

Tricky words: was, you, they, all, are

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Lesson 40 of 81 (ages 3-6) / 34 of 75 (age 7+) · Letter Sounds · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can read was, you, they, all, are on sight.

WHY IT MATTERS

Some very common words don't follow the rules yet, so they can't be sounded out. Knowing them by sight lets your child read real sentences sooner.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Read last time's tricky words (if any) from cards.

2 min

Listen

Tap each word on the lesson page.

2 min

Show how

Point to the tricky part of each word (pink on the lesson page).

SAY

"was: this part doesn't say what it looks like. We just remember it."

2 min

Do it together

Trace and write the words, then colour them in the word grid on the practice sheet.

2 min

Play

Play find-the-word and build-the-word on the lesson page.

1 min

Wrap up

Hunt for one of the words in a picture book.

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/tricky-3
- **Printable: Tricky Words Worksheet — Phase 3 (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/tricky-words-worksheet-phase-3
- **Printable: Tricky/Sight Words Flashcards by Phase (PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-tricky-words-flashcards
- **Game: Tricky Word Hunt**
phonicademy.com/play/tricky-word-hunt

FIND THE WORD

Write the choices on paper. Say one word; your child points to it.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say "was"	was, you, the	was	☐
2	Say "you"	you, they, no	you	☐
3	Say "they"	they, all, she	they	☐
4	Say "all"	all, are, be	all	☐
5	Say "are"	are, was, I	are	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

Tries to sound out the word (w-a-s). -> Say: "This one's tricky, we don't sound it out" and read it together.

Knows it on a card but not in a book. -> Practise in real books: point to the word whenever it appears.

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Learn 2 of the 5 words today and the rest tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Make a sentence with each word out loud, then read it back.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Reads was, you, they, all, are without sounding out.
- ☐ Finds the words in a book.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____