

Teacher Interview

Researcher What age pupils do you teach?

Teacher I have Year 3 pupils 7 to 8 years old

Researcher How often do you use Look, Cover, Write, Check?

Teacher We get them to say the word as well

Researcher Look, Say, Cover, Write Check

Teacher Yes that's right

Researcher How often do you use it?

Teacher Some pupils take the sheets home and use it every day, well three or four times a week probably

Researcher Can you describe how it works?

Teacher I have five spelling groups in my class. I prepare the sheet on the computer typing in the words I want them to learn. I try and include some words that group have been struggling with in their work that week. We use a font that is close to the schools handwriting scheme.

Researcher Why do you use a special font?

Teacher Some fonts don't show letters like a in a similar way to how we handwrite them so it can be confusing for some pupils

Researcher So what do you do next?

Teacher Pupils take the sheets home and learn them.

Researcher How do the pupils use the sheet?

Teacher First they read the first word lots of times. Secondly they say the word out loud. Then they cover the word up. Then they write the word. Then they check to see if they have spelt it right or wrongly and tick it. They then do the same things for the second word, third word etc.