

WORD RECOGNITION

Some words cannot be decoded easily, and your child should know them by sight – we call them sight words. High frequency sight words make up more than 50 percent of the words we read and often cause problems. When a child masters sight words he experiences success in at least half of what he's reading. It is important then to make sure your child can **quickly** and **automatically** recognize these words.

The *Dolch* sight words (first published by Edward William Dolch in 1948) have been used for many years by many schools worldwide. These sight words have been graded according to frequency of use and arranged in lists of 20. Use the flashcards to teach the words. Do not move on to a new list until your child knows all the words in a list by sight. The Speed Drill Graph is a fun way of checking which words are causing difficulty.

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