

Reading : High Frequency Words

High frequency words are words which occur frequently when speaking or reading. Some high frequency words can be sounded out, 'and', 'can', 'up' and some are tricky words which cannot be easily read using phonics, 'the', 'said', 'was'. Sound them out and find the part that is tricking you and remember it.



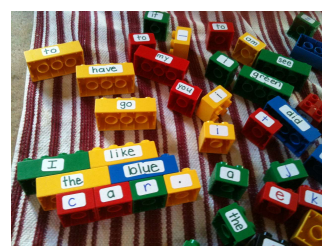
Sometimes, the meaning of the high frequency words is difficult to explain as they usually have an abstract meaning. It is easy to understand 'cat' for example but not so easy to understand 'the'.

Researchers believe that learning to recognise just 13 of the high frequency words will enable children to read 25% of any text. Therefore, learning 100 high frequency words gives children access to 50% of any text.

When you add this to learning phonics, children's reading can really be accelerated.

Learning High Frequency Words

- Make flashcards - get your child to write the words if possible.
- Place HFW on the stairs and read them each time you go upstairs.
- Hide HFW around the room, who can find the most? Read them out.
- Splat the HFW with fly squatters.
- Place 4 HFW in the corners of the room and run to the word called out.
- Play Lucky dip!
- Play snap!
- Write them in chalk onto a hopscotch grid. Read them as you throw the stone onto them.
- Play bingo with them.
- Point them out when reading a bedtime story.
- Put a few on a tray, hide one and ask which one is missing.
- Play treasure hunt with HFW flash cards.
- Write letters on building blocks/ lego and spell out HFW.
- Write the words on lolly sticks and practise 1 a day from the pot.
- Write the words on the bottom of bath toys (ducks/ boats) to find and read.



I	a	at	one
is	in	it	them
an	as	on	when
up	and	the	all
we	he	me	time
she	be	if	now
no	go	so	there
him	had	got	this
but	it's	his	made
not	into	of	oh
Mum	Dad	get	their
I'm	can	big	people
to	do	her	make
my	by	see	what
just	help	back	looked
for	off	from	very
day	look	was	that
old	with	said	your
down	you	are	could
they	out	put	some
here	went	like	called
then	came	asked	were
will	about	too	house
little	come	saw	don't
have	Mr	Mrs	children