

# Spelling games

There are many ways students can practise the spelling features in the words they are exploring. Making practice fun and relevant is the best way to help kids' learning. The following games offer some suggestions for ways students can learn words at home.

## Flower

Play Flower as an alternative to hangman, where the aim is to draw a flower before your partner guesses the word. Try guessing features of words such as a prefix, suffix or digraph, rather than just individual letters.

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## Four-letter word

Try find the unknown word by guessing other four letter words and working out where they are different and what they have in common. Your partner uses the following code to help you:

- ✓ Correct letter in the correct position
- Correct letter in the wrong position
- x Incorrect letter

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## Wordo

Play Wordo as an alternative to the game bingo, using high-frequency words or words that use the spelling feature you are currently exploring.

Write the words on paper and have a partner draw them from a hat before crossing them out on your grid. The first person to cover three words in a row in any direction is the winner.

where	said	were
friend	there	their
because	know	which

## Tic-tac-toe

This game is like noughts and crosses. With a partner, take turns to write words with a common language feature from your word inquiry. The player to correctly write three words in a row (vertically, horizontally or diagonally) is the winner.

Words containing the long /a/ vowel

plain	mate	hate
	rain	maze
		aim