Why learn to read words on sight?

Research shows that learning just 13 of the most frequently used words will enable children to read 25% of any text.

Learning 100 high frequency words gives a beginner reader access to 50% of virtually any text, whether a children's book or a newspaper report.

When you couple sight recognition of common and tricky words with knowledge of phonics, that's when a child's reading can really take off...

	Phase 2				
Decoda	Decodable words				
а	had	Tricky words the			
an	back	to			
as	and				
at	get	no			
if	big	go			
in	him	into			
is	his				
it	not				
of	got				
off	up				
on	mum				
can	but				
dad	put				

Phase 3					
Decoda	ble words	Tricky	words		
will	see	you	he		
that	for	they	she		
this	now	all	we		
then	down	are	me		
them	look	my	be		
with	too	her	was		

Phase 4				
Decodable words	Tricky words			
went	said	were		
it's	have	there		
from	like	little		
children	so	one		
just	do	when		
help	some	out		
•	come	what		

<u>Phase 5</u>
Note that some of the words that were tricky in earlier phases
become fully decodable in Phase 5

Decodable	Decodable words	
don't	day	oh
old	made	their
l'm	came	people
by	make	Mr
time	here	Mrs
house	saw	looked
about	very	called
your		asked
		could