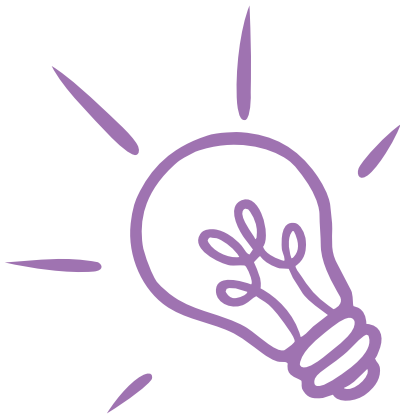


# Year 2 High Frequency Words: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to high frequency words can help you support your child's learning at home. The subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring high frequency words together, either as part of homework or if you decide to give your child some extra support. Whether your child needs to practise spelling high frequency words or they are confident using high frequency words in their writing and are ready to broaden their vocabulary further, you will find a step that matches where your child is at as well as some ideas for where to go next.

Within **this area of the website**, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

recognising and reading high frequency words



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# High Frequency Words



## What Are High Frequency Words?

High frequency words are words that are used the most often in written texts, e.g. 'the', 'and', 'to' and 'said'. It is important that your child is able to recognise and read these words as they are the words that they will most often come across when they are reading stories and other types of writing.

In addition, they are also the words your child will use most frequently when they are writing so they need to be able to spell these words accurately.

High frequency words tend to be decodable words (children will be able to use their phonics knowledge and skills to 'sound a word out' and blend it together). However, common exception words (words that don't fit specific spelling rules) can also be high frequency words.

By the end of year 2, your child should have learnt to recognise, read and spell the words contained in the **100 High Frequency Words** list plus additional words, such as the days of the week and months of the year.

As well as using the resources in this category and the suggested keyword searches to help your child with high frequency words, a few ideas for games and activities to help your child learn how to recognise, read and spell them are outlined below.



### Read, Read, Read!

Sharing books together is the most powerful way for children to learn about language, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Can you spot high frequency words as you're reading together? When you're out and about, can you spot high frequency words on posters and advertisements?

### Silly Sentences

Print out a set of **100 High Frequency Words Flashcards**. Shuffle them and place them face down in front of you. Take it in turns to turn over three cards, saying the words as you turn them over. Can you make a silly sentence involving all three words?

### Hunt the Words

Hide a number of high frequency word cards around the room while your child is not looking. Your child has to find a word card and bring it back to you, telling you what the word says and then writing it on a piece of paper for you to check.

### Spelling Doodles

Ask your child to draw a squiggle or the outline of a shape. Select a high frequency word that you are learning then write the word over and over again around the doodle or inside the shape.

Sign up or upgrade your account to access Twinkl Go! for a range of **high frequency words interactive word searches**.

## Step 1

### Recognising and Reading High Frequency Words

In year 2, your child will continue to build up their knowledge of the high frequency words they have learnt in year 1. They will continue to use their decoding skills and knowledge of spelling rules to sound out and recognise the common and trickier words they meet in their everyday reading. This helps to prepare them to use and spell these words accurately in their own writing. You could try and help your child to recognise and read high frequency words by challenging them to complete this **word search**.

### Spelling High Frequency Words

In year 2, children will continue to learn high frequency words during phonics lessons and may also be given lists of high frequency words to write as part of handwriting practice or to learn as part of their homework. While some high frequency words follow spelling rules, others do not (these are known as common exception words). Spelling strategies to learn these tricky words include splitting the word into sounds and saying the sounds in a robot voice or looking carefully at the word and saying it out loud, covering it up, writing it down then checking it. Why not record which high frequency words your child is confident with by colouring the appropriate sections of this **fish image**?

## Step 2

## Step 3

### Writing High Frequency Words

At this stage, your child will now be able to recognise, read and write a wide variety of high frequency words and will be spelling them mostly accurately in their writing. They will continue to use them in simple sentences and use them as conjunctions (connecting words) to create compound sentences ('and', 'but' and 'so' can be used in this way). Your child may also benefit from dictation exercises incorporating high frequency words – these **dictation passages** are a great way to practise writing high frequency words in this way.

### Assessment and Further High Frequency Words

If your child is confident in their abilities to read, write and spell high frequency words correctly, you can use these **assessment checklists** to identify their strengths and areas to work on. You can use flashcards, word mats and activity books to challenge your child to learn the next 200 high frequency words if they are ready to move on.

## Step 4

# Explore and Discover More

Twinkl Go! is a digital platform, hosting interactive content such as videos, games, audiobooks and more. Twinkl Go! enables digital content to be streamed to your computer or mobile device.



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