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This weeks sight words: look and at. This means that your child will now have the following words in their word box: I, and, to, be, the, a, was, in, here, it, is, have, said, look, at.