

How to Teach High-Frequency Words

START BY JUST
SAYING THE WORD •
WHILE STUDENTS
LISTEN AND REPEAT.

Connect to Phonology

HAVE STUDENTS CLAP
THE WORD & DISCUSS THE
NUMBER OF SYLLABLES.

Build Phonological Awareness

MODEL THE WORD IN A CONTEXT SENTENCE AND HAVE STUDENTS GIVE IT A TRY.

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Connect to Meaning

SAY THE WORD SLOWLY
AND ASK STUDENTS TO
IDENTIFY HOW MANY
INDIVIDUAL SOUNDS THEY
HEAR IN THE WORD.

Connect to Basic Phonemic Awareness

CONNECT EACH SOUND
TO PRINT STARTING WITH
THE DECODABLE PARTS
AND THEN MOVING INTO
THE IRREGULAR LETTERS
OR LETTER COMBINATIONS
THAT DON'T SEEM TO
MATCH THE SOUND.

Support
Orthographic Mapping

ANALYZE AND DISCUSS
THE MEANING, PART OF
SPEECH, AND ANY OTHER
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
THAT WOULD BE USEFUL
WITH STUDENTS.

Connect to Meaning

GIVE STUDENTS

MULTIPLE

OPPORTUNITIES TO

PRACTICE WRITING AND

SPELLING THE WORD,

ESPECIALLY DURING

WORD AND SENTENCE

DICTATION.

Build Automaticity

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