Run and Spell

Players: 2 teams of 3–4 students each, plus one caller for each team

You need: list of Unit 7 Basic Words for each team, with the words written in a different order on each list; chalk; chalkboard; chalkboard erasers

How to play: Teams compete to write Basic Words with speed and accuracy.

1. Teams line up behind a line on the floor about 7–8 paces from the chalkboard. Each caller stands at this line.

2. Play begins as each caller simultaneously says the first Basic Word on the list to the first player in line. The player runs to the board and writes the word. The caller checks the spelling. If it is correct, the player erases the word and runs to tag the next player in line, who gets a word from the caller and runs to the board to write it.

3. If a player misspells a word, he or she runs back to tag the next player, who must attempt spelling the same word at the board. Until the word is spelled correctly, the team cannot move on to the next word.

4. After taking a turn, each player goes to the back of the line and awaits another turn. The caller checks off words as they are spelled correctly.

5. The team that correctly spells all the words first wins the game.

Other ways to play this game: Teams use a shortened list of Basic Words, for a shorter game.