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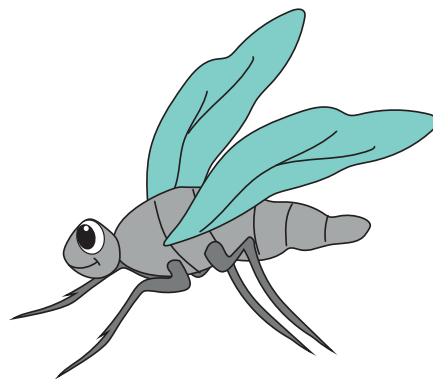
An evidence-based approach (aligned with Science of Reading) to teaching high-frequency words (HFWs) within a structured synthetic phonics (SSP) program, which sequences HFWs into the SSP phonic sequence, and teaches irregular HFWs using the heart word method.



Flash Words

HFW that are regular and decodable. These words are used frequently, and so students need repeated decoding and encoding practice, so that they can be recognised (read) and reproduced (spelled) in a flash.

-y as in puppy	* also double letters
study	buddy*
twenty	yummy*
footy	funny*
body	happy*
story	quickly
party	puppy*



-y as in cry	
fly	my
crying	try
by	why
i as in child	
kind	find
Friday	

ue as in glue	
blue	
ew as in screw	
flew	
threw	
NOTE: these words are pronounced /y+oo/	
few	
new	
Tuesday	

ve as in sleeve	
give	live
have	leave

kn as in knee	
know	

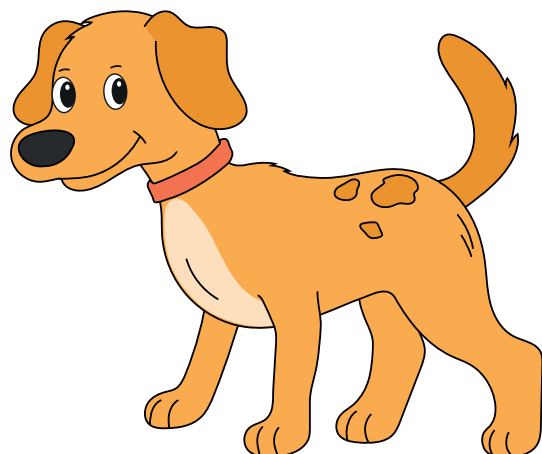
~ /schwa/: this sound is pronounced as a /schwa/

Heart Words

HFWs that contain an irregular concept which cannot be decoded or a complex phonic concept not yet learned. The difficult part of these words must be learned by heart.

High Frequency Words containing more complex patterns	
o as /u/	āb <u>o</u> ve ān <u>o</u> th <u>er</u>
	w <u>o</u> n m <u>o</u> th <u>er</u>
	<u>o</u> th <u>er</u> M <u>o</u> nday
	l <u>o</u> ve m <u>o</u> nth
	fr <u>o</u> nt br <u>o</u> th <u>er</u>
/oa/	<u>o</u> nl <u>y</u> <u>o</u> v <u>er</u>
	<u>o</u> p <u>e</u> n
or as /er/	w <u>o</u> rd w <u>o</u> rd
	w <u>o</u> rk
/schwa + /	an <u>i</u> m <u>a</u> l
Irregular High Frequency Words	
Wed <u>ne</u> sday bu <u>y</u>	

Note: Underlined words are words which cannot easily be segmented into sound segments with letters that map to each sound.



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air as in chair

air

fairy

hair

ear as in pear

bear

ar/are as in square

* There is an alternative pronunciation where /r/ is pronounced separately to /air/

parent

scared

scary

~ /schwa/: this sound is pronounced as a /schwa/



oul as in could

could

should

would

ce as in face

face

nice

place

race

space

prince

sentence

tch as in witch

match

witch



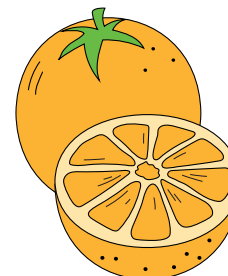
ge as in hinge

change

page

large

orange



igh as in light

fight

high

light

might

night

right

se/s (as z)

se as in cheese

please

present



long oo/

o_e as in move

move

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High Frequency Words containing more complex patterns	
au as /ar/	aunty laughed
c as /s/	princess excited city
ear as /er/	earth learn heard
au/ough as /or/ + /o/	because caught dinosaur

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oor as in door

door

our as in pour

four

your



ear as in hear

dear

near

year

hear

o as in both

both

don't

most

mb as in thumb

climbed



a as in many

any

many

ea as in feather

breakfast

dead

head

a as in water

almost

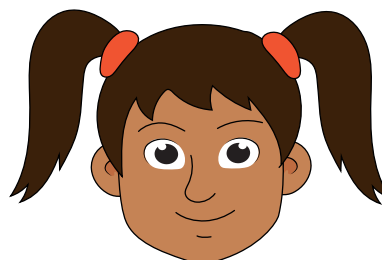
also

always

al as in walk

talk

walk



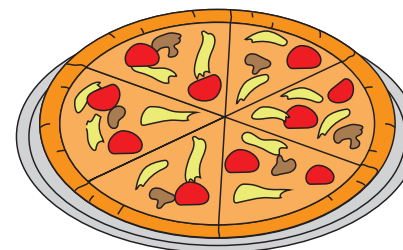
wh (as h)

wh as in whole

whole

ou as in soup

group



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Irregular High Frequency Words

ghost

hour

autumn

castle

often

guys

answer

write

(High Frequency Words containing more complex patterns)

bought

brought

thought

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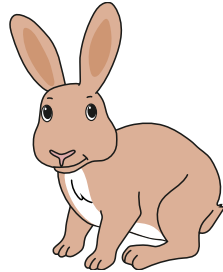
ey as in key

/ee/

key

money

monkey



le as in table

le (schwa +l)

jungle

little

table

uncle

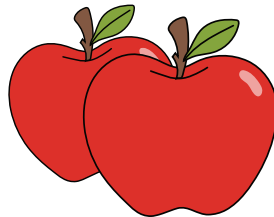
apples

or as in doctor

/schwa/

doctor

motorbike



ea as in break

/ai/

great

Multisyllable

children

idea

Indian

prefixes

computer

example

decided

important

double letters

happened

suddenly

lollies

summer

rabbit

butterfly

soccer

e as in behind

being

before

begin

-y as in baby

/ee/

carry

everything

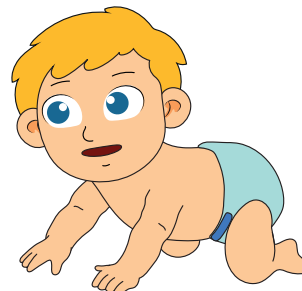
every

family

everyone

very

baby



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(High Frequency Words containing more complex patterns)

g as /j/	giant	ie as /ee/	field	ou as /u/	enough
	magic		movie		young
ough as /oo/	through				country
					cousin

(Irregular High Frequency Words)

partly decodable	mountain	lion
	school	trampoline
	special	picture
	heart	music
irregular spelling	eight	favourite
	police	colour
	restaurant	minute
	friend	once
	beautiful	eye
	pizza	

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