

4 Ways to Teach a Sight Word

What's Missing?

- **Boys and girls, this was a word in the story.** (Write the word.)
- **The word is the.**
- **Look at each letter and say the letter as I point to it.** (Point as students say each letter.)
- (Underline the word with your finger and say the word.) **the**
- (Turn the board towards you and erase a letter.)
- (Show the board to students.)
- **What's missing?**
- (As students say the missing letter, put it back in the word.)
- (Repeat two or three more times erasing one or more letters at a time until entire word is erased.)
- (Students spell word as you write it on the board.)
- (Always say the word as you write it and underline it with your finger, left to right, when finished, and say the word.)

Mix & Fix

- (Give each student letters to make the new word.)
- (Make a model for them.)
- **Make the word, the.**
- **Check your word by sliding your pointer finger under the word s-l-o-w-l-y while saying the word.** (Model for students.)
- **Now pull down each letter to remake the word from left to right.** (Model for students.)
- **Again check your word by s-l-o-w-l-y sliding your pointer finger under the word and saying the word.**
- **Now mix or scramble the letters and then fix the letters to remake the word.** (Model for students.)
- **Again check your word by s-l-o-w-l-y sliding your pointer finger under the word and saying the word.** (Model for students.)
- **Let's do that one more time...**

Table Writing

- **Now use your pointer finger and write the word "the" on the table.**
- **Say the word as you finger-write it on the table, "the."**
- **Now picture what you wrote and check your word by s-l-o-w-l-y sliding your pointer finger under the word and saying the word, "the."**

- *Let's do that one more time...*

Whiteboards

- *Write the word, "the" on your whiteboard.*
- *Say the word as you write it on your whiteboard, "the."*
- *Now check your word by s-l-o-w-l-y sliding your marker under the word and saying the word, "the."*
- *Now erase the word and let's do that one more time...*