

Closed Sort

Your teacher will tell you some categories that you need to sort your word cards into. It might be ways of spelling the word, what the word means, what sort of ending the word has, the way it is pronounced or lots of other things! You need to look carefully at the words on the cards and decide which category each one fits into. Remember to do some word observations to help you find out lots about the words. If a word doesn't fit with any of the ways your teacher has asked you to sort, it is an "oddball" word and needs to go on an oddball pile.

Investigate



Open Sort

You will have some word cards but you won't be told how to sort them! You will need to do some careful word observations to see if you can see any similarities or differences between the words, which will help you to decide how to sort them. Remember to think about what the words mean as well as how they are spelled to help you think of ways to put them together.

Which sort of sort?

You will have to cut your words out. Make sure you keep them carefully in the place your teacher has shown you to keep them.



Listening Sort

A bit like a closed sort, but instead of looking at the word cards you will have the words read to you by a teacher or a work partner. You need to listen to the word, decide which category it should be in, and then write it down, thinking about how it is spelled as you write it. You will work with a teacher or friend to check the way you have sorted and spelled the words.

Speed Sort

This will probably be a closed sort but... you have to do it as fast as you can! Then you do it again to beat your time! Speed sorts are great for helping you practise looking at words and remembering them.

Talking about your sorts is a great way of sharing what you are learning with others. You'll work in pairs most of the time.