

Spelling activities

First and Second level (Scotland)

KS2 (England)

1. Spelling Pyramids

How it works: Students write each spelling word as a pyramid, adding one letter at a time. For example, for the word *cat*:

C

Ca

Cat

Objective: Reinforces letter order in words.

Dictionary Race

How it works: Call out a word, and students race to find it in a dictionary, write it down, and use it in a sentence.

Objective: Builds dictionary skills and contextual understanding of words.

2. Spell It Out with Art

How it works: Assign each student a spelling word. They must create a mini-poster incorporating the word, its definition, and an illustration.

Objective: Combines creativity with learning spelling and meaning.

3. Spelling Charades

How it works: A student picks a word card and acts it out while classmates guess the word and spell it correctly.

Objective: Enhances memory and group interaction.

4. Hangman with a Twist

How it works: Instead of traditional hangman, give clues or use definitions to guide students toward the correct word. Students guess letters and try to solve the word puzzle.

Objective: Makes spelling practice exciting while reinforcing vocabulary.