



InstaWords Introduction

Welcome to InstaWords - the most effective method for teaching high frequency words. Once developing readers can **instantly** recognize the most common words in English, they are well on their way to becoming a successful reader.

High-frequency words are essential for reading and writing proficiency because they are the most common words in English:

- The 100 highest frequency words account for approximately 50% of the words in children's books.
- The 300 highest frequency words make up about 65% of all written material
- The 1,000 highest frequency words comprise roughly 90% of the words encountered in everyday English.

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InstaWords Method

The InstaWords method teaches students how to decode high frequency words using phonics associations.

- The parts of the word that follow the most common phonics associations are underlined in yellow.
- If decoding the word requires more advanced phonics knowledge, those parts of the word are underlined in green.
- If the word contains any rare or "irregular" phonics patterns that do not follow common phonics associations, those parts of there word are underlined in red.



InstaWords Cards

InstaWords cards are designed to help facilitate systematic direct instruction in how to decode high frequency words.

- One side of the card features a high frequency word along with color-coded underlines.
- The other side of the card includes steps for explicitly teaching how to read the word:
 - + Phonics associations and rules that apply to the word.
 - ◆ The word used in a sentence.
 - ◆ A list of words that contain the same ending (rime) and, therefore, are part of the "word family."

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InstaWords Instruction & Games

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1 Direct Instruction

- Chooses 4-8 InstaWords to present one at a time.
- Demonstrate how to use phonics to decode the word.

2 Word Trading

- Give each student an InstaWord.
- Invite students to read and trade words.

3 Word Pointing

- Place 4-8 InstaWords face-up.
- Say one of the words.
- Invite students to point to the word.



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4 Word Stack

- Place a stack of 4-8 InstaWords
- Demonstrate how to use phonics to decode the word.

5 Next Word

- Place 4-8 InstaWords face-up.
- Invite students to read and trade words.

6 Secret InstaWord

- Give each student an InstaWord.
- Give a clue to the secret InstaWord such as include the /b/ sound.
- Invite students to determine if they might have the secret word.

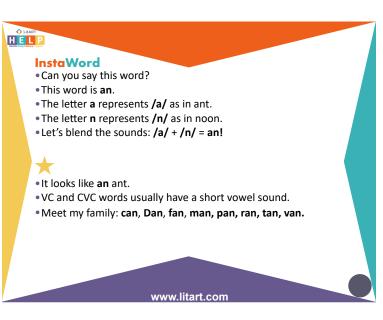
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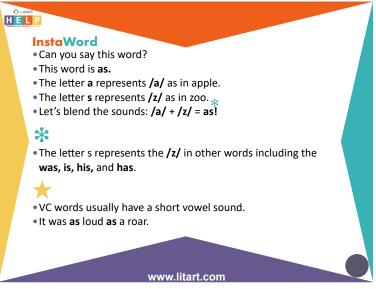


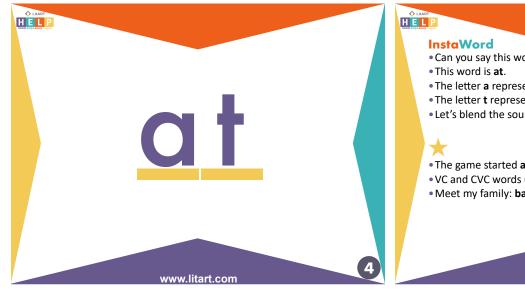






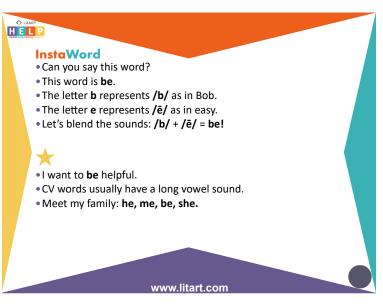








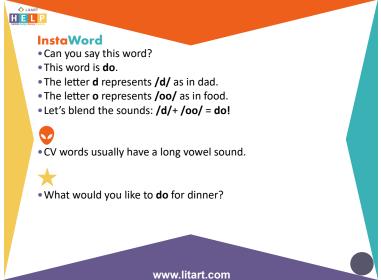




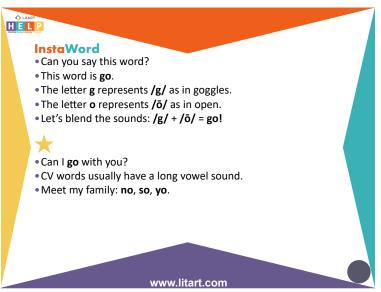






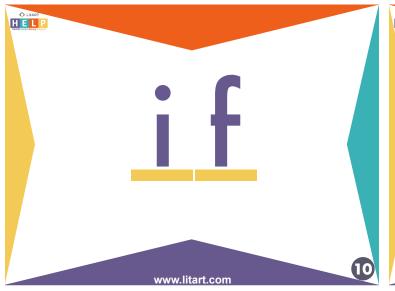


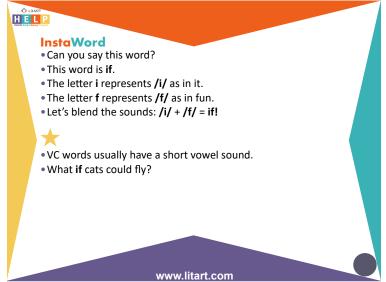




















InstaWord

- Can you say this word?
- This word is is.
- \bullet The letter i represents $\mbox{\it /i/}$ as in it.
- The letter s represents /z/ as in zap. *
- Let's blend the sounds: /i/ + /z/ = is!

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• The letter s represents the /z/ in other words including was, as, his, and has.



- VC words usually have a short vowel sound.
- It **is** time for bed.

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