

SPaGtacular Starters Tricky Spellings

What You Need to Know

Some words can be tricky to spell as they don't follow usual rules. Useful ways to remember how to spell certain words include:

- creating a mnemonic for the word (e.g. **b**ig **e**lephants **c**an **a**lways **u**nderstand **s**mall **e**lephants = because);
- copying the word over and over until it becomes muscle memory;
- creating a song or rap of the letters in the word;
- looking at the word carefully for 30 seconds, then covering it and trying to write it from memory;
- pronouncing the word in your head as it is spelt – not how it should be said.



Look at the following five tricky words. Can you come up with a way to remember the spelling of each one?

accommodate

irrelevant

conscious

necessary

fascinating

Now, get your partner to test you on your spelling!

