

Chant and Check Spelling

What is “Chant and Check Spelling” and why is it important?

"Chant and Check Spelling" (Gaskins et al., 1989) is a strategy that provides practice for your child while he is learning to spell and write words. He uses his knowledge of the spelling pattern in one word to spell similar words.

How can I use “Chant and Check Spelling” with my child?

Ask your child to spell a word with a specific spelling pattern that he has learned (*rain*) and then use that knowledge to spell a similar word (*train*). After he has written the words, encourage your child to chant the correct spelling of the word and print each letter as it is chanted to check that he has written the word correctly. Have your child correct any spelling errors.

Spelling Words

rain

sat

car

Similar Words

train

mat

far

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Spelling Word	Similar Word