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High frequency words

High frequency words are quite simply those **words** which occur most frequently in written material, for example, "and", "the", "as" and "it". They are often **words** that have little **meaning** on their own, but they do contribute a great deal to the **meaning** of a sentence.

Tricky Words

Tricky words are those words which cannot be sounded out easily. They are common words that have complex spellings in them. Emergent readers may find them difficult to read as they have not yet learned some of the **graphemes** in those words. They are sometimes known as irregular words, **common exception words** or **sight words**.

Tips for practising flashcards

- Shuffle flash cards
- Learn in different places
- Children to create their own flashcards with images

Beat the clock

Child reads as many flashcards that they can in one minute. Child wins the word if read correctly. Revisit incorrect words.

Matching pairs

Place a double set of flashcards (word hidden) on the table. Children to find matching pairs. To win the pair they have to read each word.



Tic-tac-toe

Choose a tricky word that your child needs to learn. Write it in the box. Play tick-tac-toe using the sight word.




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sight word tic-tac-toe

Write each player's word in a box below. Then take turns playing tic-tac-toe with the words. The first player to get three in a line wins!

Player 1	Player 2
Word	Word



Highlight tricky words in a newspaper

Children often read tricky word flashcards fluently but then struggle to identify these words in a text, reverting back to decoding strategies. Searching for tricky words is a good strategy to use before reading a book, without highlighting pens!



- Sight word hangman
- Fill in the missing letter (the) _he, t_e, th_
- Spot the right spelling (the) the, het, eth,



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Identify the tricky part of the word.



Make a flashcard/poster together.