

Mnemonics

A mnemonic is something that we can use to help us recall information, or remember how to spell a word.

Is there a word that you find tricky to spell? A mnemonic can be used to help remember the order of the letters. For example, if you find it hard to remember how to spell the word 'friend', you could make up a sentence like:

Friends **r**ush **i**n **e**ating **n**ine **d**oughnuts.

Here are some more examples:

Because - **B**ig **e**lephants **c**an **a**lways **u**nderstand **s**mall **e**lephants.

Rhythm - **R**hythm **h**elps **y**our **t**wo **h**ips **m**ove.

Glasgow - **G**ranny **l**ikes **a** **s**mall **g**lass **o**f **w**ater.

Can you think of any more?

A mnemonic can also be a rhyme or a phrase. We can remember how to spell 'difficulty' by saying:

Mrs D, Mrs I, Mrs F-F-I, Mrs C, Mrs U, Mrs L-T-Y!

We can use a short sentence to help us recall information or spell a word. To spell 'together', we could say 'together we have to-get-her'.

We could say the sentence '**A**untie **E**mma **i**roned **o**ur **u**niforms' to remember which letters are vowels.

As well as using mnemonics to remember how to spell words, they can be used to help remember facts or information. The order of the colours in a rainbow can be remembered by saying, 'Richard of York gave battle in vain'.

R ichard		R ed
O f		O range
Y ork		Y ellow
G ave		G reen
B attle		B lue
I n		I ndigo
V ain		V iolet

It's mnemonic challenge time!

Make a list of words that you find tricky, or some information that you would like to remember. Can you create mnemonics to help you?