

Suggestions for Working with Students Regarding Word Recognition and Word Solving

- attend to meaning of text
- assess what your students know about sounds and letters
- teach them to get their mouths ready
- teach high frequency words
- teach common syllables
- teach rime patterns and transfer them in other words
- teach them prefixes, suffixes, and root words
- use instructional level texts
- teach them to look at chunks of words—working from left to right whenever possible

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