

# Sight Word Strategies

What are they?  
Why are they important?



About 300 words  
account for 75% of the  
words we read and  
write.

English and Spanish



the come in it may  
an put has on

from is was said  
give were

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casa mismas mas  
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# Teaching Sight Words

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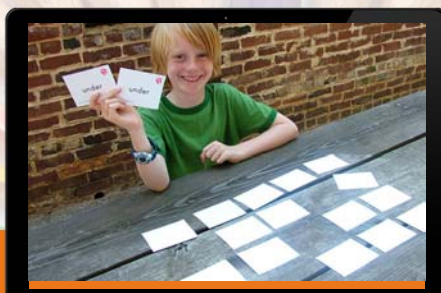


**Students with dyslexia require considerably more repetitions in their exposure to common Sight Words.**

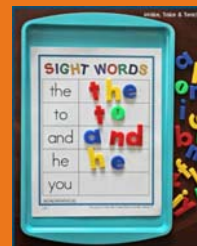
**They require direct and repeated practice  
at processing whole words.**

Dyslexia: Research and Resource Guide, Carol Sullivan Spafford & George S. Grosser, 1996

# Sight Word Memory



Say it, Build it, Write it



Cookie Sheet Sight Words

# Common Place

Since Sight Words are so common and so well represented among the most frequently used words in print, the best long-term approach to mastering them is to help students gradually memorize the words, a few at a time.

Overcoming Dyslexia, Sally Shaywitz, M.D., 2003

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## Sight Word Pathways



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## Mega Block Sight Words



# A Few Words

from the specialists



Being able to read many sight words automatically by sight contributes dramatically to fluent reading and is the best way to unlock meaning of any text.

Ehri (1997)



The more you vary the learning and spend time working on sight words, the more quickly children learn and remember them.

Bennecke (2012)



Sight words play a huge role in reading acquisition as well as the ability to become a lifelong learner.

C. Hayes (2016)

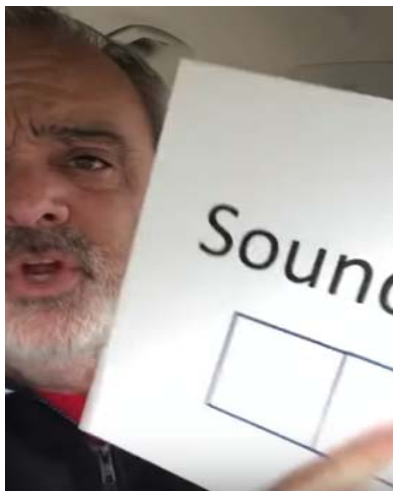


Moreover, these words can provide a student access to connected text in advance of learning the phonics principles otherwise necessary for decoding them.

Ehri, (2014)



# Teaching Strategies



**Sound it out!**

Does it work for all words?

**Chunk the word!**

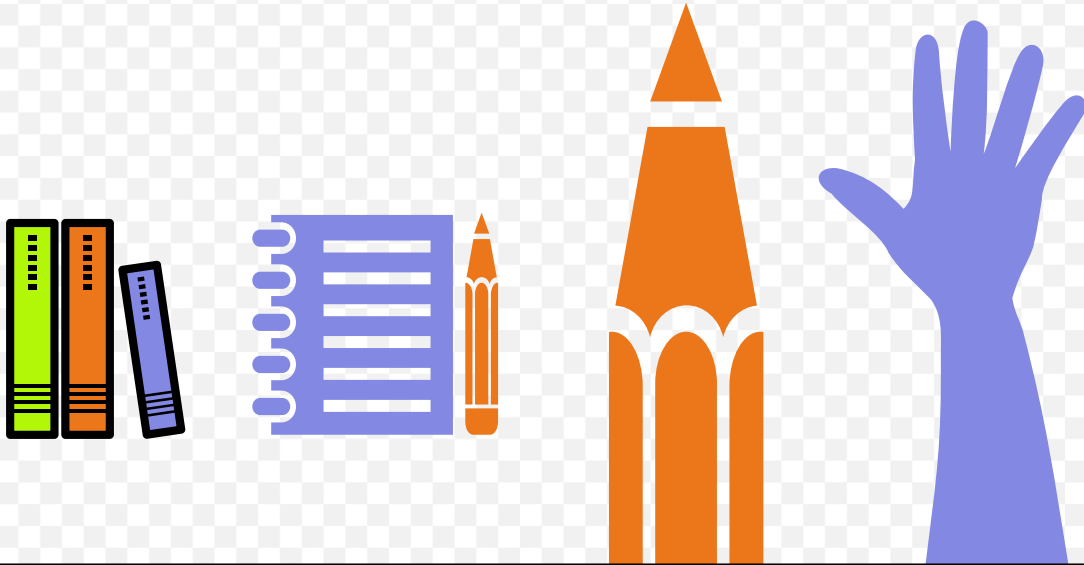
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**Stretch the word!**

Does it work for all words?



# Questions?



**Thank you**

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