

Diction is important in spelling—practise tongue twisters to help improve your child's diction:

- She sells seashells on the seashore.
- The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick.
- Peggy Babcock
- Mrs Smith's Fish Sauce Shop

(Start slow and get faster and faster—there's lots more to try online if you Google 'Tongue Twisters for kids')

Make up your own
riddles to get your
child to think about
how words are
spelled—they could
make up riddles for
you too.

Make sure your
riddles focus on
spelling not meaning!

Riddle me!

My word has 8 letters.

The final consonant sound is 'p'.

**The vowel before the final
consonant is a long 'o'.**

It begins with the syllable 'en'.

It is a noun.

**It is an object that holds other
things.**

What is it?

Learning how to 'look' at words

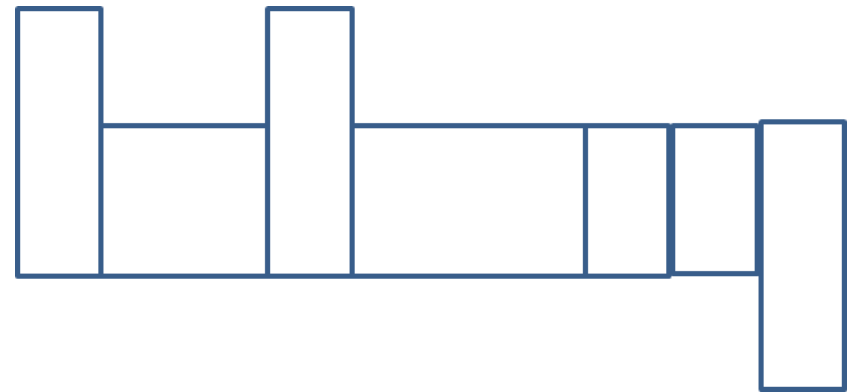
⇒ *Split the word into syllables*

⇒ *Draw the word shape and see if they can guess the word from the shape.*

⇒ *Find smaller words within the longer word*

⇒ *Find out where the word comes from—root language.*

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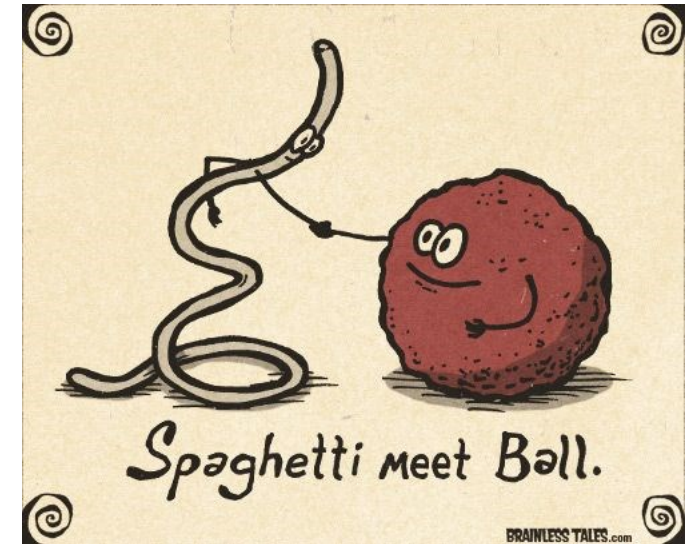
JOKES

Waiter! Waiter! What do you call this?
It's bean soup, sir.
I don't care what it's been –what is it now?



Did you hear the joke about the three eggs?
No
Two bad

Doctor! Doctor! I keep thinking I'm a billiard ball!
Well, get back in the queue!

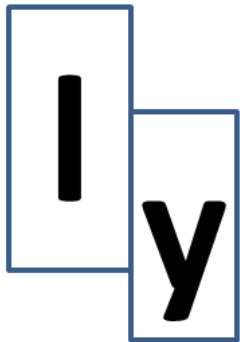


Discuss why they're funny.
Look at greetings cards in shops.
Make up your own together—use the designs
as birthday cards for friends and family.

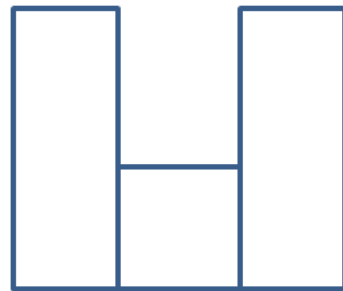


'Word fits'

A visual approach to teaching and learning **high frequency words** and **tricky words** and parts of words:



Can you find words that end in this shape pattern?



Which words might fit into this shape?
Can you find words that end in this shape pattern?

where	the
two	to
see	yellow
we	up
three	you

Can you find a word that fits into each of the shape patterns?

