

SUGGESTED ORDER FOR CARDBOX STUDY – first 6 to 12 months

OTARINE + 1 (~30)

RETAINS + 1 (~90)

(best to start learning these two sets using the “rack and tile” method first, which is easier, then transfer these to Cardbox to revise)

once you know all twos

add hooks for twos – eg PATTERN *AA and AA*

(You will find a complete list of hooks for 2-letter words on my website, under Resources, if you prefer to learn them by rote, rather than in Cardbox)

now add all sevens with a probability of 1 to 50

plus all eights with a probability of 1 to 100

then learn all words which are only vowels,
and all threes which are only consonants

now add all sevens with a probability of 51 to 100

plus all eights with a probability of 101 to 200

add all threes with a Q, X, J or Z

add all five-letter words ending with X ???X (65)

add all five-letter words with Z in fourth position ???Z? (119)

now add all sevens with a probability of 101 to 150

plus all eights with a probability of 201 to 300

add all remaining threes

then all five-letter words with 4 vowels, (27)

and the remainder of the all-consonant words (ie 4 to 9 letters)

now add all sevens with a probability of 151 to 200

plus all eights with a probability of 301 to 400

add some more sets if desired, eg SATIRE + 1, TISANE + 1

(after first trying them with rack and tiles)

gradually increase the number of 7s and 8s, in roughly the proportion 1:2,
according to probability (aim for 1000 and 2000, within a year)

www.youthscrabble.org and then look up word study (on the left hand side)