

# Teaching Tricky Words

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- It must always be remembered that phonics is the step up to word recognition. Automatic reading of all words – decodable and tricky – is the ultimate goal.
- Children need to recognise that tricky words are the words they cannot use their phonics/ sounding out to read
- When teaching tricky words, it is really important that children can identify the tricky part of the word and say what is tricky about it.
- Is it tricky because of the way it looks or the way it sounds or both?

# Tricky Word Hoopla



Fill up a selection of bottles with water, sand, rice etc

Label each of the bottles with a different tricky word.

(These could be colour coded for different phonic phases)

Using a quoit or a bean bag children to try and read a word when throwing the quoit or beanbag at it.

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# We're going on a tricky word hunt....



Just like the book “We’re going on a Bear hunt”

Lay a piece of lining paper/ wallpaper on the ground. Write a variety of tricky words on it. Colour code these words based on different phonic phases for differentiation.

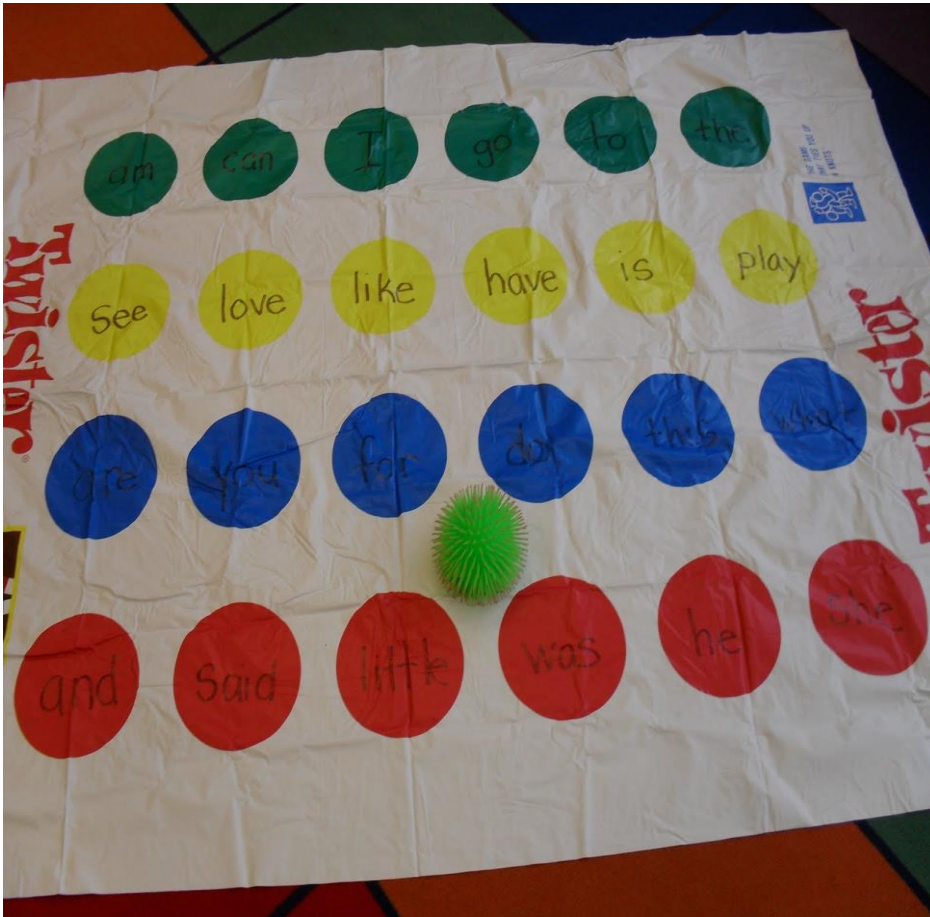
Say...

“We’re going on a word hunt, we’re going to catch a big one, we’re not scared.... Uh oh a tricky one....

Children to read the word they are stood on at the time.

[Found on amomwithalessonplan.com](http://www.amomwithalessonplan.com)

# Tricky Word Twister



Using a twister board fill the colour circles with different tricky words.

Children to be asked to put their...  
Right arm on the word “the” and so on.

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# Shoot the tricky word



Make a tricky word target using tarpaulin, a tuff tray or a wall. Attach a range of different tricky words.

Children to use a spray bottle or water gun to read a word and spray it with water.

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# Bug Splat Tricky Words

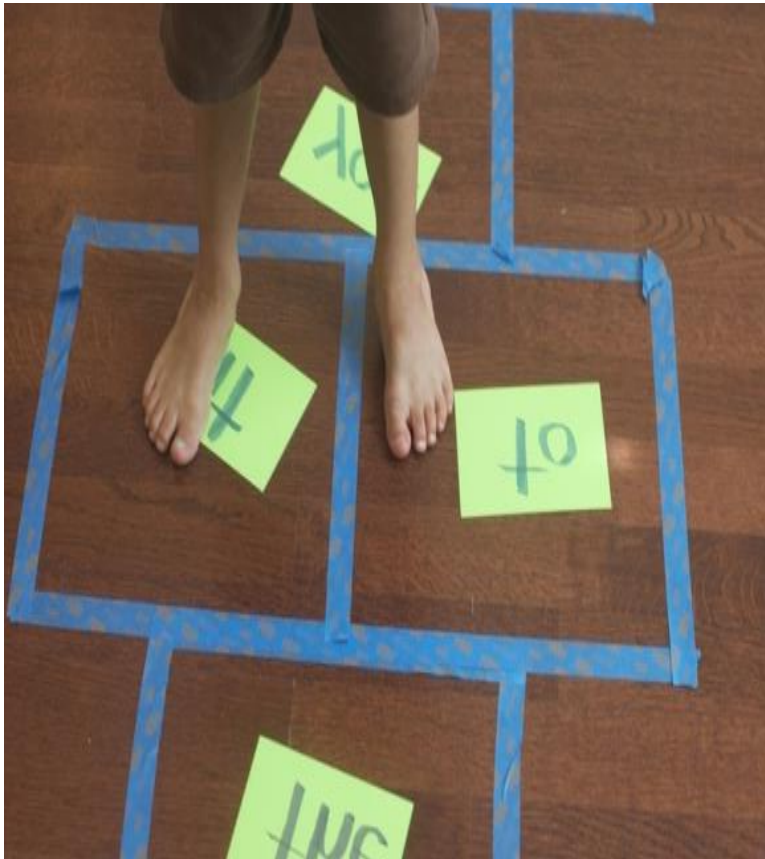


On a large piece of paper or shower curtain write a range of tricky words in the shape of different bugs.

Give children a bug splat and they can splat the tricky words they can read, or find the words to splat as they are being called.

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# Tricky Word Hopscotch



Make a hop scotch grid and label each square with a tricky word.

Children to roll the dice and hopscotch the certain number of spaces and read the word they land on.

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# Sight Word Pop

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Practice Sight Words with a BANG!

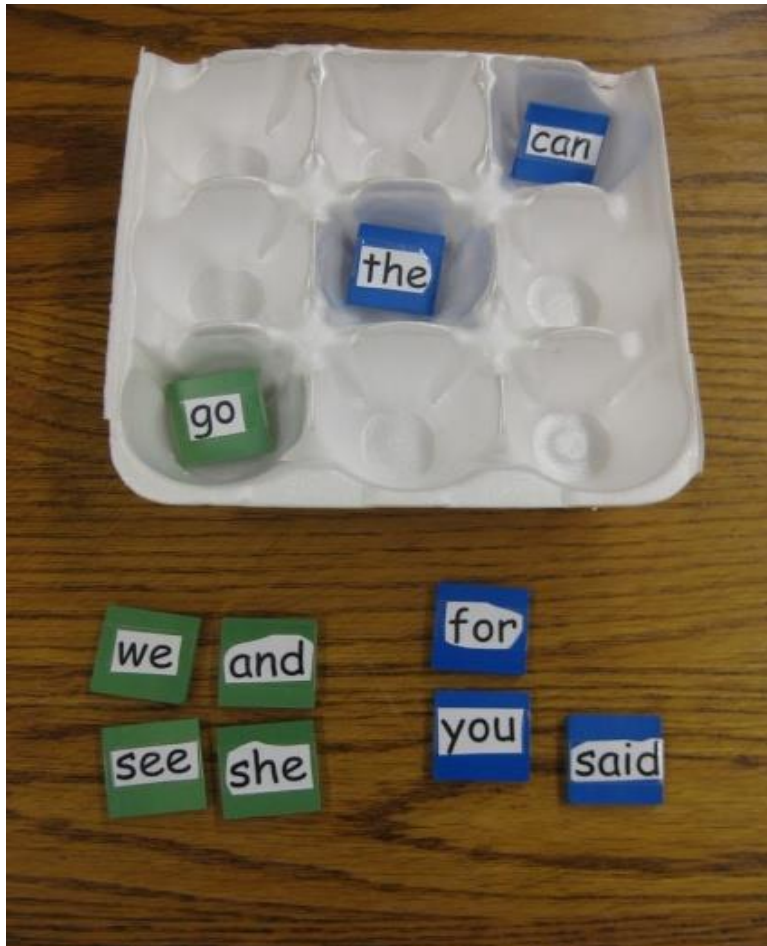


Using bubble wrap or bubble bags, write keywords on each bubble.

Children to read the words and pop the words which they can read.

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# Sight Word Noughts and Crosses

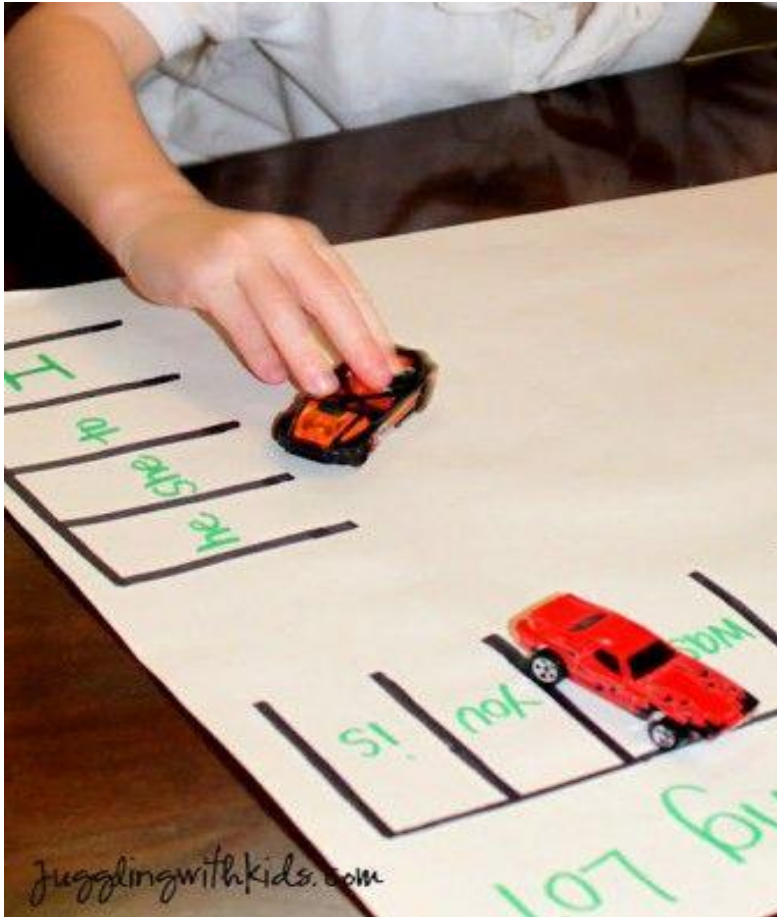


Using an egg container for 9 eggs and counters with tricky words written on them.

Children read a tricky word and use that counter as they turn.

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# Sight Word Parking Lot

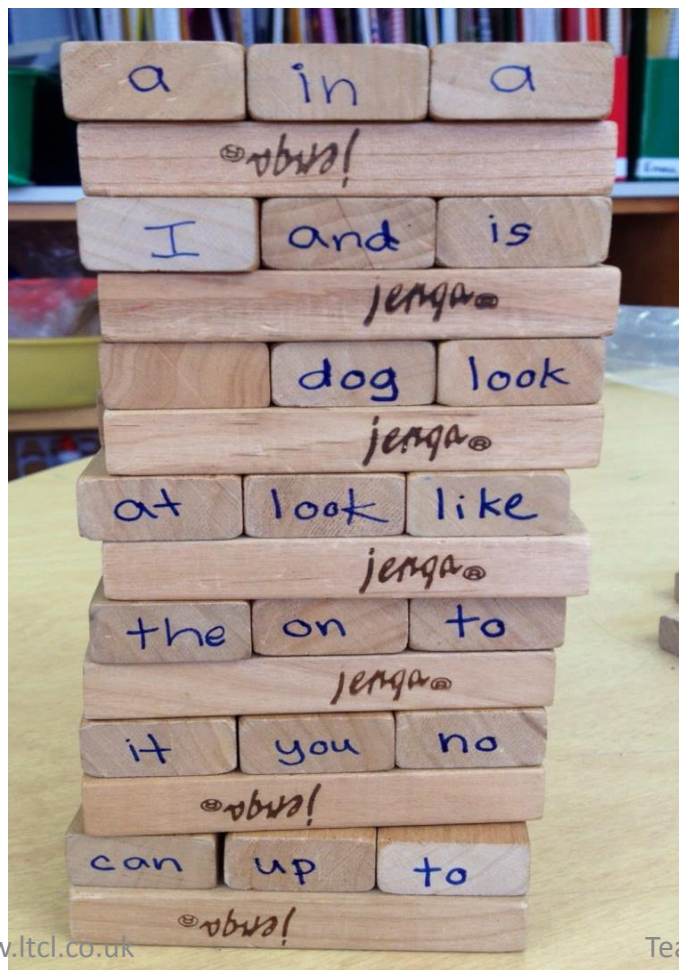


Using a large piece of paper draw lots of car parking spaces in a car park.

Children to use the car to drive to the words they can read or to drive to the words which have been called.

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# Sight Word Jenga



On the side of Jenga blocks write some keywords.  
Build the Jenga tower.

Children to play Jenga in the way usually but to read the word as they are going to take the piece of tower.

([kindergarteniscrazy.blogspot.com](http://kindergarteniscrazy.blogspot.com))