

Abigail Spells

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Activities

Make your own picture dictionary:

1. Choose a theme for your dictionary. Some examples are: animals, plants, sports, etc.
2. Collect pictures of items that fit with your theme. For instance, if your theme is “animals”, then look through nature magazines to find pictures of animals that you like. Cut them out with scissors.
3. Paste the pictures into your notebook.
4. Next to each picture spell the item, first in all capital letters, then with lower case.

Once your picture dictionary is complete, you will have a great place to look up words when you need to remember how to spell them! Try making a picture dictionary for many different themes.

Make a spelling journal:

1. Record one activity that you do each day in your journal by drawing a picture of it.
2. Next to each picture, spell the words for three objects or people that are in the picture.
3. Beneath the picture, use all three words in a sentence.

Alphabetizing game:

1. Pick five words at random from *Abigail Spells*, and write them on five slips of paper.
2. Put the slips of paper face down on a table.
3. Start a timer (or look at a clock) and begin the game by turning over the slips and putting them in alphabetical order as fast as you can.
4. Repeat the game and try to beat your own time!

Make your own matching game:

1. Cut out ten squares of paper or cardboard, about three inches square.
2. Choose five spelling words from *Abigail Spells* and write each one on a square.
3. Draw a picture of each word on another square.
4. Place them all face down on a table.

5. Take turns with a partner turning over two squares at a time, attempting to make a match. If you get a match, remove it from the table and take a second turn. If you do not make a match, flip the cards over so they are face down again. When the cards have all been cleared from the table, whoever ends up with the most matches wins!

Invisible spelling game:

(Two players)

1. Player number one makes a list of five words from *Abigail Spells* on a piece of paper, without showing player number two.
2. Player number two places their hand palm up on a table and closes their eyes.
3. Player number one spells a word from their list on the palm of player number two, using their index finger.
4. If player number two guesses the word correctly, then they get a point. Make a check next to every word on the list that is guessed to keep track.
5. When player number one has spelled the entire list of words, tally up how many points player number two has.
6. Switch positions and play again. Whoever has the most points after the second round wins.

Spelling hunt:

1. Kids close their eyes while a teacher or parent hides an object somewhere in a room, then spells out the name of the object on a chalkboard or piece of paper.
2. Kids begin looking for the object. Whoever finds it first gets to repeat the game, by hiding and then spelling another object.

Spelling ABC's:

(A great game to play in the car or on a walk. If you are playing with young children, it is a good idea to plant objects whose words your kids are learning in the place where you are playing.)

1. Find an object you can see that begins with the letter "A", and then spell it.
2. The next person playing the game finds a word that begins with the letter "B", then spells it also.
3. Taking turns and going through the alphabet, continue finding objects to spell until you get stumped, then begin again. Make it a challenge to see how far through the alphabet you can get!