SPELLING GAMES FOR PRACTICING COMMONLY MISSPELLED WORDS
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Word Scramble or Misspell
Teacher or student scrambles or misspells 5-6 of the words before Main Lesson. Students are given a few minutes to correctly spell them on their slates or paper. Then volunteers come to BB to write them correctly. Others are ready to help if needed.

Oops
Teacher or student erases some letters of 5-6 of the words before Main Lesson. Students write correct words on slates or paper. Volunteers come to BB to add the letters with others’ help if needed.

Blackboard Team Race
Two teams are created and stand in back of room, first player of each with a piece of chalk in his hand. Teacher says a word, first player from each team runs to spell it on BB. A point is given for a correctly and neatly spelled word. Keep play going.

Hangman
Teacher chooses a commonly misspelled word for the game. I don’t hang a man (too gruesome for me 😊). I choose a seasonal theme (grow a flower, create a jack o’lantern, etc.) instead. This is a great game when waiting for another teacher to come.

Team Spelling
Create a few teams. Say the word to the first team. Each team member gives 1 letter of the word. If correct, they receive a point. If incorrect, the next team gets a try. Great game to help them learn to be cooperative and supportive.

Partner Work
Partners test each other with a short list of commonly misspelled words. They use slates or sidewalk or paper to spell word for each other.

Dismissing Game
When dismissing for recess or going home, each student has to spell one of the words to be dismissed.

Transition Minute
Spell words as a whole class. A student chooses whether the class will whisper, shout, clap and spell, write in the air or on partner’s back, etc. Teacher gives word. Another student spells word on BB then erases it. Whole class spells as instructed.