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## Spelling Hints & Strategies

- A. Scan: Scan and read the list of spellings
- B. Questions: Ask yourself questions about the spelling list {Which is the longest/ shortest / any double / alphabetically first / begins with a,b,c,d ??}
- C. Patterns: Look for patterns {Double Letters / particular endings / prefixes}
- D. Shape: Look at the shape of each word
- E. Copy: Copy the spelling with your finger / Copy and write the spelling
- F. De-clunk the Word: Break the work up in syllables (sound parts)
- G. Finger Writing: Use your finger to trace and write the spelling.
- H. Pre Test Yourself: Before learning your spellings, test to see which ones you might know.
- I. Highlight the Tricky Part: Underline or highlight the tricky part with a marker or pencil.
- J. Timing  $2 \times 2 > 4$        $1+1+1+1 > 4$  {Look at your spellings as often as possible}

