WAYS TO LEARN

Here are some ideas for memorising a new word.
(Copying out is NOT a useful way to learn spellings.)

1. Make up a phrase or sentence.
   e.g. said = silly Anne is dancing
        because = big elephants cry and upset small elephants
        Leicester = lions eat ice-cream every single Tuesday evening, running
        would = would old uncle lion dance
        could = could old uncle lion dance
        should = should old uncle lion dance

2. See a word in a word.
   on e  h e a r  g o n e  u s u a l  b u s y  t h e s e

3. Deliberately mispronounce.
   Wed - nes - day  no - thing  man - y  pe - ople

4. Make the word into a picture
   ē y ē  ā ō k

5. Sound out the syllables.
   lem - on  sun - set  yes - ter - day  hos - pit - al

6. Trace a root word
   know - knowledge

7. Use colour to highlight parts of a word.
   h i g h  i g h t  b e a u t i f u l  Le ice ster

8. Make several trials of a spelling on scrap paper until the word looks right.
   e.g. lik - lick - liek - like

9. Look...Say...Cover...Write...Check...
   Look at the word, say it, cover it up, write it and check it. Repeat this at intervals, (later the same day, the following day, the following week,) until you get it right every time. It is useful to keep a strip of card in your Spelling Book to cover up each new word as you learn it.

10. Practise proof-reading your work.