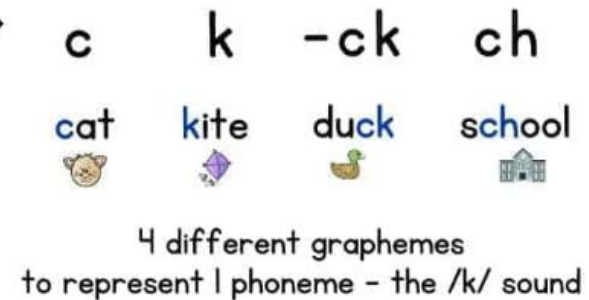
Phoneme

Expert term for 'sound'



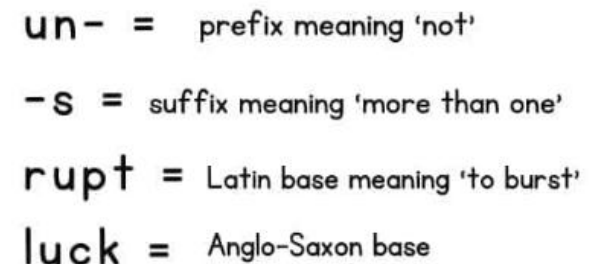
Grapheme

Expert term for 'letter(s) that spell a sound'



Morpheme

Expert term for 'smallest meaningful word part'



What does it mean if you 'encourage' someone?

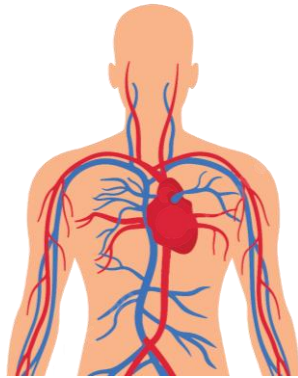
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empower

inspire

motivate

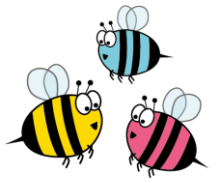
'Encourage' comes from the Old French word **encoragier**, meaning 'to make strong or hearten (give hope to)'.



The French word for heart is **cœur**.
Can you see the link between **cœur**
and **encourage**?



So, when you **encourage** someone, you
are 'heartening' them, giving them hope
and making them stronger.



Whole Group

Morphology Matrix

How many new words can you create?



2.9

Prefix

un
(not)

Base Word

trouble

Noun: problems or difficulties.

Noun: a situation which has
problems or difficulties.

Noun: a characteristic seen
as problematic.

Suffix

s

ed*

ing*

Let's add some suffixes

trouble + s → troubles

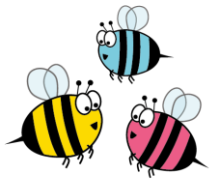
trouble + ed → troubled

trouble + ing → troubling

Let's add prefixes and suffixes

un + trouble + ed → untroubled

un + trouble + ing → untroubling



Whole Group

Sound Buttons and Syllables



Syllables are separated by long syllable breaks. It's important to be flexible when dividing a word into syllables. There should be a vowel sound in each 'beat'.

enough



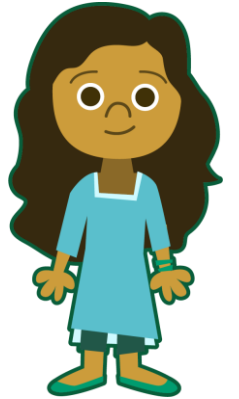
e | nough

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Independent

Draw a dot below each single letter sound. When two or more letters represent one sound, we use a line.



young



young

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encourage



en | cour | age

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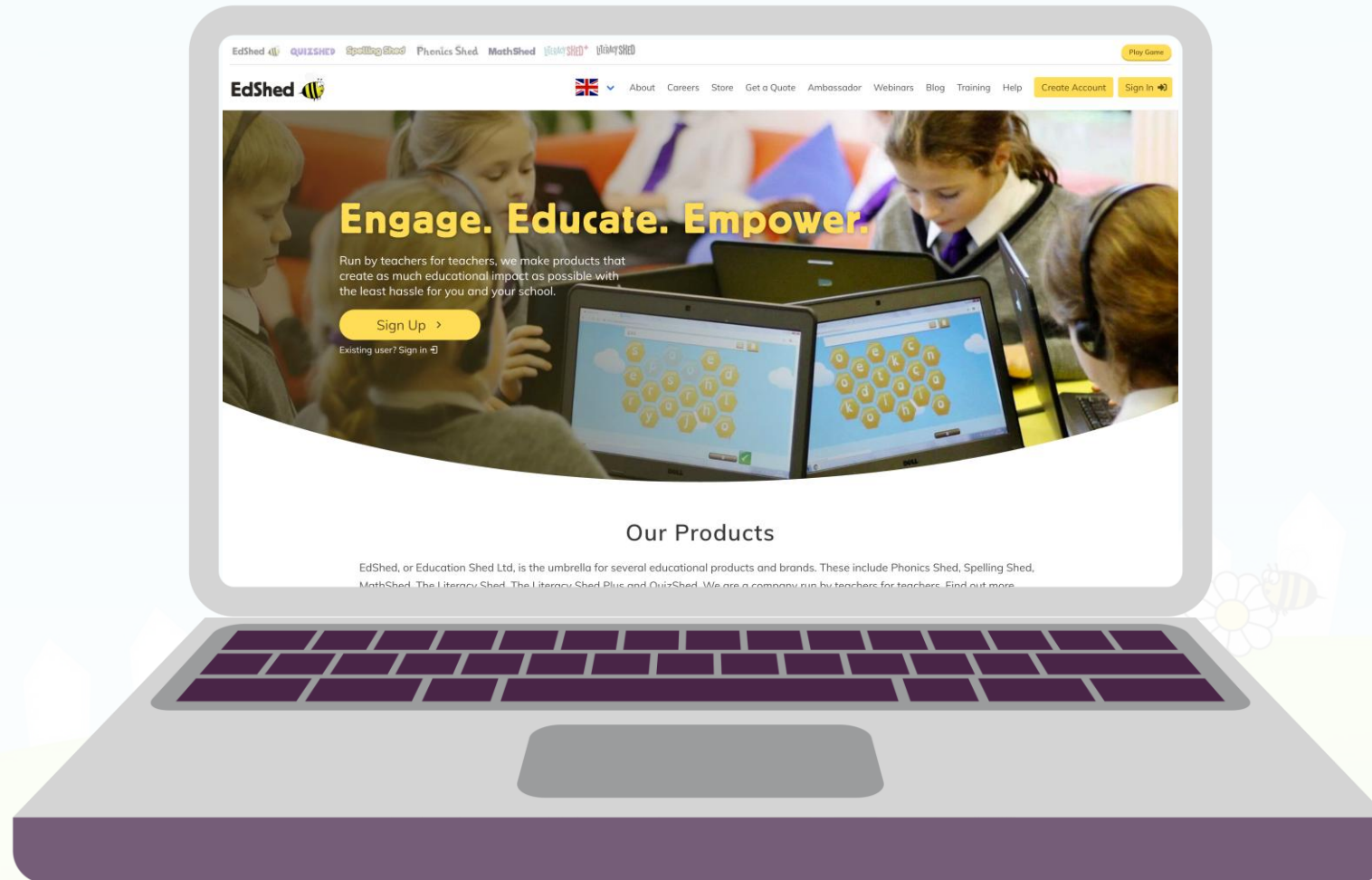
flourish



flour | ish

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How to use Spelling Shed at home



Each pupil receives

Sign In

Global Username / Email

School Username

QR Sign In

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If you have a newer "School Username" please click the tab above.
Older / existing / adult logins will use this form.

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Global Username or Email Address

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Your username or email

Password

Your password

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Forgotten Password?

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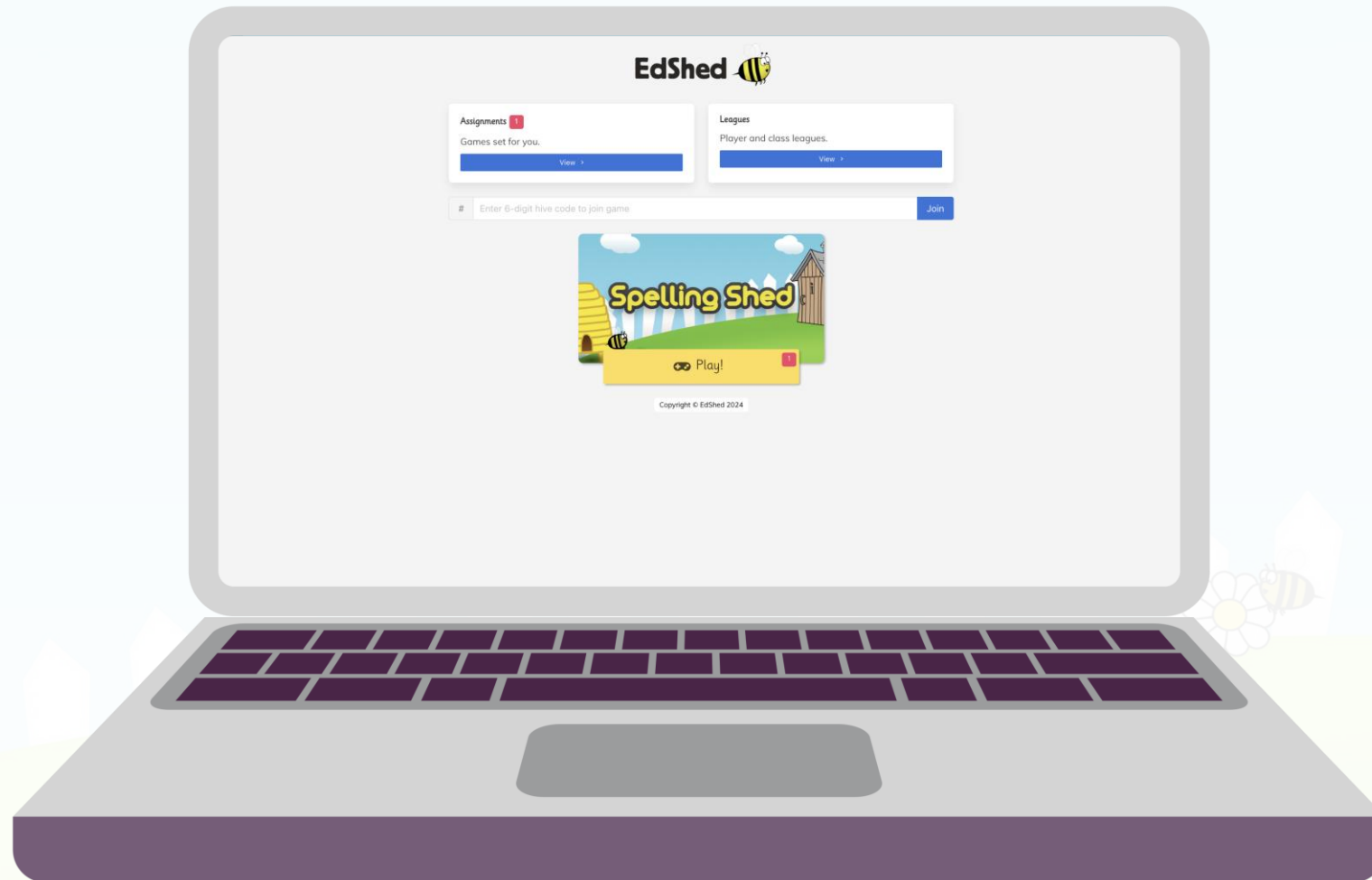
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Access

- Spelling Shed can be accessed for free on any device through an internet browser, e.g., Google Chrome, Internet Explorer or Safari.
- There is an additional app you can purchase from your normal app store that allows for offline play.
- Your child will be given opportunities in school to access this.

Online homework



Different Games



Teachers' View



Albie

Tristan Loubiton

View →

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Albie

Tristan Loubiton

View →

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Today
Spelling Shed	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
MathShed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quiz Shed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Words Spelled

Words spelled in the last 7 days. Select words then click "Create List" to make a personalised list. [+ Create List](#)

☐	Word	History
☐	interact	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	intercept	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	interchange	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	intercom	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	intercity	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	interface	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	interfere	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	internet	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	international	✓ ✓ ✓
☐	interview	✓ ✓ ✓

Activity Logs

Filters

Date Range

Click to select...

Event Types

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Search

User	Date	Event
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> albie24	07/02/2024 14:58	Log In
> albie24	17/11/2022 17:04	Log In

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Close

How can I help my child?

- Encourage them to do spelling practice using the online Spelling Shed tools.
- Work out words we don't know by breaking them down to sounds (phonemes), syllables or chunks of meaning (morphemes).

smile

pock | et

running

run + ing
double the consonant

How can I help my child?

Spelling Shed @ Home Name: _____

Stage 3 - Lesson 26: Words where the digraph 'ch' makes a /k/ sound

scheme	chorus	echo	chemist	stomach
character	monarch	school	anchor	chaos

Write this week's words onto the correct syllable map.

Which words should complete these sentences?

I couldn't find anything in all the _____ in the book.

She's my favourite _____ and the ship slowed.

They dropped the _____ and moaned.

He clutched his _____ and moaned.

Can you put the word pairs into sentences?

monarch, scheme

school, chemist

chorus, echo

Sort this week's words according to where 'ch' appears.

Beginning

Middle or End

How confident are you with this week's words?

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Stage 4 - Lesson 4: Words with the prefix 'sub-'

subdivide	subject	submarine	subtitle	substandard
subheading	submit	submerge	subway	subtropical

Write three sentences that contain the following pairs of words.

submerge, submarine

subject, subheading

subway, substandard

Which words should complete these sentences?

North Island enjoys a _____ climate.

I like to watch films with the _____ s on.

_____ your homework on time.

We decided to _____ the room into two smaller rooms.

Sort this week's words according to the number of phonemes.

7 or Fewer

8 or More

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Stage 6 - Lesson 5: Words with '-tial'/shul/'

partial	confidential	substantial	potential	influential
marital	sequential	essential	spatial	torrential

Put this week's words in alphabetical order.

Which words should complete these sentences?

She has great _____ as an artist.

All personal information is strictly _____.

My parents have been the most _____ people in my life.

They ate a _____ breakfast.

Sort this week's words according to the number of syllables.

3

Not 3

These words have been scrambled into their phonemes. Can you unscramble them?

a p t i a l

s s e t i a e l

t i s e n g u a l

l a r a t i m

e r r n t i o t a l

p s a a t i

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Spelling Activity Cards

Rainbow Write

First write each word in pencil. Then trace over each word three times. **Each time you trace, you must use a DIFFERENT colour crayon.** Trace neatly and you will see a rainbow!

Silly Sentences

Write silly sentences using a spelling word in each sentence. Please underline your spelling words! Write neatly!

Example: My dog wears a blue and purple dress when he takes a bath.

Hidden Words

Draw and color a picture. Hide your spelling words inside your picture.

Show your picture to someone and see if they can find your hidden words!

Backwards Words

Write your spelling words forwards and then backwards. Write neatly!

Example: where erehw

How we assess Spelling

- ▶ In KS2, children work with a partner (ideally not in their year group) to test each other each Friday. They pick 6 words from that week's spellings and 4 from previous weeks.
- ▶ This is done on whiteboards and scores are not recorded. It is much less 'high stakes'
- ▶ We also do a Spelling assessment at the end of each long term which helps us to track progress and identify where extra support might be needed.

Spelling Homework

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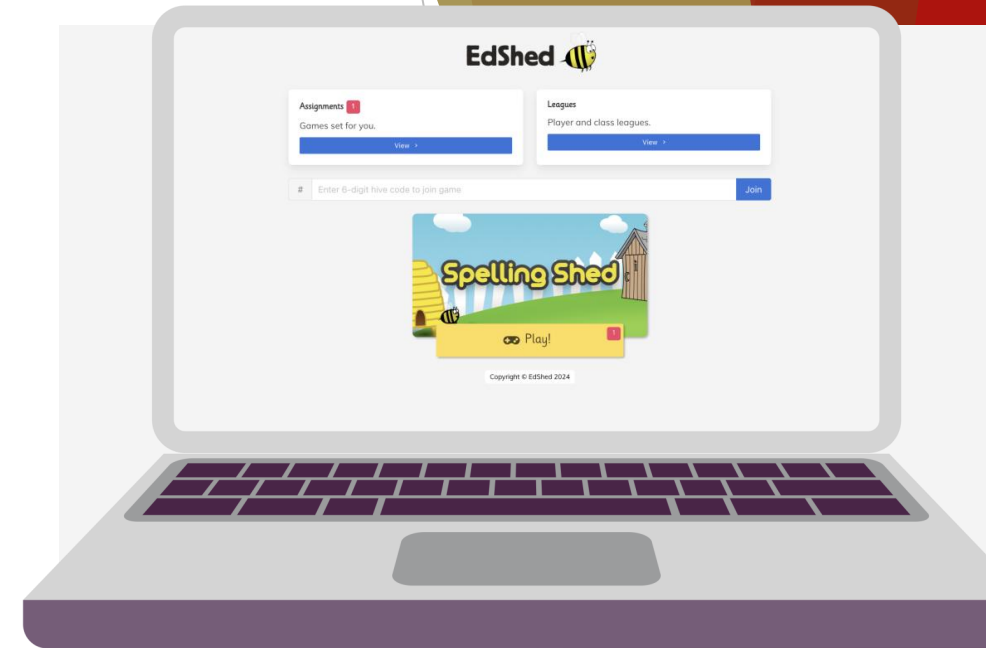
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Any Questions?

