Say the word using your 'spelling' voice.

Examples:

us – u – ally

Pronouncing words in a way you wouldn't normally to emphasise all of the letters.

Break the word up into syllables or sensible chunks.

Examples:

Ad-ven-tur-ous

Mix –ture (but I'd also identify the 'ure' as a common letter string)

Remember the spelling of common affixes.

Port -able

Word can be split but –able is a very common suffix

Cautious - endings cious or –tious with the added treat of 'au' making an /or/sound

Think of the tricky part. What makes it tricky?

Examples:

Thumb

Common silent letters i.e. b, k, l and also 'thum' can be put on sound buttons – just the 'b' can't

Trouble – the /u/ sound spelled 'ou' – I'd talk about other similar words here too.

Dough – 'ough' letter string - tricky as it can make different sounds. Compare to cough.

Science - words with the /s/ sound spelt sc Vague – the hard /g/ sound like tongue

Take off the suffix and prefix and then put them back on.

Port - able

Attention – children won't have heard the root word attend very much, nor recognise it as a verb. This is an exception to the usual rule of a 'd' or 'de' ending – usually comprehend = comprehension

Look for a word in a word.

architect— words with the /k/ sound spelt ch but also the word 'arch' in the word. Architects look at arches!

Descendant – there's an ant in descendants. Ants eat our dead descendants – depressing but memorable! Also 'sc' making the /s/ sound again like scissors and science.

Try it three times – picture it in your head from a book you have read. Recall the context in which you have seen it before.

Think back to any spelling rules you know.

Receipt

I before e except after C
explode – root words ending in 'de' – you
usually drop the 'de' and the suffix is sion.
Typical - the /i/ sound is spelt y other than at
the end of words like pyramid too

Read it back like it is the first time you have seen it!
Use reading strategies.
Take your time.

Explosion – recall from war time stories we've been reading Science – picture your science book or a class display Typical – remember seeing a similar word - pyramid – Ancient Egyptians in Y4. Symptom = COVID leaflets etc		
Use your fingers as sound	Check the Speed Sounds	Think before ink.
buttons.	Chart. Check alternative	
Trouble – all okay bar that tricky sound and the usual ending of 'le' rather than 'el' Obtain – broken down then just add –ed Suffer – as above	graphemes. Weightless - words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey	

Examples all taken from 2018 SPAG test