

Ideas to practice spelling trick words at home

1. Pour playground sand in a shallow tub. Use your finger or a stick to practice spelling the trick words in the sand.
2. Write the trick words on the driveway using sidewalk chalk.
3. Write the trick words on a window using a dry erase marker. Expo markers work best. I would not recommend using a washable dry erase marker. That particular ink does not erase easily.
4. Have a secret trick word that has to be spelled every time the child asks for something!
5. Rainbow writing: Write the trick words using colorful markers or crayons.
6. Use a stick to write trick words in the dirt.
7. Spell trick words using small rocks to make the letters.
8. Scramble the letters of the trick words, and ask your child to unscramble the letters to spell the trick words correctly.
9. Write a trick word and leave out one letter. Ask your child to write the missing letter.
10. Trick word hide and seek: Write the letters for the trick words on individual index cards and hide them throughout the house or yard. Your child needs to find the letters and put them in order to spell the word.
11. Use letter stamps to spell the trick words.
12. Write the trick words using finger paint.
13. Write the trick words using shaving cream
14. Form the letters for the trick words out of playdough.
15. Write the letters for the trick words on large pieces of paper and place them on the floor. Your child can jump from letter to letter saying them in order to spell the word. You can also write the letters with sidewalk chalk, and your child can jump from letter to letter.
16. Draw a picture to go with the trick word.
17. Play trick word card memory by making two sets of flash cards with the trick words written on them. Follow the same rules as you would when you play a memory game.
18. Break the Code: Assign each letter of the alphabet a number. Rewrite the trick words using the numbers that correspond to the letters. Have your child decode the trick word.
19. Spell the trick words by using Legos to build the letters.
20. Use cooked spaghetti to spell the trick words.