

Dolch Words – Words to Learn by Sight

There are some words that beginning readers must learn to recognize by sight. Either the word doesn't follow traditional English language rules, or it is such a common word that the reader should be able to just name it to make the reading experience quicker and more satisfying. If you are using a phonics system, you should begin to teach sight words shortly after moving into the beginning phonics phase where the child is learning the blend sounds together.

Pre-Primer 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

Primer 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	white	who
will	with	yes					

1st Grade 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							

2nd Grade 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		

3rd Grade 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							

In addition, there is a list of 95 common nouns that Dolch identified that you may want to teach your child to recognize on sight.

Noun Sight Words

apple	baby	Back	ball	bear	bed	bell	bird
birthday	boat	Box	boy	bread	brother	cake	car
cat	chair	chicken	children	Christmas	coat	corn	cow
day	dog	Doll	door	duck	egg	eye	farm
farmer	father	Feet	fire	fish	floor	flower	game
garden	girl	good-bye	grass	ground	hand	head	hill
home	horse	House	kitty	leg	letter	man	men
milk	money	morning	mother	name	nest	night	paper
party	picture	Pig	rabbit	rain	ring	robin	Santa Claus
school	seed	Sheep	shoe	sister	snow	song	squirrel
stick	street	Sun	table	thing	time	top	toy
tree	watch	Water	way	wind	window	wood	