

Spelling



Accurate spelling makes it easy to read your writing. Remember to **listen for sounds**, **think about options for recording sounds** and then **check the word 'looks right'**.

Strategies I can try:

- Listen for sounds in order.
- Listen for parts I know.
- Think, 'Do I know a word that sounds like that?' (e.g., 'stray' sounds like 'day'; I can spell 'frightening' if I know 'night')
- Break the word into syllables. Remember each syllable has a vowel or vowel sound.
- Think, 'Does the word have a base I know?'
- Think, 'Can I hear any prefixes or suffixes?'. Remember to apply any principles when adding affixes. e.g., dropping an 'e' or doubling the last letter.
- Check with a writing buddy.
- Use a reference guide:
internet search, dictionary.

