

LA 4

Word Wall Strategies

Here are some of the ways people learn **Word Wall Words**. Read the words to an adult before you start to be sure you are reading the word correctly, and know what each word means.



- **Write** each word over and over until you can spell the word without looking back to check.
- Close your eyes and **chant** the letters of each word until you can spell each word without looking back to check.
- **Write** a sentence for each word, using it correctly.
- Try to make **new words** using part of a Word Wall Word. For example:
 - What words can you spell using the **ea** in sea? Weak? Neat? Cream? What else?
 - How about the **oom** in room? Broom? Boomer? Anything else?
- **Sing** the letters of a word to the tune of a song you already know.
 - Three letter words can be sung to the tune of This Old Man, Jingle Bells, and Three Blind Mice.
 - Four letter words can be sung to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Skip to My Lou, YMCA, and Are You Sleeping?
 - Five letter word songs: Row, Row, Row Your Boat, You Are My Sunshine, Farmer in the Dell, and BINGO.
- Place a **card** with one set of Word Wall Words written on them by your bedroom (or another) door. Spell each word each time you leave the room.
- Use your **finger** to spell the words on someone's back. See if they can figure out what you're spelling.
- Write the **Word Wall Words** on separate cards and use them like **flash cards**.

- Some people like to **tape the cards to the ceiling** so they can study them in bed, or when they take a break from their computer.
- Put some **salt** in a small box. Use your **finger** to spell each word in the salt, then smooth the salt out for the next word. (Do not use sugar – too tempting!)
- Leave a card with the **Word Wall Words** you're working on on your **desk**. Try to use them when **writing** (in any subject).
- Make a **bingo game** with a few **Word Wall lists**. Put the words in different places on each bingo card, then draw word cards in order. For example, under the B (word), under the I (word), etc.
- Put words in a game of **hopscotch** that you draw on your sidewalk. Say and spell each word as your bag lands, and as you hop.
- Make a **Tic Tac Toe** (Xs and Os) boards using **Word Wall Words**. If you can read the word, you can put your X or O on it.
- Spend a few minutes looking for the **Word Wall Words** in a **newspaper or book**.
- Make **new words** using the letters in **Word Wall Words**. Check Wordles (<http://www.wordles.com/getwordsinwords.aspx>) to see if you got them all.
- Try to make new words by **changing just one letter** in a **Word Wall Word**.
- There are lots of ideas at Spelling City. (<http://www.spellingcity.com/spelling-games-vocabulary-games.html>)