

SMART™ Lesson

Learning to Read: Sight Words

Welcome to the Sight Words section of the Learning to Read course! Sight words are common words that are used frequently in reading and writing, and so it is recommended that children learn them by sight. In this lesson, you will learn what sight words are, how to recognize them, and how to practice them.

What are Sight Words?

Sight words are words that are frequently used in texts but may not necessarily follow phonic rules. They are generally short, simple words that are used repeatedly, such as "the", "an", "and", "what", "is", "it", "in", etc. They cannot be easily sounded out and therefore, it is important for children to learn them by sight.

Recognizing Sight Words

One way to recognize sight words is by their frequency in children's books. The most frequently used words in texts are the ones that children should learn by sight. Children should also learn to recognize them in context, such as in a sentence or within a story. When words are used repeatedly, children are able to take them in as a whole and not just as individual sounds.

Practicing Sight Words

One effective way to practice sight words is through repetition. Children can practice the words by writing them, spelling them, and speaking them out loud. Flashcards with the word on one side and an image representing the meaning on the other can also be a useful tool for practicing sight words. It is important to make the activity fun and engaging for the child, using games and activities that will keep them interested and motivated.

Worksheet Questions

1. What are sight words?
2. Why is it important for children to learn sight words?
3. How can you recognize sight words?
4. What are some ways to practice sight words?