

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

To help 2nd graders master high-frequency words, use a multi-sensory approach by incorporating reading, writing, and hands-on activities like flashcards, games, and word hunts. Teach words in context, such as in sentences and stories, not just in isolation, and provide daily, cumulative review. For irregular words (heart words), explicitly teach the entire word and highlight the part that must be memorized. If your child is struggling and showing frustration while practicing, please let me know and I will make flashcards that will “show” the “heart” part of the word that must be memorized by heart.

Instructional Strategies

- **Multi-Sensory Activities:** Engage multiple senses by writing words in sand or shaving cream, tracing letters, or using letter tiles.
- **Contextual Practice:** Introduce words in sentences, stories, and real-life situations to help your child understand how they are used. Use the words in their own writing.
- **Word Hunts:** Go on word hunts in books, magazines, and signs around the house or community to find familiar high-frequency words.
- **Flashcards and Games:** Create flashcards with words and sentences on the back for practice. Play word bingo, memory match, or other engaging games to make learning fun.
- **Chunking and Mapping:** For difficult words, break them into smaller, recognizable parts and discuss the letter sounds, drawing attention to the parts that don't follow typical phonics rules.
- **Cumulative Review:** Regularly revisit previously taught words to reinforce memory and ensure long-term retention.