

Spelling Shed



Challenge Weeks

This pack contains a set of activities and games which can be used throughout the year groups during the 'Challenge Week' lists. These activities can be used with spellings in any stage.



Each activity comes with an instruction page for children and teacher's notes where necessary. This can be shared on the board for the children to read rather than printed.

To conserve ink and reduce costs the resources will work effectively in black and white.

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Battleships



Place your spelling words on your 'Battleship Grid.', You can write them in any direction – horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

Take turns to call out a coordinate by calling out a letter and a number.

If your partner calls out a coordinate and there is a letter there mark it with an 'X'.

If someone scores a hit then they can continue to call out letters until they miss.

The winner is the first to sink all of their words.

Teacher Note:

You may want some children to add fewer words to their grid if time is tight during the lesson.

Extension: If a player scores a hit their partner reveals what the letter is. They not down the letters and try to unscramble the hit letters.



Battleships



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My Spelling Ships

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1											
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k

My Partner's Spelling Ships

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11											
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7											
6											
5											
4											
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2											
1											
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k

Alphabetical Order



Place your spelling words in order alphabetically.

If you have more than one word starting with the same letter then you need to look at the next letter.

'apple' comes before **'cucumber'** because **a** comes before **c**.

'apple' comes after **'alphabet'** because the 2nd letter **p** comes after the second letter **l**

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Alphabetical Order



Copy your spelling words into the grid on the left.

Rewrite the spellings into the grid on the right in alphabetical order.

My Spellings

Alphabetical Order

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Define it!



1. Find your word in the dictionary and read its definition.
2. Use the dictionary to create a definition in your own words.

Teacher Note: Online dictionaries are available. We recommend the COBUILD dictionary which is available here: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/>

Define it!

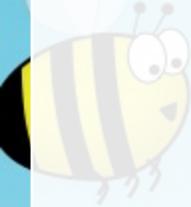
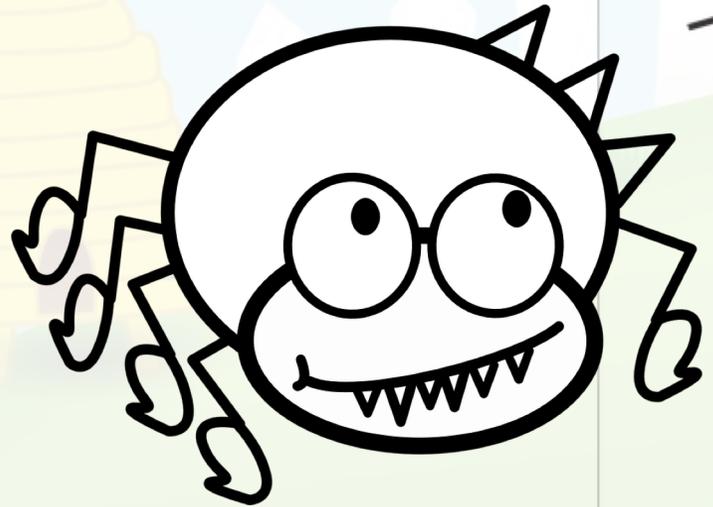
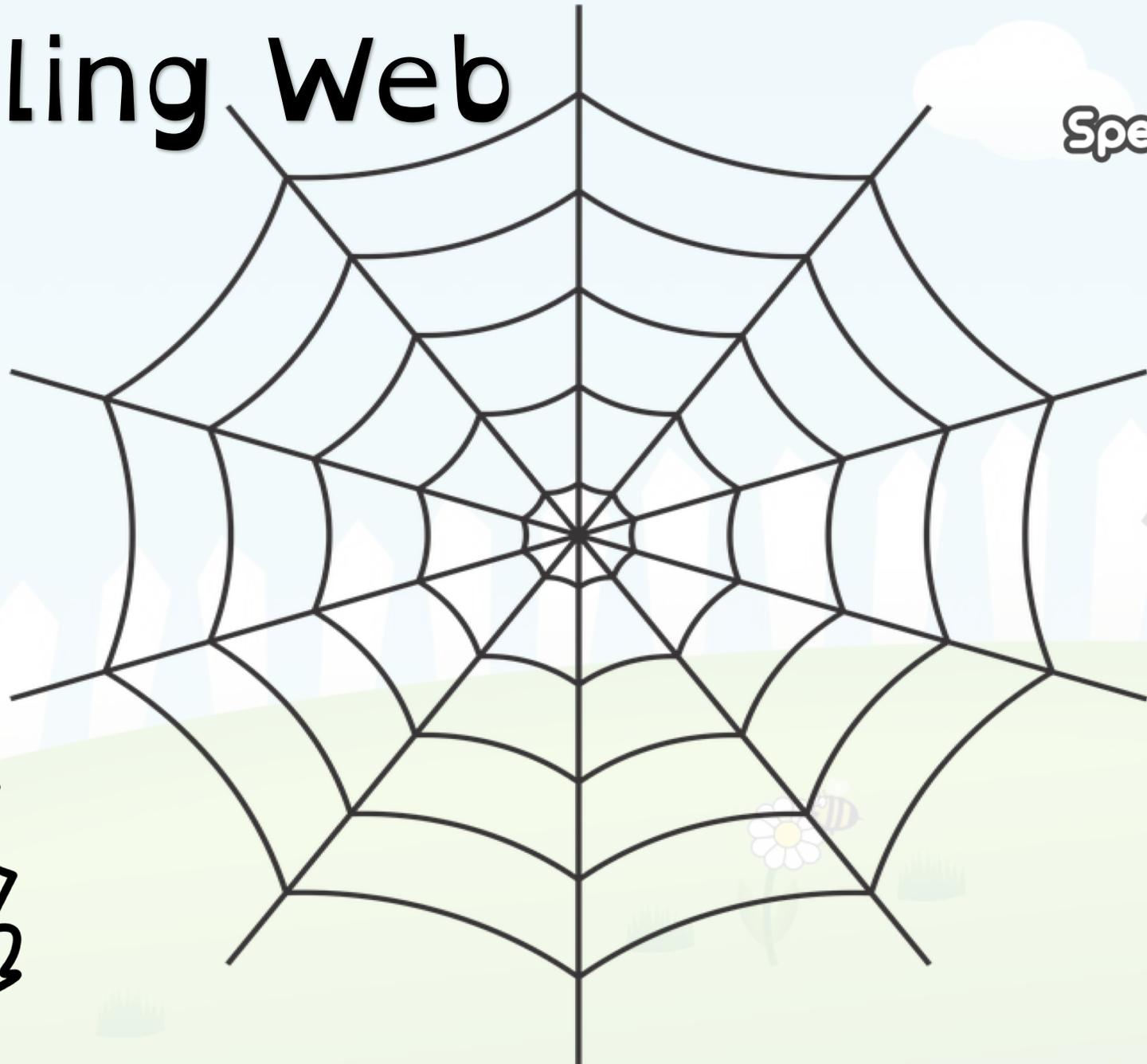


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Spelling Word	Definition

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The Spelling Web

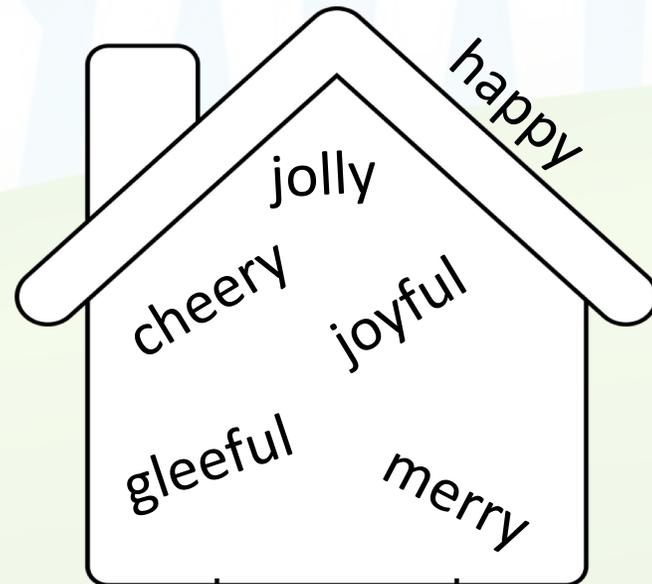


The Synonym Shed

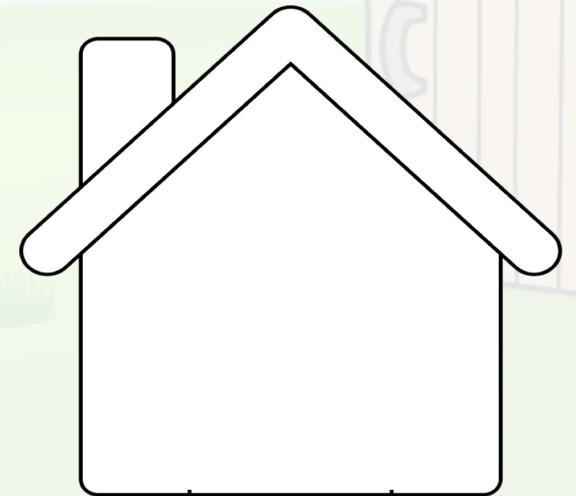
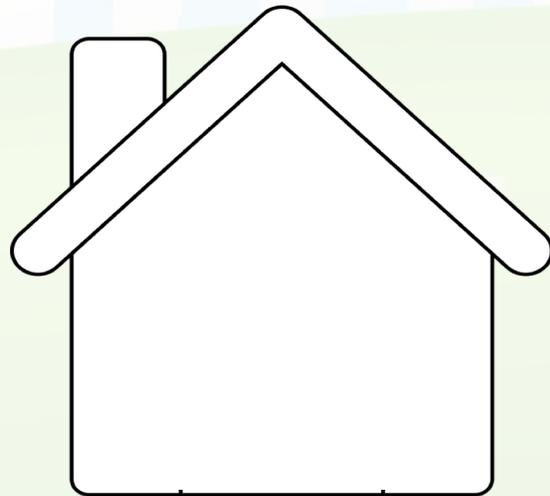
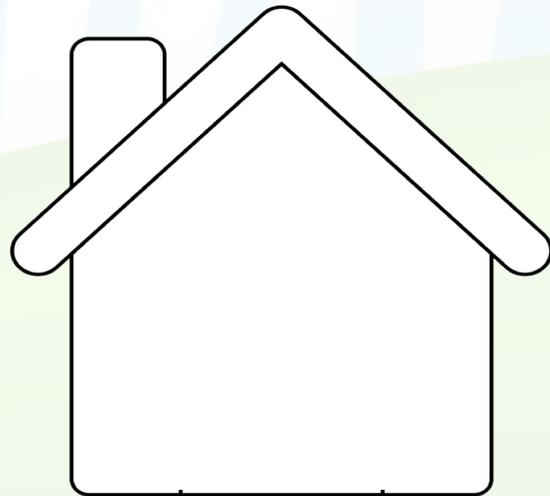
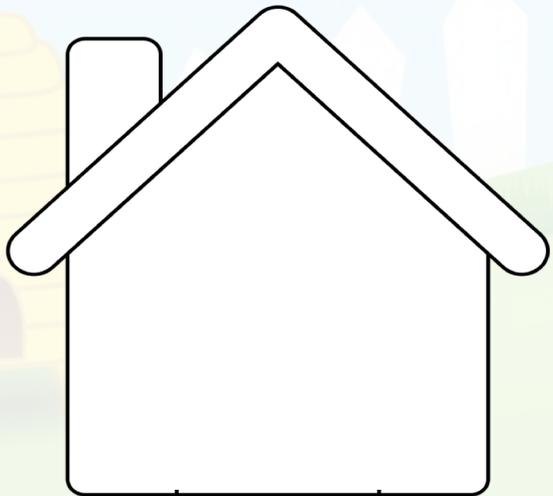
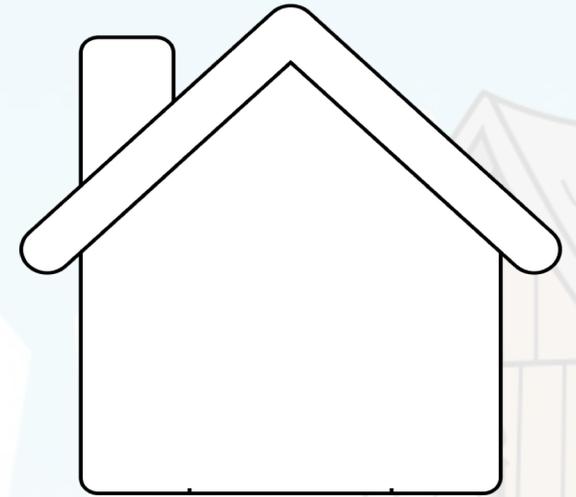
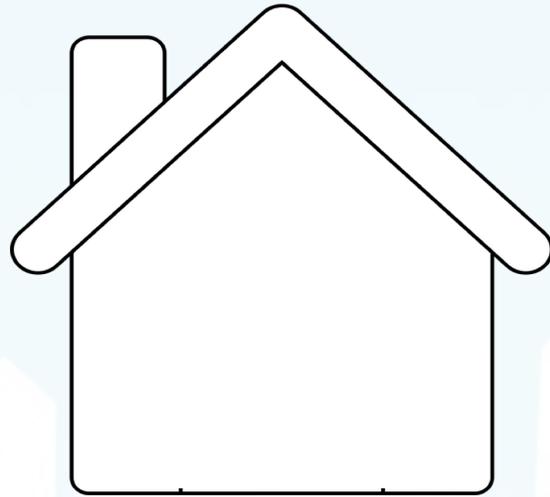
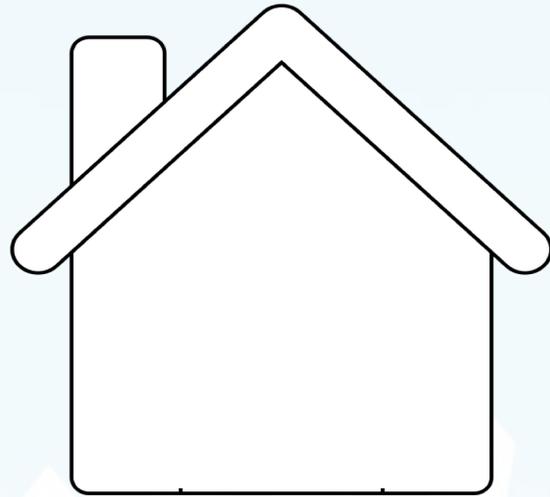
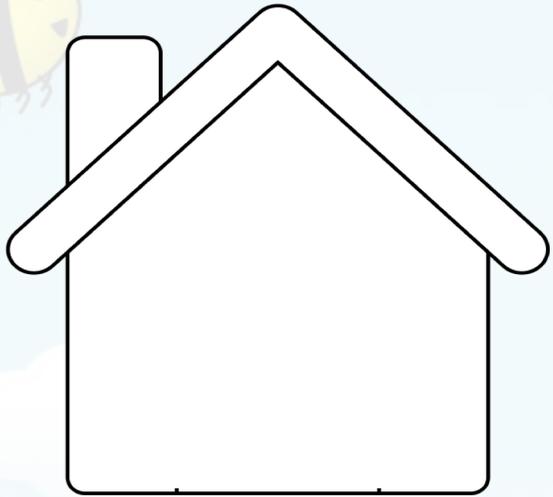


Welcome to The Synonym Shack here we like to find different words that have the same meaning.

Put your spelling words on the shack roof and fill it with words that mean the same.



The Synonym Shed



Scrabble

In the game of 'Scrabble' letters are given a score.
You can see the scores on the tiles below. A is worth 1 and B is worth 3...

A ₁	B ₃	C ₃	D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	G ₂	H ₄	I ₁	J ₈	K ₅	L ₁	M ₃
N ₁	O ₁	P ₃	Q ₁₀	R ₁	S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	V ₄	W ₄	X ₈	Y ₄	Z ₁₀

The word bank is worth B – 3 points, A – 1 point, N – 1 point and K – 5 Points so 10 points.

Can you find the score for each of your words?

Challenge questions

Can you find a word which scores more than 20?
Can you find a word which scores more than 50 or 100?

Can you add a suffix or prefix to one of your spelling words to make them score higher?

A ₁	B ₃	C ₃	D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	G ₂	H ₄	I ₁	J ₈	K ₅	L ₁	M ₃
N ₁	O ₁	P ₃	Q ₁₀	R ₁	S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	V ₄	W ₄	X ₈	Y ₄	Z ₁₀

Scrabble



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Spelling Word	Scrabble Score

Spelling Word	Scrabble Scorer

Memory Challenge



In this game you will play against a partner.

Copy 5 – 10 of your spellings onto a whiteboard.

Allow your partner 30 seconds to study your spellings.

After 30 seconds, secretly rub out one of the spellings, can your partner identify which word is missing?

If they guess it right then they receive a point. If they guess incorrectly then you get a point.

Take turns of writing down the spellings.

Memory Challenge

Teacher Notes

A variation on this game would be for one child to write down 5-8 spellings. In this case, add a word and their partner guesses which word has been added.

They could scramble the letters of one of the words and their partner guesses what the word is.

Children could rub out single letters in one of their words and their partners have to say which letters have been missed out.

Spelling Search



Create a word search of this week's spellings and challenge one of your friends to solve them.

Can you find where their words are hidden before they find yours?

Step 1. Add the words to the grid. You can add them in any direction – vertically, horizontally, diagonally and even backwards.

Step 2: Add in letters at random to fill in the grid.

Tip: Using letters that are used in the spelling words makes finding the real words more difficult.

