

How to teach kids to spell high-frequency words

- Segment the word into its phonemes (sounds).

said

/s/ /eɪ/ /d/

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

s ai d


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

The word 'said' used to be pronounced 'sayed' like the words 'paid' and 'laid'.
pay-paid
lay-laid
say-said

s ai d

again
against

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

's' 'ai' 'd' → said 

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