

Word Work Lessons, gr. 3-5

A Cheat-Sheet for Small Group Time

If a student...	Then you teach...
Doesn't know sight words	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sight word relays• Sight word phrases• Sight word concentration• Sight word games• Personal dictionary
Guesses their words, using only the initial consonant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word families• Word sorts• Word banks• Cloze activities• "Does it make sense?"
Decodes, but only uses letter sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word sorts• Making words• Onset/rime• Using context• "Does it make sense?"
Doesn't understand vowels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CVCe pattern• Word families with more sophisticated vowel structures: -ight, -urt, -eam, etc.
Makes errors in vowels when writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word families• Word sorts• Personal dictionary