

# Spot the short words



In the BBC One series *Secrets and words*, Kathleen's lack of confidence in reading stops her from helping young Megan with her school show.

12 short words make up around a quarter of all the words we read:

the	of	and	to	a	in
that	it	is	was	I	for

Read the *Secrets and Words* script below. How many short words of 3 letters or less can you find? The first one has been done for you.

Kathleen gets in from her shift, hangs her coat and hat up. She gets out a meal for one and puts it in the microwave. She wanders through into the living room and places Megan's princess picture on the mantelpiece behind the clock. She looks round at the room, her eye catching a picture of her with Brenda and their late mum. She thinks. She takes down a couple of sympathy cards from the mantelpiece.