

Train Your Child to Use His Photographic Memory for Spelling ©

This efficient right brain spelling strategy is simple.

1. Give your child a pre-test from a short list of words from the "most commonly used words" list.
2. In the words that were spelled incorrectly, and write them on individual cards, (a typing paper folded in half lengthwise, is a good size.) Using bold colored Magic Markers, take the letters that were wrong, or left out, and color them and "weird" them up.
(An example: If he spelled "Saturday as Saterday" put the Sat-r-day in black marker on a card, since he knew those letters. Put the "u" in blue, with wavy lines in it to represent water, and a stick figure diving into the water. You can add a story, like, "They all Sat around on Saturday and one of them got bored, so the brothers decided to go swimming.)
3. Stand in front of the child, and hold the card straight up in front of your child so his eyes are looking up. Have him glance at it, then bring it down while his eyes remain looking up, where the card had been. Flash this card in the air, five or six times until your child can "see" it in the air, tell you the colors and pictures on the letters and easily spell it forwards and backwards. If your child can't easily "see" it in the air, show it more times, or put more "velcro" on it by putting in more color, (putting "blood" dripping from a letter is a sure fire way to get the letter to stick with boys!)
4. Review the card using this same visual method, each day of the week for a few minutes. Be sure to spell it both forwards and backwards each day to cement it in. Then give a written test at the end of the week.
5. Your child's "photographic memory" will become stronger and stronger as you use this method.

Remember that your child's visual memory is his greatest strength. As you help him develop that, using spelling words, math facts, or anything, you will see learning and memorizing become much easier. The success a child feels when he can "see it" is priceless.

We call Right Brain Teaching Strategies, "Plan B." So if you have a child who:

- 1.) Has underdeveloped memory strategies (spelling, math facts, rules) ;
- 2.) Has an auditory processing problem;
- 3.) Is a struggling reader...can't remember phonics, sight words, etc.,;
- 4.) Or you just have a child who does not respond well to all the other curriculum you have, and dislikes schoolwork intensely

You will find that these Right Brain Teaching Strategies are a real gift, helping the child/teenager get in touch with the "smart part of themselves." It does not matter if you think your child is right brain dominant or left brain dominant. Remember that right brain teaching is, "Plan B." If "Plan A" (auditory, writing and curriculum) is keeping your child frustrated and finding learning difficult, it is so easy to use Plan B. In school, when I taught my "Twice Exceptional" (gifted with a glitch) 6th, 7th and 8th graders, I used right brain teaching methods (spelling, reading, math, paragraphing) exclusively. At the end of one year they didn't need my class anymore, because now they knew how to use their wonderful learning strength...their right brain!

Word Bank of 1200 High Frequency Writing Words

The words in this word bank are listed in the order of their frequency of use in everyday writing. Since **the** is the most frequently used word in our language, its number is one in the word bank. The first 25 words are used in 33% of everyday writing, the first 100 words appear in 50% of adult and student writing, and the first 1,000 words are used in 89% of everyday writing.

the	their	did	work
of	said	down	three
and	if	only	must
a	do	way	because
to	will	find	does
in	each	use	part
is	about	may	even
you	how	water	place
that	up	long	well
it	out	little	such
he	them	very	here
for	then	after	take
was	she	words	why
on	many	called	help
are	some	just	put
as	so	where	different
with	these	most	away
his	would	know	again
they	other	get	off
at	into	through	went
be	has	back	old
this	more	much	number
from	her	go	great
I	two	good	tell
have	like	new	men
or	him	write	say
by	see	our	small
one	time	me	every
had	could	man	found
not	no	too	still
but	make	any	between
what	than	day	mane
all	first	same	should
were	been	right	home
when	its	look	big
we	who	think	give
there	now	also	air
can	people	around	line
an	my	another	set
your	made	came	own
which	over	come	under

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read	four	sun	eat
last	head	thing	short
never	above	whole	United States
us	kind	hear	run
left	began	example	book
end	almost	heard	gave
along	live	several	order
while	page	change	open
might	got	answer	ground
next	earth	room	cold
sound	need	sea	really
below	far	against	table
saw	hand	top	remember
something	high	turned	tree
thought	year	learn	course
both	mother	point	front
few	light	city	American
those	country	play	space
always	father	toward	inside
show	let	five	ago
large	night	himself	sad
often	picture	usually	early
together	being	money	I'll
asked	study	seen	learned
house	second	didn't	brought
don't	soon	car	close
world	story	morning	nothing
going	since	I'm	though
want	white	body	idea
school	ever	upon	before
important	paper	family	lived
until	hard	later	became
form	near	turn	add
food	sentence	move	become
keep	better	face	grow
children	best	door	draw
feet	across	cut	yet
land	during	done	less
side	today	group	wind
without	however	true	behind
boy	sure	half	cannot
once	knew	red	letter
animal	it's	fish	among
life	try	plants	able
enough	told	living	dog
took	young	black	shown

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mean	common	ice	build
English	stop	ship	glass
rest	am	themselves	rock
perhaps	talk	begin	tall
certain	whether	fact	alone
six	fine	third	bottom
feel	round	quite	check
fire	dark	carry	reading
ready	past	distance	fall
green	ball	although	poor
yes	girl	sat	map
built	road	possible	friend
special	blue	heart	language
ran	instead	real	job
full	either	simple	music
town	held	snow	buy
complete	already	rain	window
oh	warm	suddenly	mark
person	gone	easy	heat
hot	finally	leaves	grew
anything	summer	lay	listen
hold	understand	size	ask
state	moon	wild	single
list	animals	weather	clear
stood	mind	miss	energy
hundred	outside	pattern	week
ten	power	sky	explain
fast	problem	walked	lost
felt	longer	main	spring
kept	winter	someone	travel
notice	deep	center	wrote
can't	heavy	field	farm
strong	carefully	stay	circle
voice	follow	itself	whose
probably	beautiful	boat	correct
area	everyone	question	bed
horse	leave	wide	measure
matter	everything	least	straight
stand	game	tiny	base
box	system	hour	mountain
start	bring	happened	caught
that's	watch	foot	hair
class	shell	care	bird
piece	dry	low	wood
surface	within	else	color
river	floor	gold	war

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fly	milk	yellow	stone
yourself	choose	party	hit
seem	north	force	wife
thus	seven	test	island
square	famous	bad	we'll
moment	late	temperature	opposite
teacher	pay	pair	born
happy	sleep	ahead	sense
bright	iron	wrong	cattle
sent	trouble	practice	million
present	store	sand	anyone
plan	beside	tail	rule
rather	oil	wait	science
length	modern	difficult	afraid
speed	fun	general	women
machine	catch	cover	produce
information	business	material	pull
except	reach	isn't	son
figure	lot	thousand	meant
you're	won't	sign	broken
free	case	guess	interest
fell	speak	forward	chance
suppose	shape	huge	thick
natural	eight	ride	sight
ocean	edge	region	pretty
government	soft	nor	train
baby	village	period	fresh
grass	object	blood	drive
plane	age	rich	lead
street	minute	team	break
couldn't	wall	corner	sit
reason	meet	cat	bought
difference	record	amount	radio
maybe	copy	garden	method
history	forest	led	king
mouth	especially	note	similar
middle	necessary	various	return
step	he's	race	corn
child	unit	bit	decision
strange	flat	result	position
wish	direction	brother	bear
soil	south	addition	hope
human	subject	doesn't	song
trip	skin	dead	engine
woman	wasn't	weight	board
eye	I've	thin	control

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spread	scale	throughout	television
evening	basic	compare	bill
brown	happen	movement	solve
clean	safe	exercise	pressure
wouldn't	grown	bread	report
section	cost	process	farmer
spent	wear	nature	count
ring	act	apart	trade
teeth	hat	path	chief
quiet	arm	careful	month
ancient	believe	narrow	clothes
stick	major	mental	doctor
afternoon	gray	nine	indeed
silver	wonder	useful	dance
nose	include	public	church
century	describe	according	original
therefore	electric	steel	enjoy
level	sold	salt	string
you'll	visit	speech	sister
death	sheep	forth	familiar
hole	I'd	nation	onto
coast	office	knowledge	imagine
cross	row	appear	blow
sharp	contain	ate	quick
fight	fit	dinner	law
capital	equal	hurt	lie
fill	value	spend	final
deal	yard	experiment	rise
busy	beat	touch	loud
beyond	inch	drop	fair
send	sugar	chair	herself
love	key	east	slow
cool	product	separate	noise
cause	desert	truck	statement
please	bank	sing	hungry
meat	farther	column	join
lady	won	twice	tube
west	total	particular	rode
glad	sell	shop	empty
action	wire	unless	twenty
pass	rose	spot	broke
type	cotton	neither	nice
attention	spoke	met	effect
gas	rope	wheel	paid
kitchen	fear	none	motion
pick	shore	hill	myself

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divide	proud	further	secret
supply	neck	steam	soldier
laid	breath	guide	silent
dear	strength	discover	structure
surprise	member	plain	height
gun	twelve	usual	observe
entire	mine	seat	indicate
fruit	company	accept	railroad
crowd	current	police	knife
band	pound	consider	married
wet	valley	dozen	suggested
solid	double	baseball	entered
northern	till	rubber	magazine
flower	match	symbol	agree
star	average	support	fifty
feed	die	exactly	escape
wooden	liquid	industry	threw
sort	alive	they're	planet
develop	stream	beneath	dangerous
shoulder	provide	laugh	event
variety	drink	groceries	leader
season	experience	popular	peace
share	future	thank	spelling
jump	tomorrow	quarter	chapter
regular	drove	climbed	swimming
represent	population	continue	opportunity
market	finish	potatoes	immediately
we're	station	receive	favorite
flew	shook	design	settled
finger	stage	president	telephone
expect	oxygen	charge	repeat
army	poem	mistake	prepare
cabin	solution	hospital	instance
camp	burn	remain	avenue
danger	cent	service	newspaper
purpose	electricity	increase	actually
breakfast	everybody	students	employee
proper	rate	insects	review
coat	dust	address	convince
push	worth	sincerely	allowed
express	community	dollars	nobody
shot	captain	belong	details
angry	bus	bottle	muscles
southern	protect	flight	model
dress	cook	forget	climate
bag	raise	bicycle	coffee

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whenever	message	improve
serious	recently	stomach
angle	account	collect
feather	physical	prevent
determined	neighbor	courage
dictionary	excited	occur
ordinary	whisper	foreign
extra	available	quality
rough	college	terrible
library	furniture	instrument
condition	leather	balance
arrived	husband	ability
located	principal	arrange
program	medicine	rhythm
pencil	excellent	avoid
tongue	operation	daily
title	council	identity
enemy	author	standard
garage	organize	combine
lose	concern	attached
vegetable	barbecue	frighten
parents	accident	social
style	disease	factory
education	construction	license
required	motor	recommend
political	affect	
daughter	conversation	
individual	evidence	
progress	citizen	
altogether	environment	
activities	influence	
article	cancel	
equipment	audience	
discuss	apartment	
healthy	worse	
perfect	transportation	
recognize	frozen	
frequently	waste	
character	couple	
personal	function	
disappear	connect	
success	project	
traffic	pronounce	
yesterday	offered	
situation	apply	
realize		