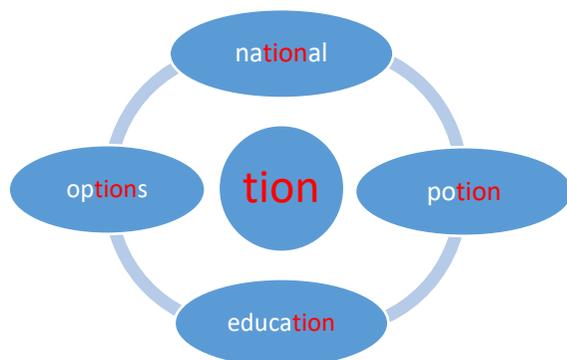


Playful Approaches to Spelling - Cur Chuige Spreaúil sa Litríú

Playful approaches to spelling can be used to reinforce good teaching. The focus is on encouraging children to begin thinking and talking about how words work. The more you hear, see and use a word, the more active it becomes in memory. Playful approaches are one of the best tools for motivating children to learn because they are aimed at promoting fun. Learning might occur as a by-product or it might be the object of the game. Bheifeá ábalta na gníomhaíochtaí seo a úsáid do litriú agus staidéar ar fhocal chomh maith. Outlined below are some playful and engaging approaches to spelling development.

Letter strings or Word Families

Children are given a letter string or word and asked to list as many related words as possible. This is an excellent game to train them with phonetic boundaries.



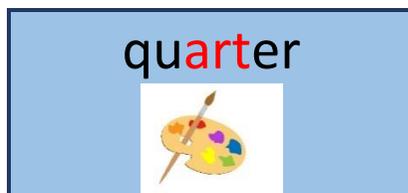
Staircase

The object of the game is to form a word using the last letter of the of the previous word.

chocolate
x
c
e
l
l
e
n
thoughtful

Finding words within words

Children are encouraged to find smaller words within a word in their correct sequence. Maybe draw a picture for your smaller word to help visualise it.



Sentence / Silly sentence

Create a silly sentence with your words.
Challenge!!! Can you create a sentence with your spelling word and the smaller word you found?

A quarter of the children in fourth class like art.

Shannon's Game

Similar to Hangman but with one important difference. The first letter is given and the children must guess the letters in the correct order. This focuses attention on left to right, serial probability and letter strings.

Anagram

The letters of a word or phrase are jumbled up to spell out something quite different. Ideal to challenge good spellers.

Roll a Word

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	Write your word in a sentence
	Draw a picture of your word
	Write a synonym of your word
	Write an antonym of your word
	Write a definition for your word
	Write your word three times

Additional Games or Apps

There are lots of games available to support spelling. Among them are Scrabble, Boggle, 8 Spelling Board Games, Magic Spelling, Word Snap, Countdown to name but a few. Not forgetting Crosswords and Wordsearches.

Some websites and apps with spelling games include:

English

<https://spellingcity.com>

<https://www.spellingplay.co.uk>

Gaeilge

Foghláí Focal

http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/curriculum/gaeloideachas/foghla%C3%AD_focal

Cluichí Cód na Gaeilge

<https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/cod-na-gaeilge>