



Tricky Words

Engaging ways to learn
tricky words at home!



What are tricky words?

A 'tricky' word is one that cannot be sounded out.

They are words that are non-phonetic.

If you sound tricky words out and then try to blend the sounds, you will get a word that does not sound right.

They are words that must be recognised by sight.

Tricky words – Autumn

is	has	she
I	his	push
the	her	he
put	go	of
pull	no	we
full	to	me
as	into	be
and		

Tricky words – Spring

was	my	are
you	by	sure
they	all	pure

Tricky words – Summer

said	love	there
so	do	when
have	were	what
like	here	one
some	little	out
come	says	today

Words around the house



Stick tricky words up around your house... every time your child passes one/ is near one, they must read it!

High Five



Or how about high five every time you pass one in the house?!

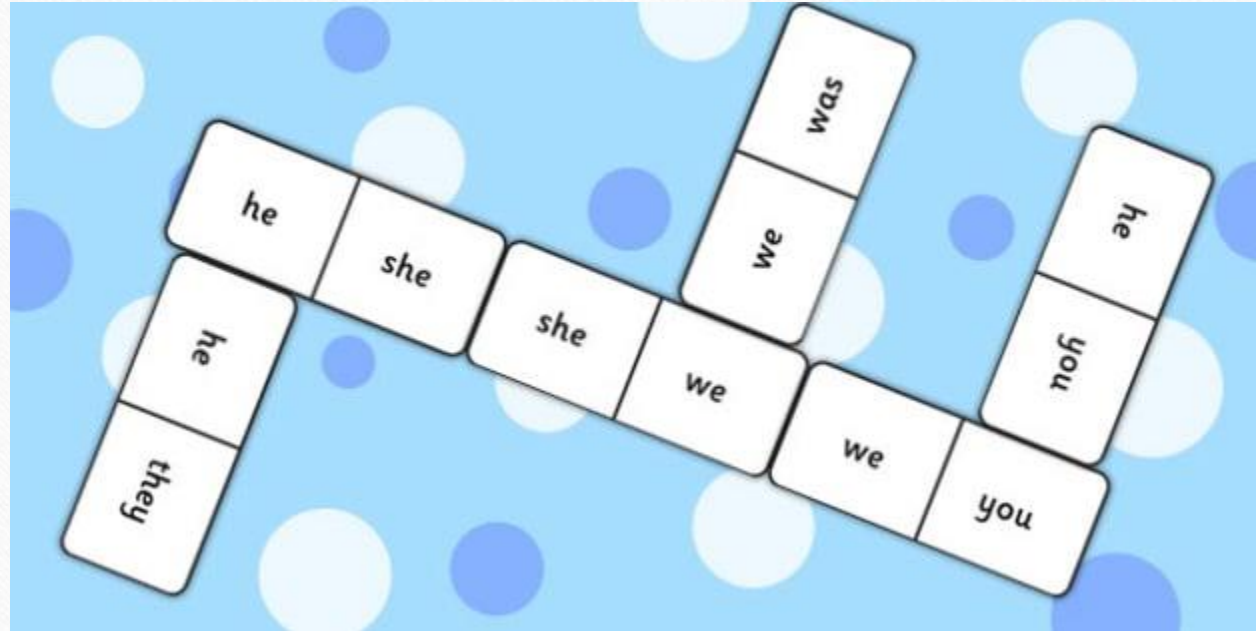
Snap / Pairs



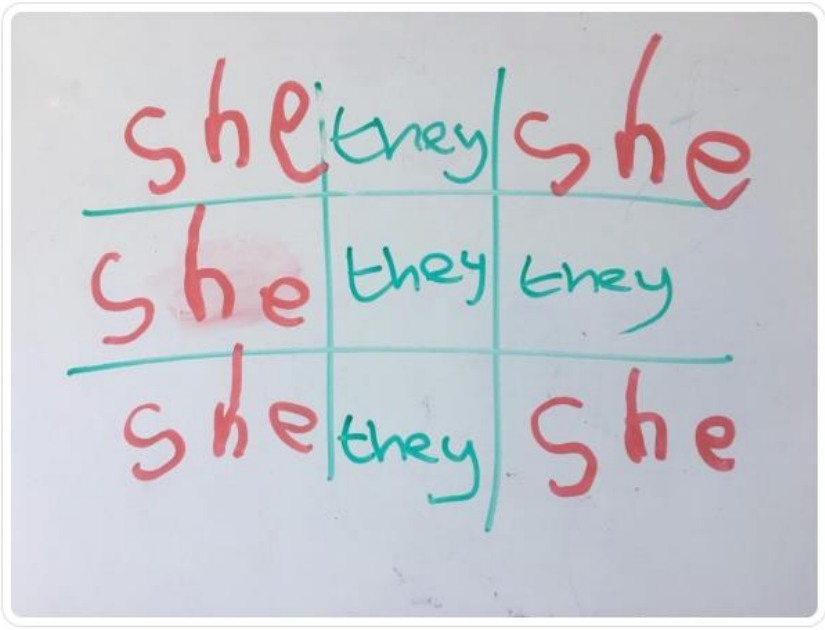
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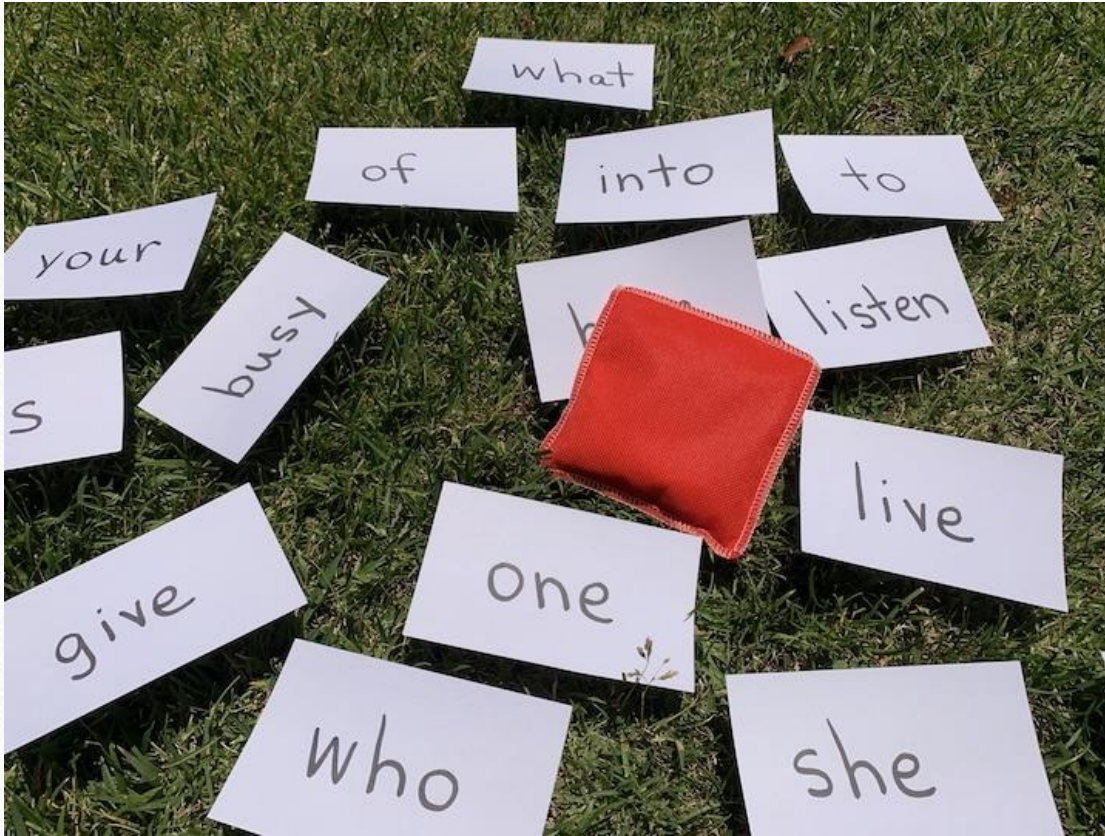
Tricky Word Dominoes



Use paper or card to cut a rectangular shape.
Write a tricky word on each end of the rectangle and play a game of dominoes.



Bean Bag Throw



Balls in a Water Tray



Hopscotch



Bowling



Tricky Word Fishing



Attach paper clips
to flashcards and create a fishing
rod with a magnet at the end of the
string.

Build a tricky word



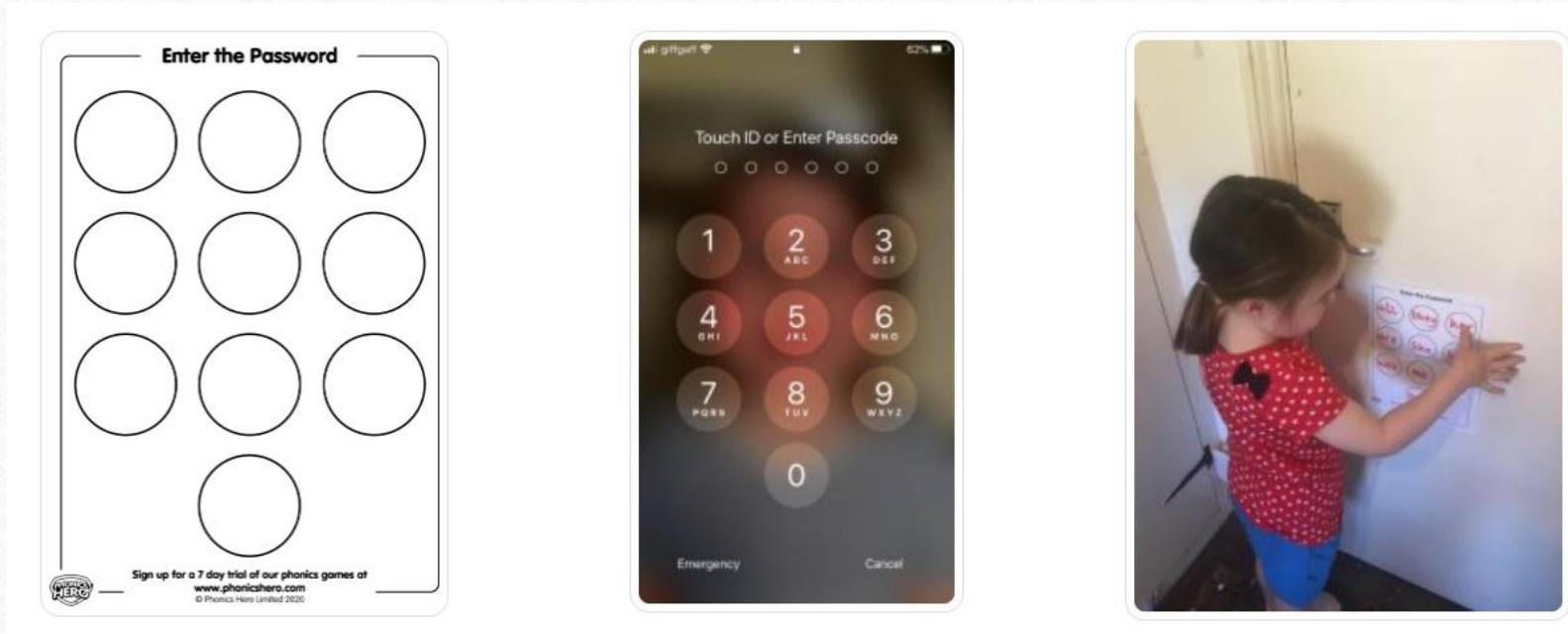
Supersoaker Game

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAv5am2jnxo>



Before running the bath, write tricky words on the tiles with a whiteboard marker and grab a water blaster (or large syringe from any pharmacy). Little ones say each word or sound aloud as they 'shoot' their target!

Tricky (Pass)words



Instead of numbers, write tricky words into a passcode template and stick it to the inside of a door. In order to open the door, you have 'key in' the passcode, or series of tricky words.

Tricky Word Symphony

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRaGUqm_nFE



Break out the pots and pans and make tricky word music!

Word Smash



Write your child's tricky words on pieces of paper. Read one of the words out loud, your child has to use an action figure or doll to smash the word that you read.

Stamp on the Tricky Word

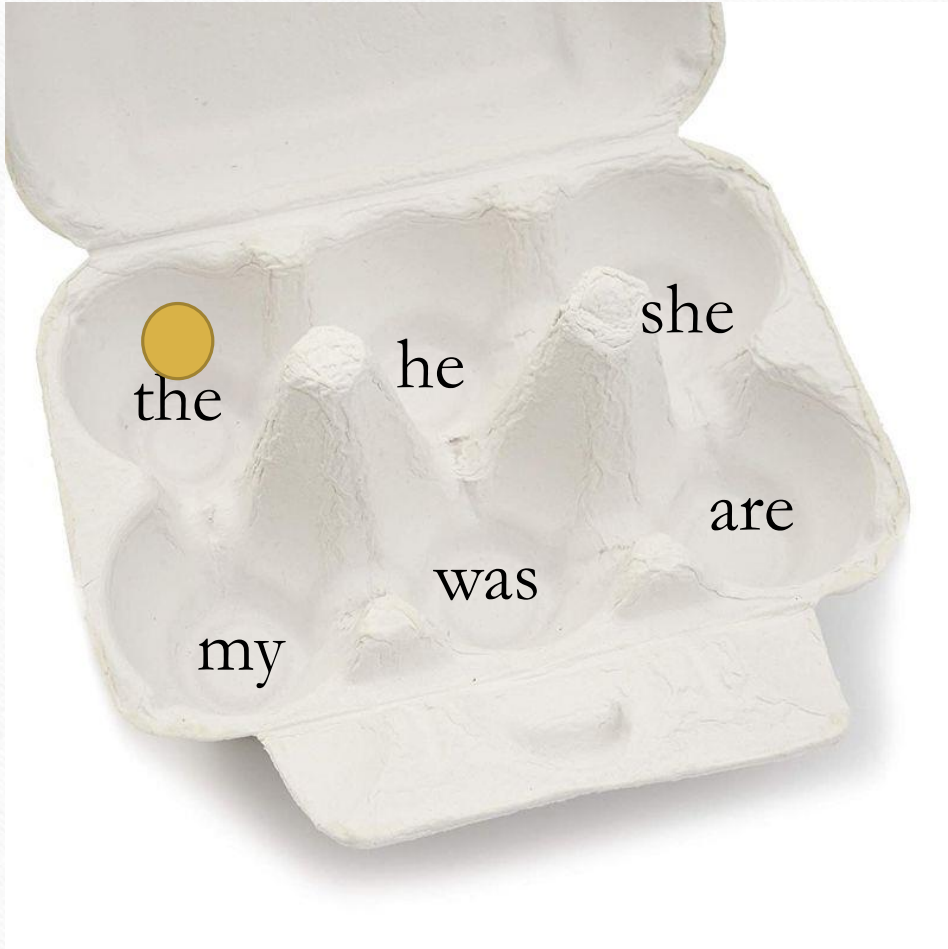


Tricky Word Hunt



Put out lots of different books for your child to explore. You could also have magazines, leaflets or takeaways menus that they have to search for the tricky words in. Once they've spotted a word they tick the sheet.

Pass the Eggbox



Fill the egg box with 6 different tricky words and a light object like a pom pom. Play music and pass it round. When the music stops they have to read the tricky word the pom pom has landed on.

Musical Tricky Words



Place six tricky words around the room. Play music and when the music stops children have to choose a tricky word to stand by and read.

Then roll a dice with the six tricky words on. Create your own rule for if it lands on their tricky words e.g. they can control the music/they can roll the dice...etc...

Invisible Ink Tricky Words



Write tricky words in invisible ink. Children use the light on the end to shine on the word to reveal and read.

Explore sticking the words in interesting/dark places like under the table or in a den.

Water Paint

Word Fun with
Chalk Painting



Write tricky words in chalk on the ground. Children paint over the tricky words with water as they read them.

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Have a go!
Share what you
get up to with us
on Tapestry!

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