



Mnemonics: ways to remember difficult words

A mnemonic is a **memory aid** that can be used to remember spellings. Mnemonics can be **rhymes or silly sentences that stick in your memory** - often the sillier they are, the better they are for remembering.

Mnemonics can be created by making up a sentence using the initial letter of each word to represent one letter of the word you want to learn. For example (note the letters in **bold** text):

rhythm - rhythm **h**elps your two **h**ips **m**ove

because - **b**ig **e**lephants **c**an **a**lways **u**nderstand **s**mall **e**lephants

Make up your own mnemonics for these words:

- holiday
- daughter
- beautiful

holiday	daughter	beautiful
h	d	b
o	a	e
l	u	a
i	g	u
d	h	t
a	t	i
y	e	f
	r	u
		l

When you have finished, compare your mnemonic with someone else's. Which do you think is the easiest to remember?

Now make up a mnemonic for some words of your own that you want to learn.