Practising Spellings At Home

It is really important that parents and carers are involved in helping children to learn their spellings. Confidence in spelling allows children to write more freely and imaginatively. Your child should practise their spellings for 10 to 20 minutes daily.
Here are some games or ideas you could use.
Why not try a different one each night to keep it fun and interesting. Making sure you have variety of games and tasks is a great way to ensure the learning sticks!

Word Search
Create your own word searches using your spelling words. Or use this link to get your computer to do it for you.
http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp

Air Spelling
Choose a spelling word. Ask your child to use their index finger to write the word in the air slowly, they should say each letter. You need to remind your child that they need to be able to 'see' the letters they have written in the air. Repeat this and encourage your child to say the word each time they have written it in the air.
Now ask your child questions the about the word. For example they could ask 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?' 'How many letters are there?' etc.

Shaving Cream Practice
Squirt some shaving cream some onto the table or tray (with parents/carers permission and supervision!) and practice spelling words by writing them with your finger in the shaving cream.

Salt Box Spelling
Pour salt into a shallow box or tray (about 3cm deep) and then practice writing spellings in it with your finger.

Scrabble Spelling
Find the letters you need to spell the words and then mix them up in the bag. Time how long it takes to unscramble the letters and try to beat it on your next go. For extra maths practice you could find out the value of each of you words.

Ransom Note
Cut the letters needed to for your words from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell the words.

Spell It With Beans
Use Lima beans (or any dried beans or lentils) to spell out your words. If you glue them onto separate pieces of card then you made a great set of flash cards to practice with for the rest of the week.

Tasty Words
Just like above, but try and find tasty things to spell your words with, like raisins. Then when you spell them right you get to eat them!

Design A Word
Pick one word and write it in bubble letters. Colour in each letter in a different pattern.

Water Wash
Use a paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or pavements.

ABC Order
Write your words out in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

Story Time
Write a short story using all your words. Don't forget to check your punctuation!

Simple Sentence
Write a sentence for each of your words. Remember each sentence must start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

Colourful Words
Use two different coloured pens to write your words, one to write the consonants and one to write the vowels. Do this a couple of times then write the whole word in one colour.

Memory Game
Make pairs of word cards. Turn them all over and mix them over. Flip over two cards, if they match you get to keep them, if not you have to turn them over again. Try and match all the pairs.

Spelling Steps
Write your words as if they were steps, adding one letter each time. (It's much easier doing this on squared paper.)

Scrambled Words
Write your words then write them again with all the letters mixed up.

X-Words
Find two of your spelling words with the same letter in and write them so they criss cross.

Missing Letters
Write out one of your words lots of times on piece of paper, but each time miss out a letter or two. Your child can then fill in the missing letters. After you have checked them all try it again with another word.

Acrostic
Use words that start with each letter in you spelling word. Your more likely to remember it if it makes sense!