

# Tricky Words at Home

This section is a general section for as long as we are closed. Choose one or two activities a week as you see fit. Tricky words must be known by sight. This is a list of different ways to practise them.

Many of these games/activities can be used with letter names and sounds also! It is so important for us to make learning fun for children. Together, we can help them to develop a love for learning.

- **Word Hunt:** Look for sight words in books or in the newspaper. If using the newspaper your child can highlight or circle the word ring words that he/she finds.
- **Letter Hunts** - get out the magazines, flyers, Aldi brochures and the scissors and get chopping! Pick a different letter or tricky word each day and have your child hunt for & cut out all the target letter or words they can find. Create a collage on a page. Find the letters in their name! Create a name collage. This is great for letter revision, familiarisation with different fonts and environmental print.
- **Play coin toss** – Put words on the floor - children take turns to toss a coin onto a word and say that word.
- **Flashlight words** - turn off lights. Tape words on the wall or ceiling. Use the flashlight to shine on the word then read.



- Children go outside and practice writing their words with chalk on the concrete.



- Make words using play dough.
- Beat the clock - how many times can a word be written in 1 minute.. or.. how many words can be read in 1 minute
- Make words using letter tiles -scrabble pieces

- Make words using alphabet stamps.
- Make words using magnetic letters
- **Delicious Words** -Write your words in whipped cream, peanut butter, or anything you can eat
- **Good Clean Words** -Write your words in shaving cream on a counter or some other surface that can be cleaned safely



- **Splat:** Say a sight word out loud and ask your child to point to that word on the word wall or tap it with a fly swatter.



- **Feel the word:** write the word with your finger on your child's back and get them to guess it. Then swap over.
- **Sight Word Hide & Seek:** Write sight words on index cards, and hide them around the house. Set the timer and give your child two minutes to find as many sight words as they can. At the end of the two minutes, have him/her read the list to you. She/He gets one point for every correct word. Repeat, challenging him/ her to break his own record.

- **Memory game:** pick a few words and revise them with your child. Then cover the words and get them to tell you as many of them they can remember.
- **Stepping Stones:** Place the word cards on the floor, making a fun stream going across the room. Have your child walk over the stream. As they step onto the stepping stone (word), have them say the word before they move on to get to the other side of the stream.



- **Beach ball:** write words/sounds on a beach ball and pass the beach ball back and forth, child must read the word facing them.



- **Around the home:** write some short sentences using the sight words and put them around the house (eg. **Be** quiet. **The** cat sleeps here. **I** like food. **We** sit in here.). Maybe get your child to design the page.
- **Phone:** get your child to write out the sight words in your notes on your phone.
- **Secret password:** Decide on a password for the day. Show your child the tricky word and say it. Children have to point and say the tricky word every time they want to get into the fridge/Ipad etc! Change it daily.

**Our tricky words are:**

**1-5**

**6-10**

**11-15**

**16-20**

I	we	are	some
the	be	all	said
he	to	you	here
she	do	your	there
me	was	come	they

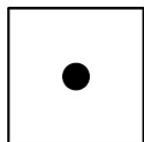
Remember these are words that cannot be sounded out. Children must learn them by sight. Unfortunately we have not had a chance to teach all of these words to your children yet.

We suggest that you take two new words a week for as long as we remain closed. Start where your child is at.

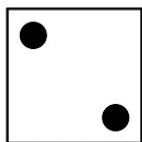
Below are some more examples of fun ways to learn our tricky words. Again these are suggestions. You could use a different way each week.

## 1. Roll and colour the Tricky Word.

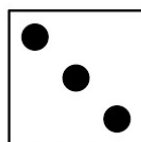
Write 6 tricky words in the boxes below. Assign a tricky word a number on the die. Eg;



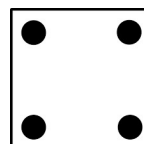
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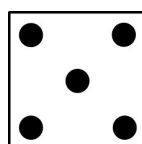
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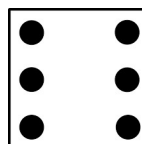
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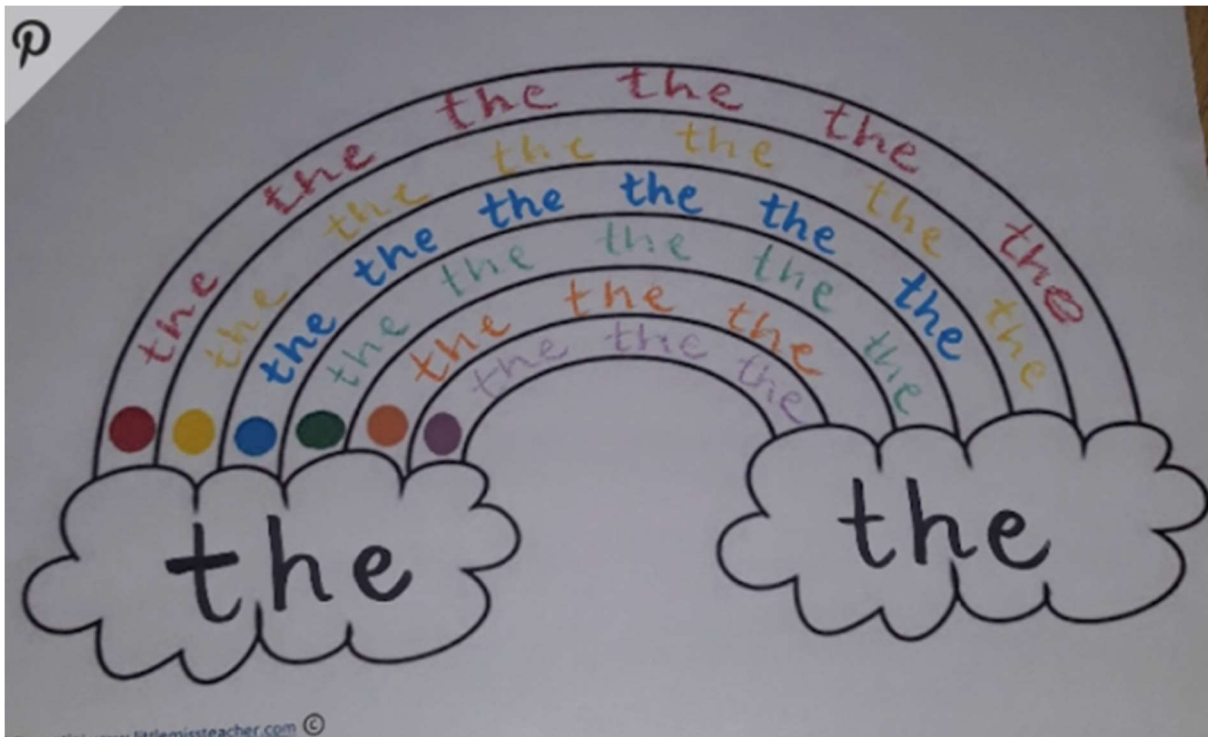
When your child rolls a number, they read the tricky word that belongs to that number and they colour it in on the board below. The children have played this game before. You can make it easily yourself too on plain paper and change up the tricky words weekly.

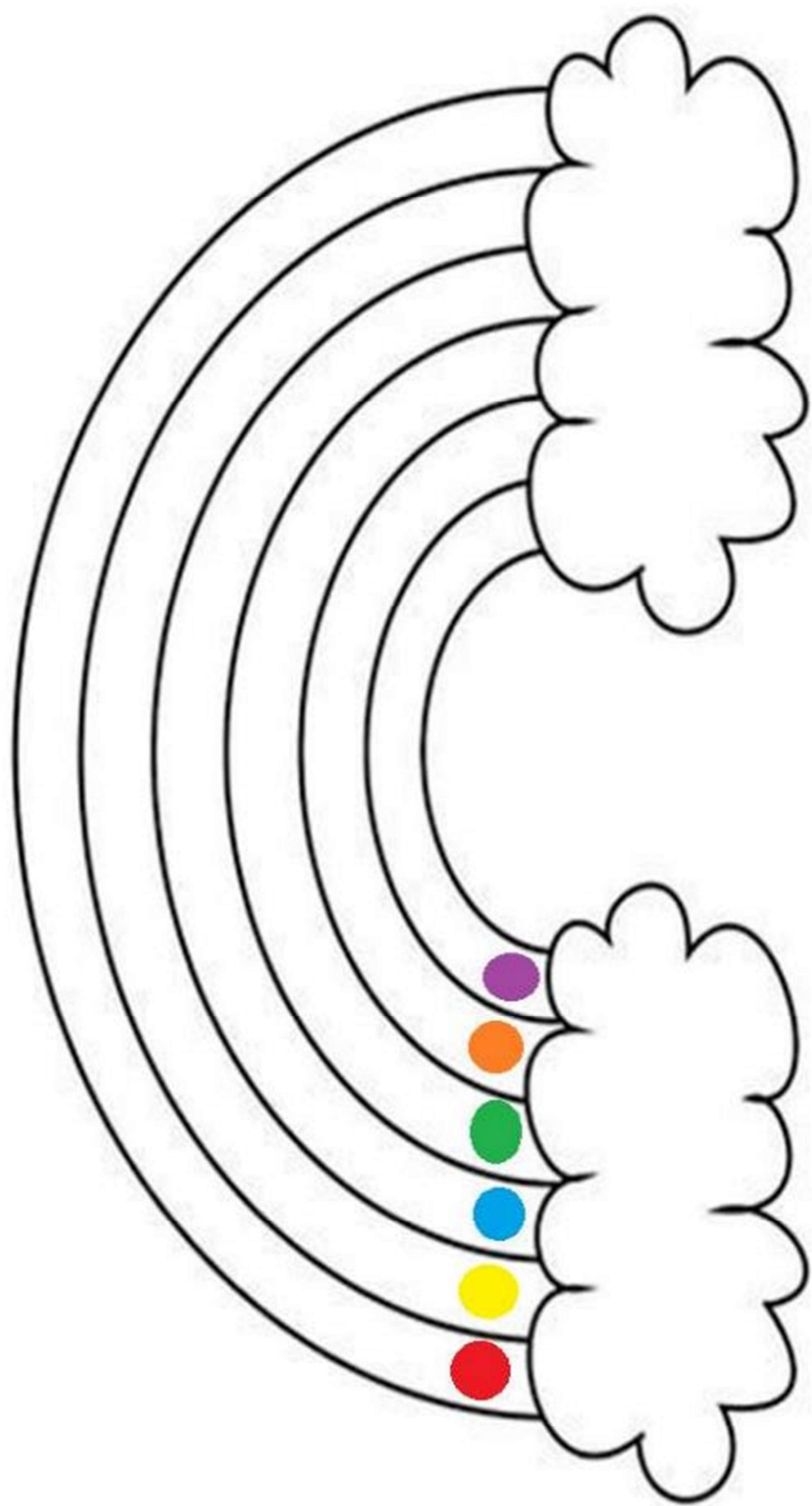


## 2. Tricky word rainbow

Here is an example.

Below is a blank copy for your child. They can do this for every tricky word. Again if you don't have access to a printer, this can easily be drawn out for your child.







Here is another way to have fun with letters. You can write this up yourself and change the letters as you see fit. Talk to your children about vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and consonants.

### Alphabet Hunts

Colour each hunt you complete.

Find 5 items around the house beginning with the letter <b>t</b> .	Find 3 things in the kitchen beginning with the letter <b>r</b> .	Find 4 things in your bedroom beginning with the letter <b>s</b> .	Find 5 things in the garden beginning with a <b>consonant</b> .
Open the fridge. How many items begin with the letter <b>m</b> ?	Find a cereal box. How many of the letters in the name of the cereal are <b>vowels</b> ?	Find your coat. Look at the label. How many letters are <b>consonants</b> ?	Write down the names of everyone in your house. Who has the <b>most vowels</b> & the <b>most consonants</b> in their names?
Find a mirror. Say the alphabet aloud. Look at the shapes your mouth makes. Which is the <b>funniest shape</b> ?	Practice writing letters in a plate of <b>salt / flour / rice</b> .	Use some natural materials (sticks, leaves, stones) to make the letters of the <b>alphabet outdoors</b> .	Look all around the house. Can you find something in every room that begins with the letter <b>d</b> ?

## Literacy

This is list of recommendations for more literacy work. Again, this is not compulsory. There is a lot of information out there at the moment and it can be overwhelming. We just want to give you a list of ideas that can be used while we remain closed. This is not a list that needs to be done in a week.

- ‘Teach your monster to read’ is an app which will help with letter recognition
- This is a game for children to practise their reading skills. In the game Tell a T-Rex, click the CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) button. The children read the sentence by sounding out the words – remember some are tricky words which they cannot sound out, and then they click the **N** or the **X** in response to the question/statement. A great game to encourage them to blend.

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/tellATRex/index.html>

- Viking full circle – click on the letters that the children know. The Viking will say a word such as ‘pot’ and the children have to move the correct letters onto his ship. Click the large wave to see if you are correct. This will help children with their reading and spelling.

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/viking/index.html>

- Phonics Pop – choose the sounds that your child knows which would be up to set 4/5. Listen to the sound that is given and pop the balloon with that letter on it.

<https://www.ictgames.com/phonicsPop/index.html>

- Help a hedgehog – click phase 2 cvc words. Read as many words as you can before the timer runs out.

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/helpAHedgehog/index.html>

- This is a bingo game for blending. Click any of the numbers 1-4

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/bingoOriginal/index.html>

The bingo cards can be found here. Your child should be able to play up as far as Game 4 Phase 2 (orange in colour)

[https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/bingoOriginal/LettersSounds\\_bingo\\_cards.pdf](https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/bingoOriginal/LettersSounds_bingo_cards.pdf)

- Hanging monkeys – read the word and click on the correct picture.

[http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story\\_files/hanging\\_monkeys\\_US.swf](http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story_files/hanging_monkeys_US.swf)

- Reading bear – will help with learning to sound words out as well as reading them for you. Your child should be able to work through each section as far as ‘review c/k adding s’

<https://www.readingbear.org>

## Maths

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- Save the whale – number bonds up to 10. Lower the bonds button to 5. The children have to save the whale by making 5 in different ways. This is a good way to help with combining/addition. If your child is comfortable with number bonds up to 5, you can increase it all the way up to 10.

<https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html>

- Underwater counting – up to 10. Count the sea creatures and click the correct number.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

- Ladybird spots – counting, matching and ordering  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>
- Helicopter rescue – find a number and counting on and back. Excellent game for before/after as well as number recognition.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>

- Ordering numbers up to 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering>

- Caterpillar ordering – forwards/backwards/sequencing – up to 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

**Some more websites that might be helpful.**

## Science/Geography

- This website will read everything for your child if they hover over a button. It has lots of things to do with; weather, people at work, animals, my body, rainforest etc. A general knowledge type website with stories/videos/games/activities all to do with a variety of topics.

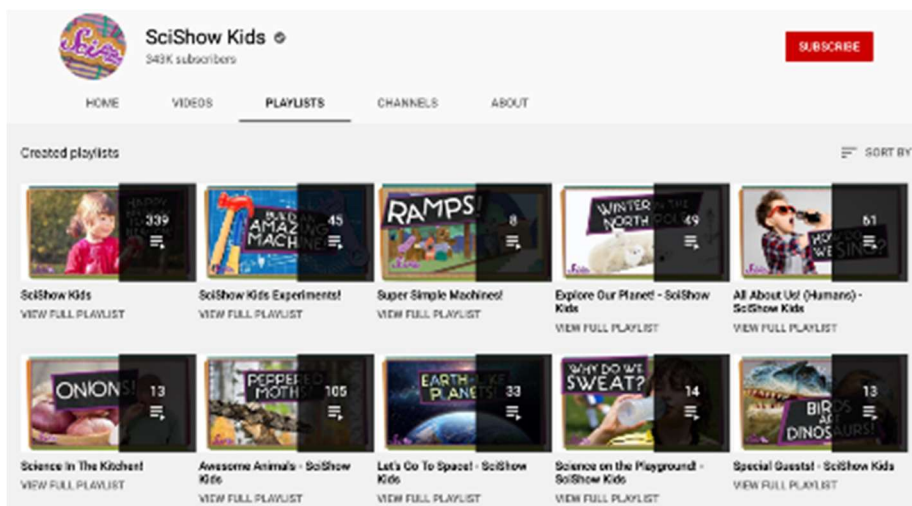
<https://www.worldbookonline.com/wbel/#/home>

- This website has lots of lovely videos/games to do with animals. Children can also create different places for the animals (farm/ocean etc). There are also information cards and some maths work. Again, when your child hovers over a button, it will read it for them.

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/preschool/animals.htm>

- If your child is interested in learning about a variety of different things, this website is lovely.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/scishowkids/playlists>



The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for SciShow Kids, which has 343K subscribers. The page is set to the 'PLAYLISTS' tab. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'Created playlists' with a 'SORT BY' dropdown menu. There are 10 playlists displayed in a grid, each with a thumbnail, a title, a video count, and a 'VIEW FULL PLAYLIST' link.

Thumbnail	Title	Count	Link
	SciShow Kids	339	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	SciShow Kids Experiments!	45	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Super Simple Machines!	8	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Explore Our Planet! - SciShow Kids	49	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	All About Us! (Humans) - SciShow Kids	61	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Science in The Kitchen!	13	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Awesome Animals - SciShow Kids	105	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Let's Go To Space! - SciShow Kids	33	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Science on the Playground - SciShow Kids	14	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>
	Special Guest! - SciShow Kids	13	<a href="#">VIEW FULL PLAYLIST</a>

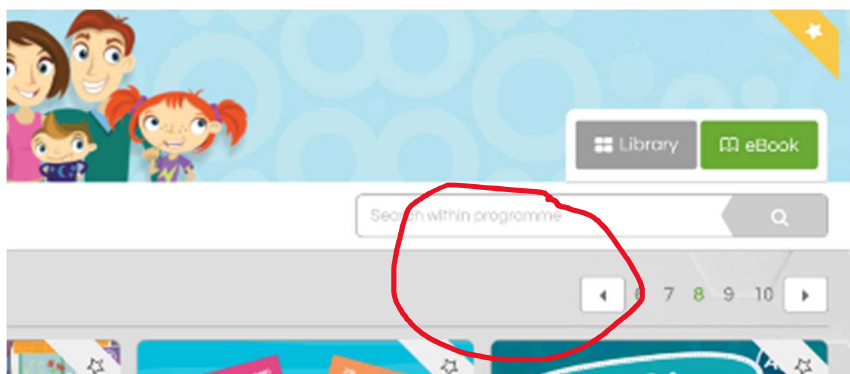
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To lend a helping hand to schools and parents over the coming weeks we are giving access to all our digital resources on FolensOnline.ie.

Parents and teachers can follow the steps below to get access:

1. Go to FolensOnline.ie and click register
2. Select Teacher
3. Fill in a username, email and password
4. For Roll Number use the code: **Prim20**

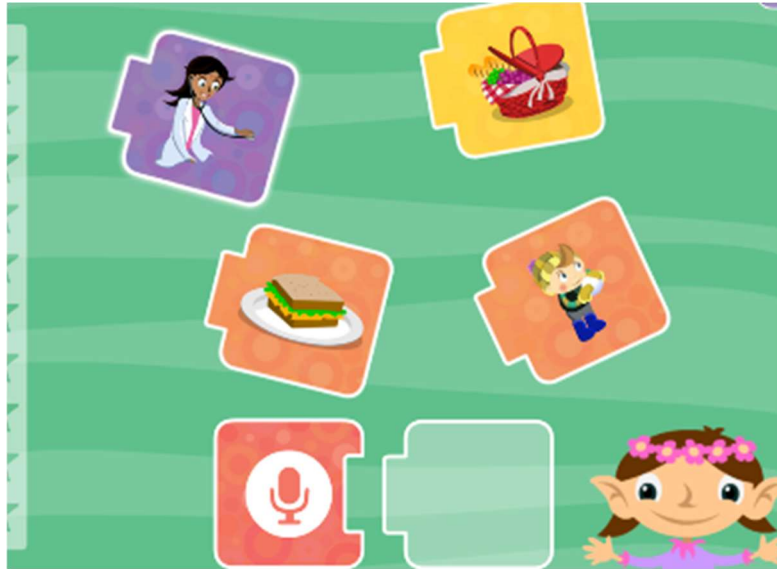
We use the programme **Abair Liom A**. We have covered up to page 8. So begin on page 1 and work through all the topics we have covered so far.



- You can listen to the story (scéal), song (amhrán), poem (dán) and the children can play the Foclóir 1 and 2 games.



- You can play Cluiche Meaitseála.



- You can play Tráth na gCeist.



- You can also explore the Cula4 website too. There are some shows such as Spongebob Square Pants through Irish.

<https://cula4.com/ga/>