



ORDERING GAMES



The process of simply ordering the letters to create the words we need to spell can be all it takes to make spelling seem more interesting. These are the spelling games Ewan enjoys the most. He enjoys constructing, so anything that taps into this joy he will join in with! If you know what makes your child tick, then that's half the battle won! Here are some of the ways we construct our spelling words, using bits and bobs we often have around the house:

- Write the letters on the side of DUPLO® or LEGO® bricks and make word walls.
- Cut up empty toilet-roll tubes and write letters on them. Use a kitchen-roll holder or a broom handle to put the letters on and construct the words vertically.
- Write letters on ball-pit balls and use a muffin tin or cups or cupcake cases to hold them to create the words.
- Give old baby building blocks a new lease of life by writing letters on the side and building word towers.

THE WASHING LINE

Another way to order the letters is to use a washing line. You can either use masking tape as your washing line, or a string and some pegs. Just set up a line between two chairs at your child's height.

TO SET UP . . .

1. Cut the spelling words written on bits of paper up into individual letters and mix up the order of the letters but keep them in word piles.
2. Set up your washing line. If using masking tape, make sure the sticky side is facing you.

TO PLAY . . .

1. Get your child to unscramble the anagrams. You can prompt them by saying which word it is.
2. They need to put the letters on the washing line in the correct order to make the word.



What else could you use in your house to build the words?

If they are competitive, set a timer and see how fast they do it, then see if they can beat their time the next day.