

Spelling Game

Spelling Sentences

Players: 2 to 12 pairs of children, a timekeeper

You need: word cards for Unit 27 Basic Words, paper and pencil, stopwatch or other timer

How to play: With a partner, players create and write a sentence in which each word begins with a letter in a Spelling Word. For example, **are:** All rabbits eat.

1. Partners take a word card and place it face-down in front of them. When the timekeeper says, “Start” and starts the stopwatch, partners turn over their card and copy the word on a sheet of paper.
2. Partners quietly discuss their ideas and write a sentence. Sentences can be silly, but they must make sense and be complete. At the end of three minutes, the timekeeper says, “Stop.”
3. Partners exchange cards with another pair of players. The timekeeper should allow partners three minutes to write a sentence for their new word.
4. Play continues for a set amount of time, or until each pair has written four or five sentences.
5. Players share their sentences once the game is over. Players check that the first letters of the words in each sentence spell a Basic Word.

Other ways to play this game: Volunteer can write sentences such as those described above, then write them on the board. Classmates should try to figure out what Spelling Word is represented by the first letters of the words in each sentence.

