

# How can I support my child's spelling development?

**Talk with your child.** Listening and speaking provides your child with opportunities to hear new words being spoken and to experiment with saying and writing different words.

**Provide a positive role model.** Talk about how you remember to spell words and what you do when you don't know how to spell some words.

**Talk about words with your child every day.** Chat about different, interesting words you have noticed in books, newspapers, magazines and onscreen. Point out words when you are travelling. Make links between words, for example, words that start with the same letter, have the same letter pattern, or some unusual feature.

**Encourage your child to write.** Ask them to write items on the shopping list, write in cards, and send emails and text messages to family and friends.

**Play with words.** Use your child's name to make links with words, for example: *There's a 'mat' in Matthew, There's a 'get' in Target, There's a 'did' in Adidas, The first letter in Kmart is in your name Kristen.*

**Play word games.** 'I Spy', Scrabble®, Pictionary®, Boggle® and other published games.

**Be editors.** Have fun looking at, and correcting, misspellings.

