

The Dolch Basic Sight Word List

Dear Parents, This is a list of "sight words"--words every reader should recognize by sight, and not have to decode. They are "high frequency" words--words that occur often in written language. Knowing these words helps form a strong foundation for early reading. Please help your child learn them.

Level 1

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| 1. a | 7. come | 13. help | 19. jump | 25. not | 31. see | 37. we |
| 2. and | 8. down | 14. here | 20. little | 26. one | 32. the | 38. where |
| 3. away | 9. find | 15. I | 21. look | 27. play | 33. three | 39. yellow |
| 4. big | 10. for | 16. in | 22. make | 28. red | 34. to | 40. you |
| 5. blue | 11. funny | 17. is | 23. me | 29. run | 35. two | |
| 6. can | 12. go | 18. it | 24. my | 30. said | 36. up | |

Level 2

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| 1. all | 9. but | 17. have | 25. on | 33. say | 41. too | 49. will |
| 2. am | 10. came | 18. he | 26. our | 34. she | 42. under | 50. with |
| 3. are | 11. did | 19. into | 27. out | 35. so | 43. want | 51. yes |
| 4. at | 12. do | 20. like | 28. please | 36. soon | 44. was | |
| 5. ate | 13. eat | 21. must | 29. pretty | 37. that | 45. well | |
| 6. be | 14. for | 22. new | 30. ran | 38. there | 46. went | |
| 7. black | 15. get | 23. no | 31. ride | 39. they | 47. what | |
| 8. brown | 16. good | 24. now | 32. saw | 40. this | 48. white | |

Level 3

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| 1. after | 7. by | 13. going | 19. how | 25. of | 31. round | 37. then |
| 2. again | 8. could | 14. had | 20. just | 26. old | 32. some | 38. think |
| 3. an | 9. every | 15. has | 21. know | 27. once | 33. stop | 39. walk |
| 4. any | 10. fly | 16. her | 22. let | 28. open | 34. take | 40. were |
| 5. as | 11. from | 17. him | 23. live | 29. over | 35. thank | 41. when |
| 6. ask | 12. give | 18. his | 24. may | 30. put | 36. them | 42. who |

Level 4

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| 1. always | 8. buy | 15. five | 22. many | 29. sit | 36. us | 43. work |
| 2. around | 9. call | 16. found | 23. off | 30. sleep | 37. use | 44. would |
| 3. because | 10. cold | 17. gave | 24. or | 31. tell | 38. very | 45. write |
| 4. been | 11. does | 18. goes | 25. pull | 32. their | 39. wash | 46. your |
| 5. before | 12. don't | 19. green | 26. read | 33. these | 40. which | |
| 6. best | 13. fast | 20. its | 27. right | 34. those | 41. why | |
| 7. both | 14. first | 21. made | 28. sing | 35. upon | 42. wish | |

Level 5

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| 1. about | 7. cone | 13. full | 19. if | 25. much | 31. seven | 37. ten |
| 2. better | 8. draw | 14. got | 20. keep | 26. myself | 32. shall | 38. today |
| 3. bring | 9. drink | 15. grow | 21. kind | 27. never | 33. show | 39. together |
| 4. carry | 10. eight | 16. hold | 22. laugh | 28. only | 34. six | 40. try |
| 5. clean | 11. fall | 17. hot | 23. light | 29. own | 35. small | 41. warm |
| 6. cut | 12. far | 18. hurt | 24. long | 30. pick | 36. start | |

