

Word Games

- **Use spelling lists** – don't just learn the spellings, talk about the words and what they mean, put them in sentences.
- **When doing reading** – find a word that means something similar, can you think of a word that rhymes with..., find a word you don't know the meaning of, what was your favourite word, let's change it for a different word.
- **Pick a category** – things made of metal, things with legs, things that are round, things that float.
- **I went shopping** and I bought (food, things from space, animals etc)
- **Word of the day** – pick a word and see who can use it in a sentence the most.
- **Jokes** – tell jokes and make up jokes.
- **Word association** – pick a word and take turns to say something associated with it e.g. tree- squirrel –nuts – bolts- car – mechanic
- **Watching TV** – can they tell you a word they think you might not know, describe a character, compare two characters.
- **Letter and category game** – choose a category and think of a letter, think of as many as possible e.g. animals beginning with 'a' – armadillo, antelope, aardvark.
- **Silly and sensible sentences** – think of a word and put it in a sensible sentence and a silly sentence e.g. 'Europe is a continent' and 'Europe lives in a dark cave'.
- **Unfortunately and fortunately game** – take it in turns to tell a story. First person starts with a sentence 'fortunately.....'; next person continues the story with 'unfortunately.....' and so on.
- Don't read a story but **tell a story from your mouth** – simple straightforward, children enjoy hearing about themselves as a character in a story!!!

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