

HELP FOR SPELLING

You can help your child improve his or her spelling with any of the following resources that make spelling practice less of a chore ...

Wordshark <https://www.wordshark.co.uk/wordshark/parents/> (£144 home download price)

Ruth Savery, an experienced SEN teacher and mother of 2 dyslexic children started co-writing Wordshark in the early 1990's with Roger Burton, a computer programmer. Wordshark has been producing learning games for reading and spelling for 25 years, revising and updating continually to reflect best educational practice.

Nessy <https://www.nessy.com/en-gb> (from £9/month)

Nessy multi-media games are used in schools and homes in 192 countries. The programs are published by Nessy Learning and developed by British entrepreneur Mike Jones (himself dyslexic) along with staff based in Bristol in the United Kingdom, and Texas and New Jersey in the USA.

Squeebles *an app available via all the major app stores for around £5*

Squeebles spelling app lets parents set up customised spelling tests for children with the words they need to learn, or download pre-recorded tests (UK English) created by KeyStageFun. There is full in-app reporting so that parents can monitor children's learning. Tests can be shared amongst devices. Children have to help Gumbo rescue the Squeebles from the Spelling Snake by answering their spellings correctly and can also earn rewards to use in a fun mini-game called Squeeberang!

Spellingframe <https://spellingframe.co.uk/> (online account £10 for 12 months)

Spellingframe was created to address the fact that many words are difficult to pronounce and thus difficult to spell. Every word is therefore read aloud and also broken into syllables (or for EYFS / Year 1 words, into phonemes) and these too are read aloud. Use of each word is also shown in a sentence, and every sentence read aloud so that children also learn the meanings of the words. There are currently more than 9,500 words in the library and new words are added daily. Registered users can ask for other words to be added.