

How to Spell Like a Pro



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My name is Daisy and I am a small orange and white Corgi and I am going to tell you a story about me.

“Daisy the dog was an excellent speller. She could spell in her head, she could spell out loud, she could spell when she was chasing her fluffy corgi tail.

She could spell “fortunate” while she was laying on her back with her four little white paws in the air. She could spell hard words like “obstinate” and easy words like “me”.

One day, while Daisy was laying in the meadow, wondering when her two pets were going to give her a much needed treat of a doggy bone, she overheard Petra, her oldest pet, crying.

Daisy did what any loving owner would do and she leapt to her paws and ran to Petra. She laid her silky head on Petra’s lap and looked up at her with dark chocolate brown eyes.

Petra didn't know that Daisy had a secret, that Daisy was one of the most excellent spellers in the world, and just like in a dream, the dreams we all have at night, Petra could hear in her imagination that Daisy could teach her to spell. So she did, just like this.

Imagine, if you will, that you can hear the voice of that excellent spelling Daisy, just like that, a rough gravelly voice that taught Petra how to be an excellent speller to.

“Petra” said Daisy (we are just pretending here, because we know that in real life, dogs don't really talk, do they?)....

“I am an excellent speller because I **THINK** about spelling differently than you do. I am going to show you a trick that will make it so easy for you to spell words. You won't be perfect at it, because no one is, but you will be very, very good.”

So she drew some letters on a piece of paper and made the letters different colors.

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“Petra, take a look at the word that I have printed here, can you see it clearly?” Petra nodded.

“Imagine that you have a camera in your mind and you can take a picture of that word. Will you do that now? Good. Now, when you think that you have a clear picture of that word, take the mental picture and imagine, (that is an important word, imagine) that you can move that picture up and over to the left.

You can make the picture of the word as big as you need in order to remember it. Simple, right? When you think you have it, we are going to test it.

I’ll take away the word and you see if you can remember what the picture of the word looked like.....can you do that?”

Petra was able to do it after a couple of tries and once she got the hang of it, she was able to spell that word, easily.

“Good job” said Daisy and gave her a high five with her paw.

After practicing on other words, she didn’t need to color them anymore and she was able to just look at a new word and take a quick imaginary picture of it and put it in that special place where memory pictures are stored.....and she became a most excellent speller.....just like me, Daisy, the dog.

I have been a naturally good speller and this way of spelling is the way naturally good spellers spell. Try it out and make it into a game, it can be lots of fun!! My Petra was able to spell easily and so can you!

It’s really important to believe in yourself, especially if things are hard.....I am a smart dog and I believe in you!