**Spelling Strategies**

 **Know the 5 BIG RULES of English Spelling**

1. Our alphabet has 26 letters (graphemes).

2. Most letters are consonants, making around 24 consonant sounds (phonemes).

3. The 5 vowel are: a,e,i,o,u and handy y, saying 20 vowel sounds.

4. Words are broken into syllables.

5. Every syllable must have a vowel, written in many ways.

**Stretch It Out**



w-o-n-d-e-r-f-u-l

**Listen for Blends**

cl-o-ck

**Think: “Does it rhyme with a word I know?”**

fought / bought

**Is there a smaller word in the bigger word?**



grandmother = her, and, grand, moth

**Ask yourself: “Is there a prefix or a suffix?”**



(prefix) ----------------------->rewind

**Write In Color**

Use a different color to highlight a syllable or letter(s) that trip you up.

**sep ar ate**

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**Say the Word like It Sounds**

 No one else knows what you're saying in your head so say the word as it sounds!

 **“Wed-nes-day”**

**Break the Word Up Into Syllables**

Each syllable will contain one vowel or the letter “y”.

If you say “police” slowly you will hear 2 syllables.

**po-lice**

**Use the Words You've Practiced**

Using them is practicing them, and **practice makes permanent!**