

These words can't be "sounded-out", so will need to be learned by sight. When they are ready to read sentences, knowing these words by sight will help your child with their fluency and understanding.

Children learn best when they are active and engaged. Here are a few ideas for games to help your child learn key words from memory.

Odd one out

Have three words written on post-its (two the same), and ask your child which one is different.



Make it

Use magnetic letters to copy it and write it using messy things - this will help your child remember the shape of the word.

Hide and Seek

Use your child's key word cards to hide around the house.



Passwords

Have a word stuck to a door, and ask everyone at home to say the password before they are allowed to enter the room!

Card games

Play "snap" or "pairs".



Bowling/hoopla

Label plastic bottles and play a game of bowling or hoopla.

