

## *Ideas for Practicing "La dictée"*

Use some or all of the ideas to help make practicing dictée with your child an enjoyable experience

- once your child has mastered some of the words, focus on practicing the words they don't know with a quick review of the other words
- use "Scrabble" or "Bananagram" tiles to spell out the words
- use magnetic alphabet letters on a cookie sheet
- let your child use special markers or crayons to write the words – try using a different colour for each syllable (e.g. **bon**jour, **montagne**) or write consonants with one colour and vowels with another
- write the words as "stairsteps" (doing this on graph paper works really well)  
e.g. b  
bo  
bon  
bonj  
bonjo  
bonjou  
bonjour
- **Rainbow Words** - write a spelling word with your pencil then trace around the outside with a crayon, hugging but not touching the letters. Pick two other crayons to continue tracing outward!
- challenge your child to write the words in alphabetical order (or write them on scraps of paper and have your child place them in alphabetical order)
- play "hangman" with the spelling words
- type the words on the computer using different fonts or "**Spreadsheet Them**"  
- Use Excel to type your words into separate cells. Then make each cell a different font, colour, and size. Finally, let the computer sort them into alphabetical order!
- cut letters out from old cards or magazines and glue them onto a sheet
- use paint, window writers, playdough or any medium you like (and have available) to practice the words
- also, remember look for dictée words from the current week or past weeks in the home reading books

Learn with your child and try to make practicing the words fun for both of you 😊