

Second Grade Spelling Fun: Riddles and Brain Teasers

For second grade spelling, you want as many **fun activities** as possible! That's why we've compiled this collection of simple brain teasers and riddles. In the classroom, play these on the chalkboard. At home, get out paper and pencil to go one-on-one with your child for a new kind of fun!



How Many Words?



Write the letters R, T, A on the board. Ask each student to think of a word that can be made using all three of these letters and write it on his paper. How many words are there?

After a minute or two, ask students to come to the board to write their words. Answers: ART, RAT, TAR Now add an S to the same three letters. Now how many words are there? Answers: ARTS, RATS, TARS, STAR (Tsar would be unfamiliar.)

Here are additional versatile set of letters:

AMR - arm, ram (Mar may be unfamiliar)

AET - ate, eat, tea

OTP - pot, top (Opt may be unfamiliar)



Scramblers

Scramble the weekly spelling words for some extra fun. Sometimes, let your child scramble the words for you (or a friend) to unscramble. Even when he writes the letters out of order, he must check to be sure he's used all the correct letters.



m a p s t --> stamp u f o d n --> found

Words Inside of Words



You'll be surprised at how many words can be spelled from letters inside of some common second grade spelling words. Look at these examples:

-) fast - at, as, sat
-) mouse - us, so, sum, some, use
-) those - so, to, hot, hoe, toe, toes, set, hose

Write one of these or similar words on the board at the beginning of the day. Challenge students to see how many words they can write down by the end of the day.



I'm Thinking of...

Give your student or students clues to help them guess the weekly spelling word (or review word) that you've secretly selected.

Sample clues:



- J I'm thinking of a spelling word with five letters.
- J This word has just one vowel.
- J This word tells the position something might hold (Answer: first)
- J This next word also has five letters.
- J It rhymes with *should*.
- J There's another word that sounds the same but is spelled differently that comes from a tree. (Answer: would)

 Don't miss our collection of [Fun Spelling Worksheets for grades 1 and 2.](#)

You're sure to find lots more great activities for second grade spelling. Keep a list of them so you'll always be ready to make the most of spare moments throughout the day. Don't miss [our second grade worksheets!](#)

