

WORD LISTS K-5

Sight Words, High-Frequency Words, Spelling Words, Word Walls

All of our word lists are drawn from the Fry Word List, a list of 1,000 high frequency words that altogether make up about 90% of all written language. The Fry List is sorted into groups of 100 words, arranged in order of frequency. A complete list of the 1,000 Fry words is included in this document.

- The first 25 words make up approximately **1/3** of all times published
- The first 100 words make up approximately **½** of all the words found in publications.
- The first 300 words make up approximately **65%** of all written material.

Sight Words - High-Frequency Words

Sight words are words that students should be able to recognize instantly, (without decoding) while **READING**. These are also referred to as high-frequency words because of their abundance in written material. The first 300 words are crucial for young students as they are learning to read. These words should be taught explicitly in younger grades, through shared and independent reading until students can recognize them by sight.

Sight Words by Grade Level	
1 st 100 words	K (1-50) 1 (51-100)
2 nd 100 words	1
3 rd 100 words	2
4 th 100 words	
5 th 100 words	3
6 th 100 words	
7 th 100 words	4
8 th 100 words	
9 th 100 words	5
10 th 100 words	

Spelling Words - Writing Words - Word Walls

Spelling words are words that students should have memorized for use in their reading and particularly in their **WRITING**. They are arranged in order of frequency of use in everyday writing and do overlap with high-frequency reading words. These high-frequency writing words should be put up on a Word Wall for students to reference while they are writing. A complete list of spelling/writing words is included in this document.

Root Words

Root words should be taught in upper elementary grades as a way to teach students how to “unlock” word meanings by learning common Greek and Latin roots. Teaching root words can increase students’ vocabulary exponentially without memorizing long lists. A combined study of root words and affixes can help students learn to decode unknown words and therefore directly improves reading comprehension.

- Approximately over **¾** of the words in the English language come from classical origins.
- Over **½** of the 10,000 most commonly used words in English from Latin and Greek.

A suggested list of Greek and Latin root words is included in this document.

Fry Words – The First Hundred

List 1

the
of
and
a
to
in
is
you
that
it
he
was
for
on
are
as
with
his
they
I
at be
this
have
from

List 2

or
one
had
by
words
but
not
what
all
were
we
when
your
can
said
there
use
an
each
which
she
do
how
their
if

List 3

will up
other
about
out
many
then
them
these
so
some
her
would
make
like
him
into
time
has
look
two
more
write
go
see

List 4

number
no way
could
people
my
than
first
water
been
called
who
oil sit
now
find
long
down
day
did
get
come
made
may
part

Fry Words – The Second Hundred

List 1

over
new
sound
take
only
little
work
know
place
years
live
me
back
give
most
very
after
things
our
just
name
good
sentence
man
think

List 2

say great
where
help
through
much
before
line
right
too
means
old
any
same
tell
boy
follow
came
want
show
also
around
form
three
small

List 3

set
put
end
does
another
well
large
must
big even
such
because
turn
here
why ask
went
men
read
need
land
different
home us
move

List 4

try
kind
hand
picture
again
change
off
play
spell
air
away
animal
house
point
page
letter
mother
answer
found
study
still
learn
should
America
world

Fry Words – The Third Hundred

List 1

high
every
near
add
food
between
own
below
country
plant
last
school
father
keep
tree
never
start
city
earth
eyes
light
thought
head
under
story

List 2

saw
left
don't
few
while
along
might
close
something
seem next
hard open
example
begin
life
always
those
both
paper
together
got
group
often
run

List 3

important
until
children
side
feet
car
mile
night
walk
white
sea
began
grow
took
river
four
carry
state
once
book
hear
stop
without
second
late

List 4

miss
idea
enough
eat
face
watch
far
Indian
real
almost
let
above
girl
sometimes
mountains
cut
young
talk
soon
list
song
being
leave
family
it's

Fry Words – The Fourth Hundred

List 1

body
music
color
stand
sun
questions
fish area
mark
dog
horse
birds
problem
complete
room
knew
since ever
piece told
usually
didn't
friends
easy
heard

List 2

order
red
door
sure
become
top ship
across
today
during
short
better
best
however
low
hours
black
products
happened
whole
measure
remember
early
waves
reached

List 3

listen
wind
rock
space
covered
fast
several
hold
himself
toward
five
step
morning
passed
vowel
true
hundred
against
pattern
numeral
table
north
slowly
money
map

List 4

farm
pulled
draw
voice
seen
cold
cried
plan
notice
south
sing
war
ground
fall
king
town
I'll unit
figure
certain
field
travel
wood
fire
upon

Fry Words – The Fifth Hundred

List 1

done
English
road
half
ten fly
gave
box
finally
wait
correct
oh
quickly
person
became
shown
minutes
strong
verb
stars
front
feel
fact
inches
street

List 2

decided
contain
course
surface
produce
building
ocean
class
note
nothing
rest
carefully
scientists
inside
wheels
stay
green
known
island
week
less
machine
base ago
stood

List 3

plane
system
behind
ran
round
boat
game
force
brought
understand
warm
common
bring
explain
dry
though
language
shape
deep
thousands
yes
clear
equation yet
government

List 4

filled
heat
full
hot
check
object
am
rule
among
noun
power
cannot
able
six
size
dark
ball
material
special
heavy
fine
pair
circle
include
built

Fry Words – The Sixth Hundred

List 1

can't
matter
square
syllables
perhaps
bill
felt
suddenly
test
direction
center
farmers
ready
anything
divided
general
energy
subject
Europe
moon
region
return
believe
dance
members

List 2

picked
simple
cells
paint
mind
love
cause
rain
exercise
eggs
train
blue
wish
drop
developed
window
difference
distance
heart
site sum
summer
wall
forest
probably

List 3

legs sat
main
winter
wide
written
length
reason
kept
interest
arms
brother
race
present
beautiful
store
job
edge
past
sign
record
finished
discovered
wild
happy

List 4

beside
gone
sky
grass
million
west
lay
weather
root
instruments
meet third
months
paragraph
raised
represent
soft
whether
clothes
flowers
shall
teacher
held
describe
drive

Fry Words – The Seventh Hundred

List 1

cross
speak
solve
appear
metal
son
either
ice
sleep
village
factors
result
jumped
snow
ride
care
floor
hill
pushed
baby
buy
century
outside
everything
tall

List 2

already
instead
phrase
soil
bed
copy
free
hope
spring
case
laughed
nation
quite
type
themselves
temperature
bright
lead
everyone
method
section
lake
iron
within
dictionary

List 3

hair age
amount
scale
pounds
although
per
broken
moment
tiny
possible
gold
milk
quiet
natural
lot
stone
act
build
middle
speed
count
consonant
someone
sail

List 4

rolled
bear
wonder
smiled
angle
fraction
Africa
killed
melody
bottom
trip
hole
poor
let's
fight
surprise
French
died
beat
exactly
remain
dress
cat
couldn't
fingers

Fry Words – The Eighth Hundred

List 1

row
least
catch
climbed
wrote
shouted
continued
itself
else
plains
gas
England
burning
design
joined
foot
law
ears
glass
you're
grew
skin
valley
cents
key

List 2

president
brown
trouble
cool
cloud
lost sent
symbols
wear
bad
save
experiment
engine
alone
drawing
east
choose
single
touch
information
express
mouth yard
equal
decimal

List 3

yourself
control
practice
report
straight
rise
statement
stick
party
seeds
suppose
woman
coast
bank
period
wire
pay
clean
visit
bit
whose
received
garden
please
strange

List 4

caught
fell
team
God
captain
direct
ring
serve
child
desert
increase
history
cost
maybe
business
separate
break
uncle
hunting
flow
lady
students
human
art
feeling

Fry Words – The Ninth Hundred

List 1

supply
corner
electric
insects
crops
tone
hit sand
doctor
provide
thus
won't
cook
bones
mall
board
modern
compound
mine
wasn't
fit
addition
belong
safe
soldiers

List 2

guess
silent
trade
rather
compare
crowd
poem
enjoy
elements
indicate
except
expect
flat
seven
interesting
sense
string
blow
famous
value
wings
movement
pole
exciting
branches

List 3

thick
blood
lie
spot
bell
fun
loud
consider
suggested
thin
position
entered
fruit
tied rich
dollars
send
sight
chief
Japanese
stream
planets
rhythm
eight
science

List 4

major
observe
tube
necessary
weight
meat
lifted
process
army
hat
property
particular
swim
terms
current
park
sell
shoulder
industry
wash
block
spread
cattle
wife
sharp

Fry Words – The Tenth Hundred

List 1

company
radio
we'll
action
capital
factories
settled
yellow
isn't
southern
truck
fair
printed
wouldn't
ahead
chance
born
level
triangle
molecules
France
repeated
column
western
church

List 2

sister
oxygen
plural
various
agreed
opposite
wrong
chart
prepared
pretty
solution
fresh
shop
suffix
especially
shoes
actually
nose
afraid
dead
sugar
adjective
fig
office
huge

List 3

gun
similar
death
score
forward
stretched
experience
rose allow
fear
workers
Washington
Greek
women
bought
led
march
northern
create
British
difficult
match
win
doesn't
steel

List 4

total deal
determine
evening
hoe
rope
cotton
apple
details
entire
corn
substances
smell tools
conditions
cows track
arrived
located sir
seat
division
effect
underline
view

WISD High Frequency Word Lists by Grade Level

Kindergarten	First Grade				
Word List	Word List 1 (from Kindergarten)	Word List 2	Word List 3	Word List 4	Word List 5
a	a	all	as	are	after
am	am	am	back	away	because
an	an	be	by	been	before
and	and	big	came	but	could
at	at	can	come	from	going
can	can	has	did	here	just
do	do	how	get	into	mother
go	go	if	had	little	over
he	he	like	have	man	then
I	I	me	her	our	there
in	in	my	him	play	they
is	is	not	his	put	this
it	it	on	look	said	too
like	like	see	make	saw	two
me	me	she	now	that	went
my	my	so	of	us	were
no	no	the	one	very	when
on	on	up	or	what	where
see	see	we	out	who	will
so	so	you	was	your	with
the	the				
to	to				
up	up				
we	we				
you	you				

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Second Grade

In addition to the words listed below, second grade students are responsible for words from Kindergarten and First Grade

Word List 1			Word List 2		
able	city	funny	just	school	together
above	close	game	knew	sea	top
across	dad	gave	know	second	try
again	dark	give	last	seen	under
almost	deep	goes	let	should	until
always	does	gone	light	sit	use
any	dog	good	live	sky	view
anything	door	got	love	sleep	wait
ask	down	grade	much	snow	walk
bad	during	great	must	something	wall
ball	each	grew	name	start	want
become	eat	grow	new	stay	watch
begin	end	happy	night	stop	way
behind	enough	help	outside	story	week
between	even	hid	paper	street	why
books	every	hide	part	take	winter
both	fast	hill	party	teach	work
boy	father	home	pick	tell	world
brother	feel	house	place	ten	worn
bus	find	inside	rain	than	write
can't	first	jump	ran	their	wrong
car	fish		right	them	wrote
carry	five		room	things	year
cat	food		run	third	you're
catch	four		same	through	
change	friend		sat	time	
children	fun		say	today	

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Third Grade			Fourth Grade		
Word List			Word List		
add	fell	mind	among	heart	passed
air	few	miss	animal	high	stand
along	fire	more	around	himself	state
also	free	move	asked	hurt	still
baby	full	near	became	idea	such
being	goes	need	began	inside	talk
below	great	nice	bring	instead	teach
best	hand	old	build	keep	teacher
better	hard	own	couldn't	kids	than
boat	head	pair	cried	killed	that's
body	hear	park	dinner	kind	think
oot	hold	past	doing	knew	those
buy	hope	plan	draw	learn	throw
care	I'd	real	dream	leave	told
check	job	rest	early	letter	took
circle	land	room	earth	listen	true
class	left	save	easy	lived	trying
clean	less	seen	everyone	lives	turned
cold	life	set	everything	long	wanted
dark	line	ship	filled	looking	warm
died	list	show	front	making	wasn't
dry	lost	sick	getting	mean	watch
fact	lot	side	group	money	wish
fair	lots	small	having	next	myself
feet	love	soon	heard	nothing	yourself

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Fourth and Fifth Grade Academic English – Greek Roots

Root	Meaning	Example
aero	air	aerobics
auto (4 th)	self	autograph
bio (4 th)	life	biology
chron	time	chronological
cycl	time	cycle
gen	race	gender
geo	earth	geography
graph (5 th)	write	autograph
homo	same	homophone
hydr	water	hydroplane
ism (5 th)	system, manner	capitalism
ist (5 th)	one who, that which	dentist
log	word	logo
mech	machine	mechanic
meter (4 th)	measuring	centimeter
nym	name	antonym
-ology (4 th)	study of	biology
path	feeling	pathetic
phobia (4 th)	fear	claustrophobia
phone	sound	telephone
photo (5 th)	light	photograph
poli	city	metropolis
phys	nature	physical
psych	mind	psychiatrist
soph	wise	sophisticated
therm	heat	thermostat
tele (4 th)	distance	telegraph

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Fourth and Fifth Grade Academic English – Latin Roots

Root	Meaning	Example	Root	Meaning	Example
able/ible (4th)	able	capable, edible	sect	cut	section
ance/ence (5th)	quality/action	conference	sens	feel	sense
audi (4th)	hear	audible	sign	mark	signature
agri	field	agriculture	spect (5th)	see	spectacles
aqua	water	aquarium	temp	time	temporary
cap	head	capital	terr	land	territory
dent	tooth	dentist	tract	pull	tractor
dict (4th)	speak	dictate	urb	city	urban
form	shape	formula	vac	empty	vacate
grat	please	grateful	vid/vis (4th)	see	video/vision
ject (5th)	throw	eject	volv	roll	evolve
liber	free	liberate			
loc	place	location			
lum	light	illuminate			
man	hand	manual			
mar	ocean	marina			
min	small	minimal			
miss	send	amiss			
mob	move	mobile			
mort	death	mortician			
multi	many	multitude			
nat	born	natural			
nov	new	novel			
opt	best	option			
ped	foot	pedal			
port (5th)	carry	transport			
rupt (5th)	break	rupture			
	know	science			

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