






What can I do to help me spell words?

<p>Sound strategies</p> 	<p>I can clap out the syllables and make sure that I have represented each sound with a letter or letters.</p> <p>I can think about other words that sound almost the same.</p> <p>I can check that I have written a vowel in every syllable.</p>
<p>Visual strategies</p> 	<p>I can think about the letter pattern. Do I know another word that looks like this?</p> <p>I can think about how the word looks and try different letter patterns.</p> <p>I can think about which other letters could be used to write a particular sound.</p>
<p>Meaning strategies</p> 	<p>I can think about the meaning. Does it give me clues to the spelling pattern?</p> <p>I can begin with the base word. Does it have a prefix or a suffix?</p> <p>Do I know any other words in the same meaning family?</p>
<p>Connecting strategies</p> 	<p>I can think of other words that look and sound like my word and try using these parts.</p> <p>Do I know any other words connected to this word by meaning? Will that help?</p> <p>Do I know a memory trick (mnemonic) to help me?</p>
<p>Checking strategies</p> 	<p>I can check the word wall, class charts or technology.</p> <p>I can ask a friend for help.</p> <p>I can use a dictionary to help me.</p>