

# 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. **big elephants can always understand small elephants** = 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!

