

Heart Words

What are heart words?

Heart words are high-frequency words where some part of the word is irregularly spelled. This irregular part must be taught explicitly and memorized by “heart.”

There are different types of heart words:

1. **Flash Words** – These are regularly spelled words that students should be able to read automatically and have no heart part.
2. **Temporary Heart Words** – These are words that contain a regular phonics pattern, but the student has not learned this pattern yet, making it a “heart part” of a word.
3. **Permanent Heart Words** – These are irregularly spelled words that do not follow any phonics patterns and **MUST** be memorized by “heart.”

The following cards are for **permanent heart words**. On the cards, the red part with a heart underneath means that part must be memorized by heart.

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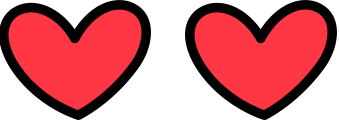


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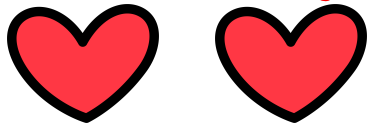
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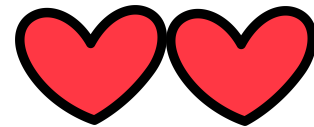
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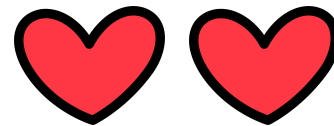
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