Why learn to read words on sight?

Researcher 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		
Decodable words		**Tricky words**
a	had	the
an	back	to
as	and	I
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			
Decodable 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

Phase 5

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

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