

# Can't we just use Spelling Checkers?

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Those of us who struggled with spelling ourselves, or are in the process of helping little ones learn their 'tricky' words, would love the answer to this question to be **"Yes!"**

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**The problem is that we learn spellings in a variety of ways.** Sometimes we have to spell the whole word from memory, these are the dreaded 'sight' or tricky words

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Words are both symbols on paper and sounds we say. So when we read words we hear them in our head.

**This is what makes poetry or songs work well and sound attractive**

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**You might say, but why not just spell phonetically?**

Sadly, there is no one way to say a word (just watch Coronation Street), and this is made more complicated by English being spoken by people all over the world

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The good news is that technology can help us learn our spellings more efficiently, with tuition programmes, online resources and spelling gadgets.

**Back to the tricky words then; try getting the child to see the shape of the word (using joined up handwriting), say, and hear the word. This will help the 'working memory' learn better!**

**We wish you every success!**

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