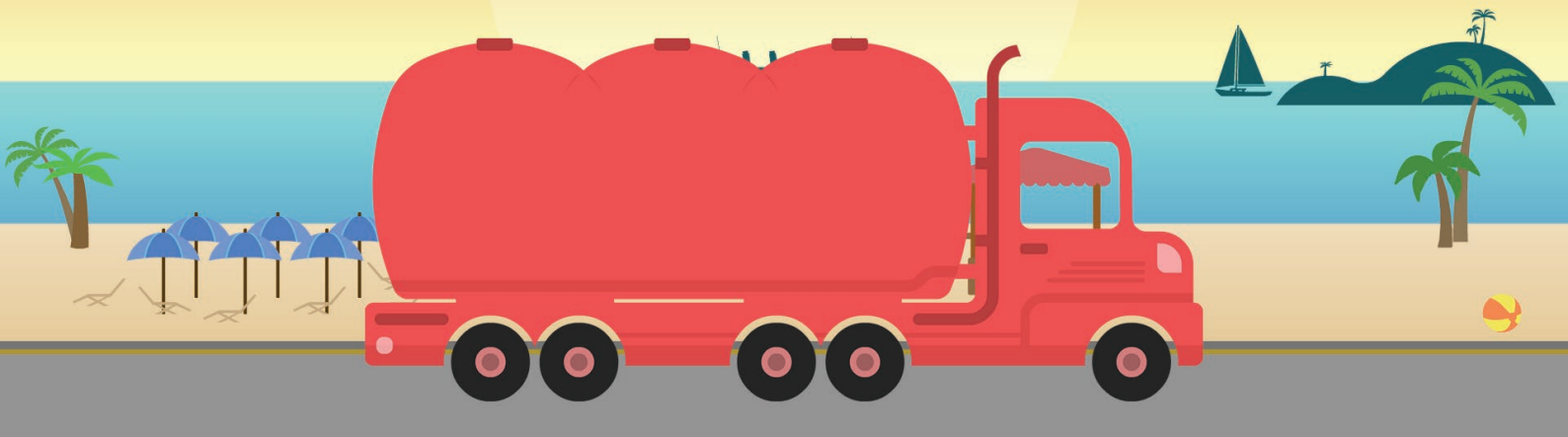


# TRICKY WORD TRUCKS



## Phonics learning opportunities

To practise reading tricky words (and other HFW).

## Organisation

Whole class, small group, 1:1.

## Teaching ideas

First you will need to choose which words to work on. You can select tricky words (and other HFW) from each of the phases. Alternatively, you can create a custom list of any words from any of the phases.

Choose a truck colour, style and route.

One at a time, trucks will drive up showing the words that you have chosen.

For each truck, ask the children to say together the word that is shown.

If the majority of children correctly read the word, click on the tick button (or press the c key on the keyboard).

If a number of children can't read the word or stumble over it, you will need to help them out. Tell them the word and ask them to repeat it after you a couple of times. Then click on the cross button (or press the x key on the keyboard).

The cards are presented randomly. If the class get any words wrong (and you click on the cross or press x), that word will be shown to them again (and again if necessary). They will have to get all the words right to complete the game.

The game finishes when all words have been correctly read. You will be given feedback showing the time taken and which words still need more work. You can choose to print out a copy of this feedback.

## Shaking things up

Split the class in half. Ask each half to play the game. Which half can get the fastest time?

Play the game around the class. For each word ask a different child (or a different table group) to read the word and then get the rest of the class to show with thumbs up or thumbs down whether they agree or disagree. If certain children are lacking in confidence you may wish to make sure that you target them with words that they definitely know.

Challenge the class to say the words in a particular way (e.g. happy, bossy, shy etc).

## Top tips

Try recording the time that the class achieves for particular sets of words and challenge them to beat their own score each time you play.

This game is all about practising. Children need to learn to read these words first. If children are struggling with some of the words then you may need to spend some more time teaching them to read tricky words first. The Train Your Brain games for each phase are a great place to start.

If you are playing with a group or whole class then ensure that they all stay together. If some children try to go faster than the group, it will get confusing for everyone. Insist that all children keep together. If some children seem ready to go even quicker then you could give them a chance to show just how quickly they can go by playing individually with them later. Print out (or jot down) the feedback showing which words children need to practise further. Tackle these in future sessions.

If you are concerned about individual children, play the game with them on their own. You can then print off their results as an assessment. This will identify words that they need to focus on and you can play the game in the future with the same words and measure accurately how much progress they have made.