Spelling Strategies

Look and listen for prefixes and suffixes

unhappy
slowly
incompletely
convention

Use an etymological dictionary to find out where the word comes from. Break the word up into morphemes. Deduce the meaning of each morpheme, then the whole word.

con vent ion
act of coming together

in vent ion
one who coming upon

How many sounds are there in the word? Is this number the same as the number of letters in the word? How many syllables are there?

pleasing
8 letters
6 sounds: p l ea s i ng
2 syllables

Can you use this word in another word class?

Love
lovely, loved, loving, beloved, unloveable

Crumble
I love apple crumble. The rock crumbled.

Group the same family of words together. Find other words that have the same morpheme.

sign
resign
assign
design
consign

or

night
fight
sight
might

Make up a mnemonic

because
Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants

Word Study

SW and SC