What's the difference?

Sign

"A word that is instantly and effortlessly recalled from memory, regardless of whether it is phonetically regular or irregular."

A word that has been orthographically mapped: a reader can effortlessly decode the word.

A word that occurs frequently according to the American Heritage Word Frequency Books. Can be decodable or not.

#1-the #2-of #3-and #4-a #5-to

A word that is not regularly spelled.

Only 4% of English words are truly irregular (i.e. "eye.") 50% of English words are perfectly phonetic and 36% more are phonetic except for one sound (i.e. "was.")