



# Sedgefield Spelling Strategies



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1.



Read, write,  
cover, check

2.



Break the word

3.



Memory Hook

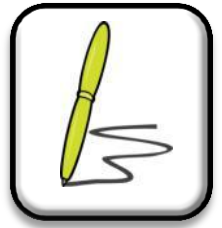
Excellence in spelling is important in all subjects.

To be an excellent speller you need to practise - you won't automatically become good at spelling.

At Sedgefield Community College we have three strategies to help you to become a better speller. You might find that a combination of all three strategies helps you to improve your spelling or one strategy might be really helpful for you.



# Sedgefield **S**pelling **S**trategies



## 1. Read, write, cover, check.

When you have made a spelling error you need to learn how to spell the word correctly. Using the above strategy four or five times will help you to memorise the correct spelling.

Just like preparing for an exam, you need to revise correct spellings in order to remember them.

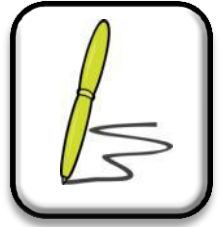
This method should also be used to learn irregular and more complex spellings.



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## 2. Break the word.

This strategy is really useful when you are dealing with words of more than one syllable (part). Quite often words are made up of a **ROOT** word with **PREFIXES** and **SUFFIXES** added to the beginning and end.

If you have a longer, more complex word see if you can break it apart into different sections. For example:

Disappearing

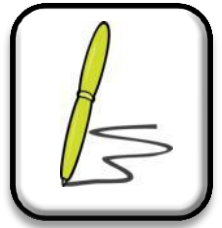
**Dis**      **appear**      **ing**



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## 3. Memory hook.

Memory hooks are rhymes and mnemonics that help you to remember the order of letters in a word. Lots of complex words already have memory hooks but you could also come up with some of your own too.

### Necessary

Never **e**at **c**heese **e**at **s**ausage **s**andwiches  
and **r**aspberry **y**oghurt.

### Simile

Students **i**n **M**anchester **i**magine **l**arge  
**e**lephants.



Memory Hook