

Sight Word Lists and Activities

The 220 most frequently found words in books that children read are called Dolch sight words. Students who learn these words have a good foundation for beginning reading. Most of these words cannot be sounded out because they do not follow the common phonics rules, so they must be learned as sight words.

The following pages have lists of words separated by grade level. You can cut words out and glue to cardboard or construction paper, or use them as they are. Use the words as flashcards or in the game suggestions included here. Have children begin slowly and work their way through the lists. Have fun!

ACTIVITY:

Sight Word Games: Which Word Wins?

Through this game, your children will learn to recognize and read sight words.

What You Need

- newspaper
- highlighter
- word list

What to Do

Sit with your child and look at a newspaper to see just how often sight words pop up in print. Ask your child to choose a sight word from the list and an article from the newspaper. Look for the word together. Highlight and count the word each time it appears. Try the same thing with a second sight word. Which word appears more often?

ACTIVITY:

Make Up Sentences

This is another game to help your child recognize sight words. Make flash cards out of sight words by gluing words to index cards.

What You Need

- Sight word flash cards
- Paper and pen or pencil

What to Do

Have your children use the flash cards to make sentences. Ask them to write the sentence down and draw a picture of it so you can see they know what it means.

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Preschool Sight Words

a	and	away	big
blue	can	come	down
find	for	funny	go
help	here	I	in
is	it	jump	little
look	make	me	my
not	one	play	red
run	said	see	the
three	to	two	up
we	where	yellow	you

Kindergarten Sight Words

all	am	are	at
ate	be	black	brown
but	came	did	do
eat	four	get	good
have	he	into	like
must	new	no	now
on	our	out	please
pretty	ran	ride	saw
say	she	so	soon
that	there	they	this
too	under	want	was
well	went	what	white
who	will	with	yes

Grade One Sight Words

after	again	an	any
as	ask	by	could
every	fly	from	give
giving	had	has	her
him	his	how	just
know	let	live	may
of	old	once	open
over	put	round	some
stop	take	thank	them
then	think	walk	were
when			

Grade Two Sight Words

always	around	because	been
before	best	both	buy
call	cold	does	don't
fast	first	five	found
gave	goes	green	its
made	many	off	or
pull	read	right	sing
sit	sleep	tell	their
these	those	upon	us
use	very	wash	which
why	wish	work	would
write	your		

Grade Three Sight Words

about	better	bring	carry
clean	cut	done	draw
drink	eight	fall	far
full	got	grow	hold
hot	hurt	if	keep
kind	laugh	light	long
much	myself	never	only
own	pick	seven	shall
show	six	small	start
ten	today	together	try
warm			