

How to teach kids to spell high-frequency words

- Segment the word into its phonemes (sounds).

this
voiced
/th/ /i/ /s/

- Map the word showing its graphemes (spellings of the phonemes).

th i s

- Identify the tricky spellings in the word and show familiar words with these spellings.

th i s

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that
then
them
that
than
with
the

The sound of the letter <e> in the word 'the' is a schwa sound 'uh'.

- Ask the student to say the sounds as she/he writes the word.

'th' 'i' 's' → this 