Year 2

Spelling



Why teach spellings?

Teachers want their pupils to become fluent and effective writers; accurate spelling is a means to that end. Competent spellers need to spend less time and energy in thinking about spelling to enable them to channel their time and energy into the skills of composition, sentence structure and precise word choice.





Year 2 expectations

- segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically - plausible attempts at others
- spell many Y2 common exception words

As well as…

- Can spell many of the Y1 common exception words
- Can spell words ending in -ing, -ed, -est and -er (where no change is needed to the root word)
- Can spell words containing the range of Y1 phonemes
- Can spell words using the prefix –un
- Can spell plural nouns by adding –s and –es





Common exception words

- Words that cannot be sounded out.
- Really important that children learn the letter names rather than sounds as the sounds won't help them to read the words.





Cursive handwriting

- Cursive handwriting has been proven to improve spelling results.
- It enables children to remember the shape of the whole word rather than individual letters.
- All practice of spelling should be cursive.



Phonics

In year 2, children take a closer looks at the phonics rules and spelling patterns of different words.

ay ai

spray rain



Spelling lesson structure

Week1 – words containing ‘dge’ to make a ‘J’ sound

Week 2 – words containing ‘ge’ to make a ‘J’ sound

Week 3 – words containing ‘g’ to make a ‘J’ sound

Week 4 – when to use a soft c e.g. ‘spicy’

Week 5 – Words containing ‘kn’ and ‘gn’ to make a ‘n’ sound






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charge change strange orange dungeon

pigeon hinge range fringe sponge

'Change' has four sounds: ch-a-n-ge.



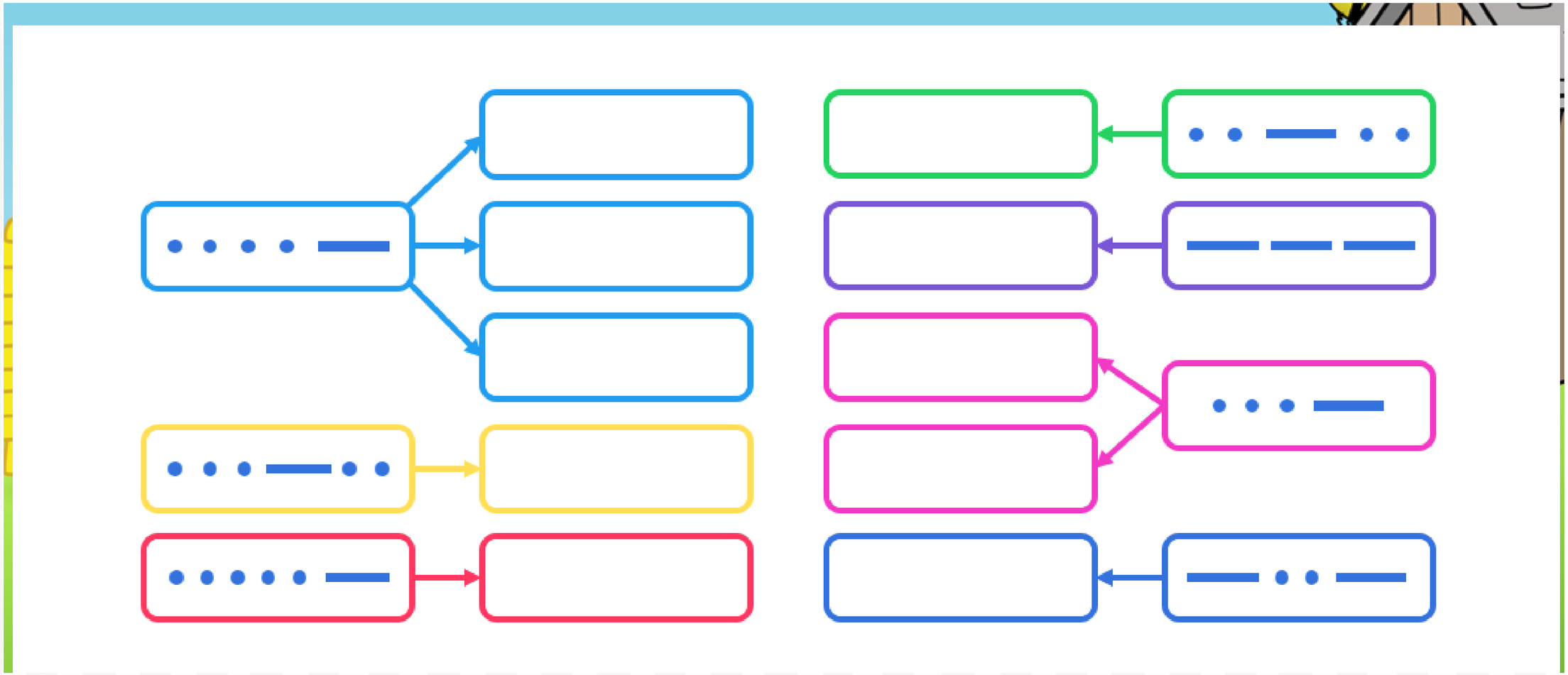
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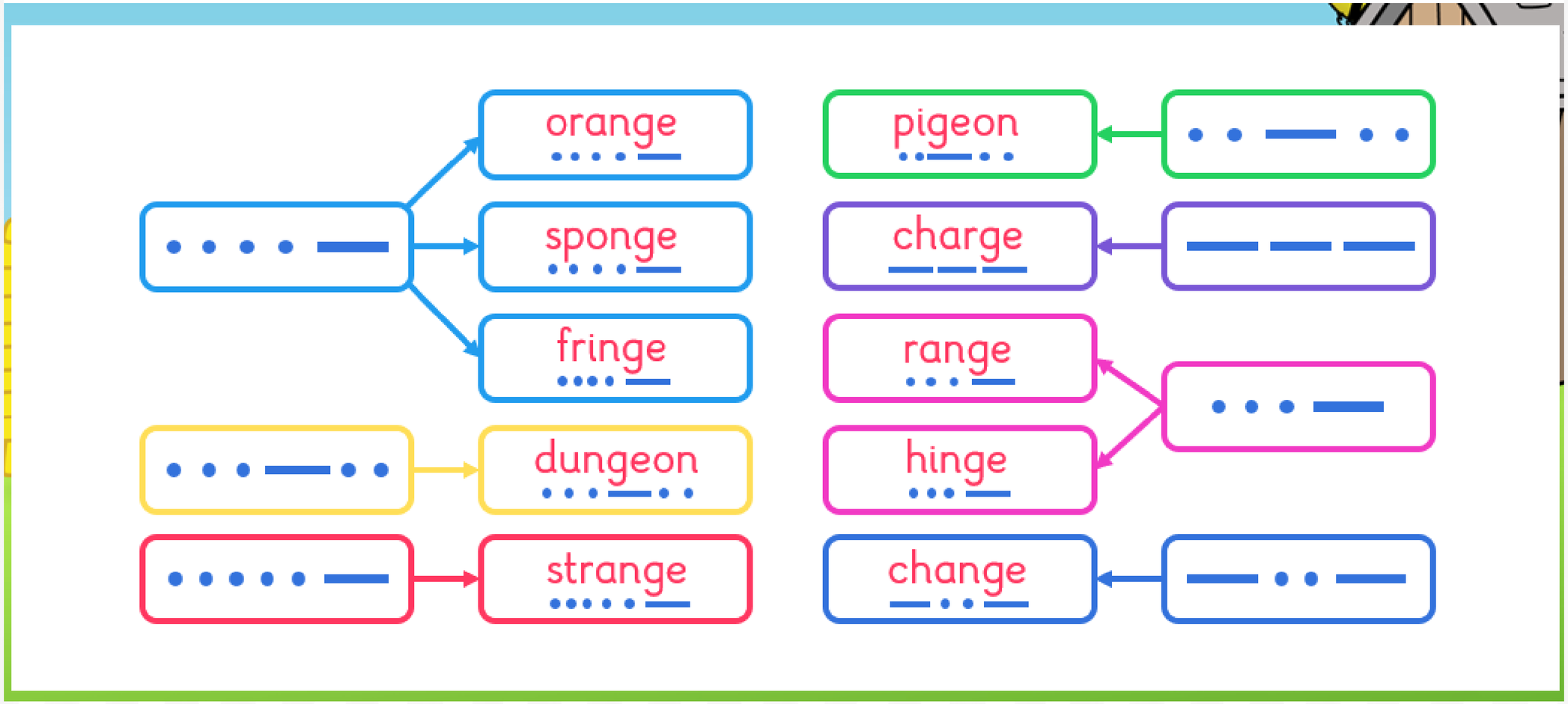
Phoneme Maps

Look at the different phoneme maps.
Write all the words which share a map.

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Answers

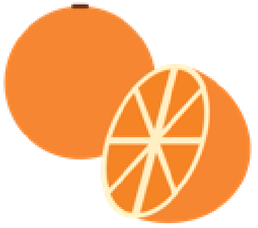

orange
sponge
fringe
dungeon
strange
pigeon
charge
range
hinge
change

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Sentences and Synonyms

Write a sentence about the pictures below. Remember to include the word in your sentence.
Then read the sentences and replace the underlined word with one of the blue words.

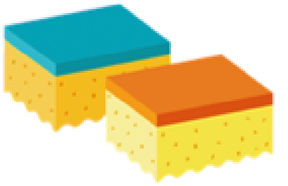
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orange

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sponge

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change	There was an <u>unusual</u> sound coming from the forest.	"<u>Attack</u>!" shouted Ben.
charge		
strange	Can I <u>swap</u> seats with you?	The <u>cell</u> was cold and dark.
dungeon		

Suggested spelling practice structure

Start with some Spelling shed games to engage your child and to remind them of the spelling rule focus for that week.

Then have a go at some practice of the spelling quiz words in your spelling book. See next slides for tips on how to support your child with learning and writing their spelling quiz words.



Ways to help your child

- Look, say, analyse, cover, write, check.
- Highlight the hard bit and talk about it
  - Eg fr ie nd
- Find a way to remember unusual spelling patterns, say it as it looks or link to an image



Ways to help your child

- If a word has multiple syllables, break it down and look at the separate parts.
- Write the word in the palm of your hand with your finger - muscle memory will help to remember the shape of the letters.
- Sing the word - used by American spelling bees. Put the letters to a tune!



Ways to help your child

- Type words.
- Make words from cut out letters, fridge magnets, letter tiles.
- Role reversal: you write the words making some ‘mistakes’ and let the child be the teacher.
- Repetition, repetition, repetition.



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Assignments 2

Games set for you.

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Challenges

Challenge others to play.

View >

Leagues

Player and class leagues.

View >

Enter 6-digit hive code to join game

Join



Assignments

Assignments | Past Assignments

Task	Due ↑	Progress	Status	
Assignment SPELLING *Challenge Words 2.12*	13/11/2025 00:00	0	Egg *0 / 200*	Play
Assignment SPELLING *Words where 'ge' makes a /j/ sound*	13/11/2025 00:00	0	Egg *0 / 200*	Play

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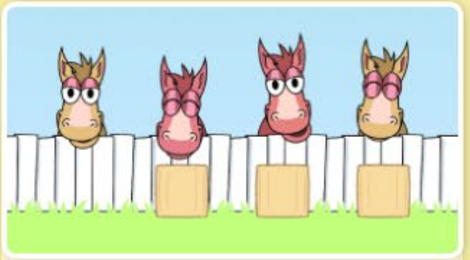
Spelling Practice



Spelling Bee
The original Spelling Shed game!



Penalty Spell-out
Score goals and spell words!



Hungry Horses
Feed the horses!

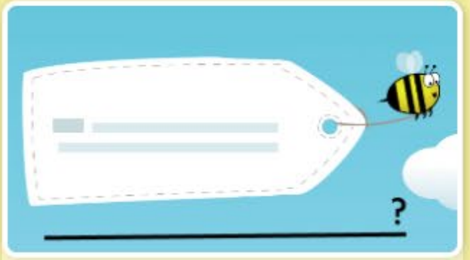


Shed Load
Load the bee hives on the truck!

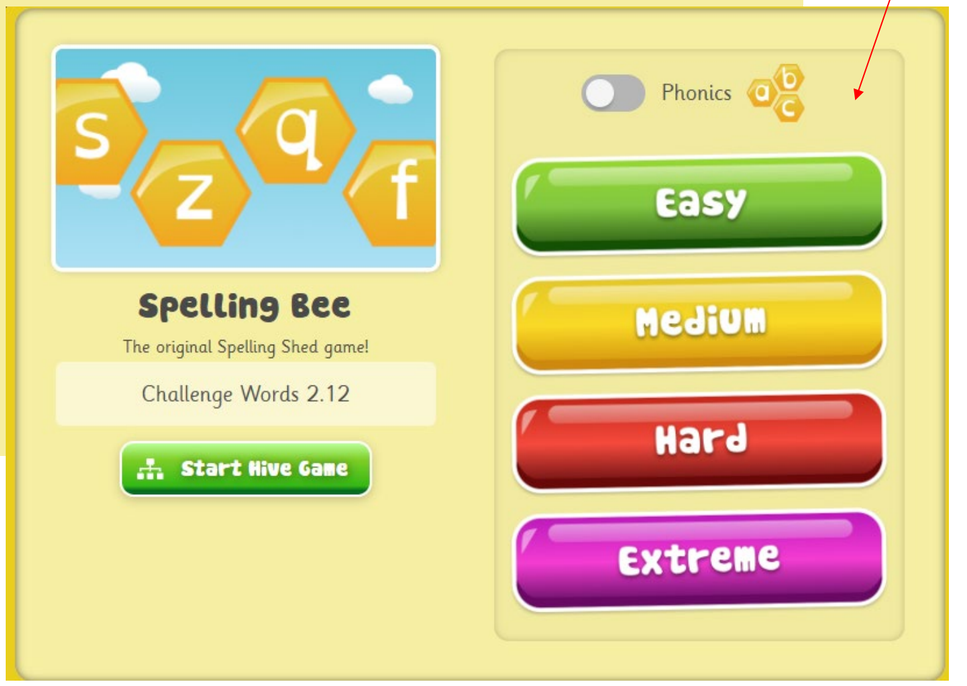
Word Games



Missing Word
Can you spell the missing word?



Definitions
Match the words with the definitions!



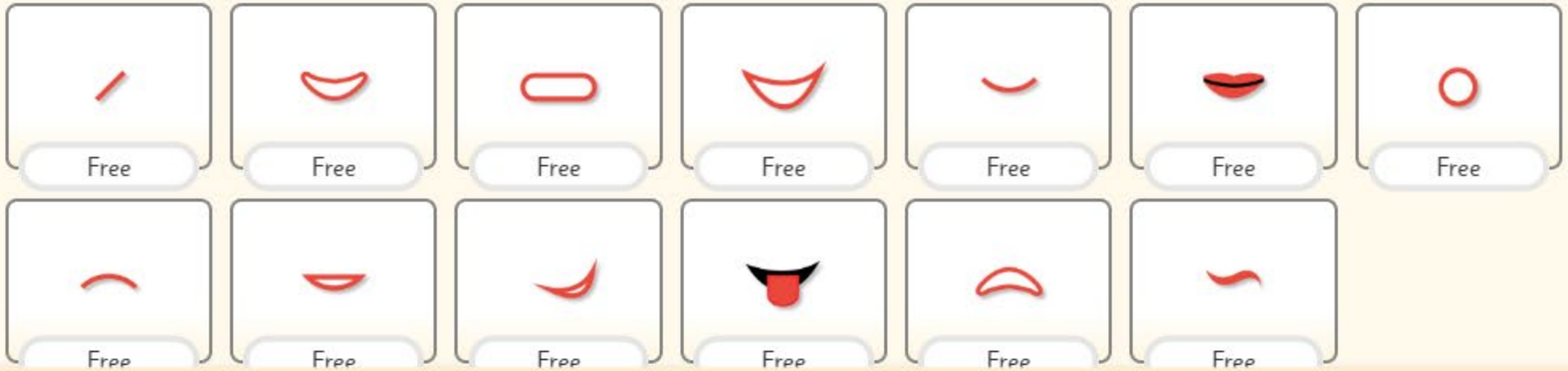


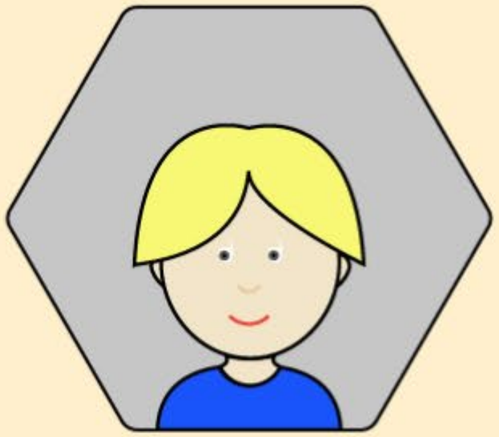
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Eyes



Mouth





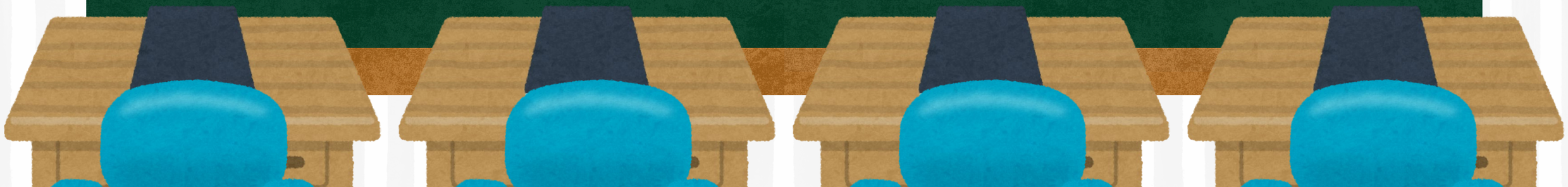
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Eye Colour

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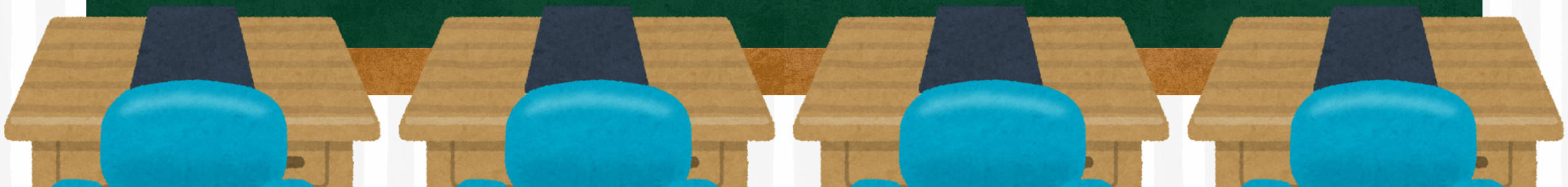
Top tips

“I find the best way to learn new words is to write them over and over again. To make it more interesting for my daughter, we don’t just use pencil and paper – she also practises with bath crayons on the wall tiles, a mini whiteboard and pavement chalks in the garden.”



Top tips

“Word puzzles help my children with their spellings. I often make word searches or crosswords using their weekly words, and we play Hangman with them, too.”



Please ask us if you or your child is unsure .







Always happy to help.



