



Graded Word List

A list of 4,500 words arranged in a carefully-crafted teaching order. Starting with a base of the Dorothy E. Miller Phonics list we then added all the essential vocabulary contained in the Word Building and Word Group Lists and analysed this vocabulary against our research on frequency usage. All missing high-frequency words were then included. The resulting list was divided into grade appropriate levels. Finally we added three sets of Extension words. Extension 1 covers advanced word building and Extensions 2 and 3 have 1,000 words arranged in alphabetical order. The following samples are taken from the extended list.

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| Level 1 | an, un | can | I can run. |
| Level 1 | an, un | fan | I use a fan to keep me cool. |
| Level 1 | an, un | man | The man is big. |
| Level 1 | an, un | ran | I ran fast. |
| Level 1 | an, un | van | Dan has a van. |
| Level 1 | Sight words | rid | Get rid of that cat! |
| Level 1 | Sight words | dot | Put a dot on the spot. |
| Level 1 | Sight words | job | My job is to feed the dog. |
| Level 1 | Sight words | pat | My cat likes a pat. |
| Level 1 | Sight words | pan | Dad cooks eggs in a pan. |
| Level 2 | ip, op | drop | The drop dripped from the tap. |
| Level 2 | ip, op | slop | The pigs liked to slop about in the mud. |
| Level 2 | ip, op | prop | Did you bring your prop for the play? |
| Level 2 | ip, op | stop | The red light says stop! |
| Level 2 | ip, op | flop | The fish fell with a flop onto the sand. |
| Level 2 | est, ist, ost, ust | fist | He used his fist to punch the boxing bag. |
| Level 2 | est, ist, ost, ust | mist | The mist made it hard to see very far. |
| Level 2 | est, ist, ost, ust | cost | How much does this toy cost? |
| Level 2 | est, ist, ost, ust | lost | The child was lost and could not find her mother. |
| Level 2 | est, ist, ost, ust | dust | I wiped the dust off the table. |
| Level 2 | est, ist, ost, ust | must | You must wash your hands if they are dirty. |
| Level 2 | cl, fl, gl, pl blends | glum | I feel sad and glum. |
| Level 2 | cl, fl, gl, pl blends | glut | There was a glut of food so we had lots left over. |
| Level 2 | cl, fl, gl, pl blends | plum | I can't decide if I want to eat a red, yellow or purple plum. |
| Level 2 | cl, fl, gl, pl blends | plus | Two plus two is four. |
| Level 2 | cl, fl, gl, pl blends | plug | When the plug was pulled all the water ran out of the bath. |
| Level 2 | Contractions | I'm | "I'm" is a short way of saying "I am". |
| Level 2 | Contractions | I'll | "I'll" is a short way of saying "I will". |
| Level 2 | Contractions | he's | "He's" is a short way of saying "he is" or "he has". |
| Level 2 | Contractions | he'll | "He'll" is a short way of saying "he will" or "he shall". |
| Level 3 | nt, nk blends | grunt | Pigs grunt when they eat. |
| Level 3 | nt, nk blends | crank | Some old cars have to be started with a wind-up crank. |
| Level 3 | nt, nk blends | prank | We played a funny prank on our friends. |
| Level 3 | nt, nk blends | trunk | We carved our names on the trunk of a tree. |
| Level 3 | nt, nk blends | skunk | A skunk sprays a bad smell when it is in danger. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | drape | To protect the furniture from dust, you can drape cloth over it. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | shape | The shape of the table was round. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | ripe | We knew the bananas were not ripe because they were green. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | pipe | The pipe broke and water went everywhere. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | stripe | A white stripe marked the middle of the road. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | swipe | The batsman took a swipe at the ball. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | tripe | That can't be true, it's just tripe. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | wipe | Please wipe your shoes on the mat. |
| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | grope | We could only grope our way in the dark. |

See over for more samples...



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| Level 4 | A, I, O - silent e | slope | Bill slipped and fell down the slope. |
| Level 5 | Contractions | who's | "Who's" is a short way of saying "who is" or "who has". |
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| Level 5 | Contractions | who've | "Who've" is a short way of saying "who have". |
| Level 5 | Contractions | they'd | "They'd" is a short way of saying "they had" or "they would". |
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| Level 5 | Contractions | they're | "They're" is a short way of saying "they are". |
| Level 5 | Contractions | wasn't | "Wasn't" is a short way of saying "was not". |
| Level 5 | Contractions | weren't | "Weren't" is a short way of saying "were not". |
| Level 5 | Contractions | how's | "How's" is a short way of saying "how is" or "how has". |
| Level 5 | Contractions | what's | "What's" is a short way of saying "what is" or "what has". |
| Level 6 | Sight words | believe | I believe that one day I will learn how to fly. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | suppose | I suppose his story is true. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | written | He let some of his friends read the book he had written. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | wishes | She made two wishes as she blew out her birthday candles. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | replied | Miss Jones asked the question and Mike replied. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | bicycle | Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | dancing | She was dancing in time to the music. |
| Level 6 | Sight words | excited | The children were very excited the night before Christmas. |
| Level 6 | Contractions | there's | "There's" is a short way of saying "there is" or "there has". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | where's | "Where's" is a short way of saying "where is" or "where has". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | aren't | "Aren't" is a short way of saying "are not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | mustn't | "Mustn't" is a short way of saying "must not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | doesn't | "Doesn't" is a short way of saying "does not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | needn't | "Needn't" is a short way of saying "need not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | mightn't | "Mightn't" is a short way of saying "might not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | wouldn't | "Wouldn't" is a short way of saying "would not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | couldn't | "Couldn't" is a short way of saying "could not". |
| Level 6 | Contractions | shouldn't | "Shouldn't" is a short way of saying "should not". |
| Level 7 | ance end | grievance | If you have a grievance you can complain to the manager. |
| Level 7 | ance end | vengeance | He took vengeance on those people who had offended him. |
| Level 7 | ance end | assistance | I'll need your assistance to lift this heavy box. |
| Level 7 | ance end | ignorance | Your ignorance of the rules may get you into trouble. |
| Level 7 | ance end | maintenance | Regular maintenance by a mechanic is good for your car. |
| Level 7 | ance end | performance | Last night's performance of the play was excellent. |
| Level 7 | ance end | perseverance | Becoming an Olympic athlete takes a lot of perseverance. |
| Level 7 | ance end | remembrance | A minute's silence was held in remembrance of the war. |
| Level 7 | ance end | acquaintance | She's only an acquaintance, not really a friend. |
| Level 7 | ance end | reconnaissance | A reconnaissance flight revealed the enemy's position. |
| Extension 3 | List | triumphantly | We won the trophy and brought it home triumphantly. |
| Extension 3 | List | troublesome | His interruptions were troublesome and annoying. |
| Extension 3 | List | typewriter | We still have an old typewriter in our classroom. |
| Extension 3 | List | ultraconservative | He is very traditional and ultraconservative in his opinions. |
| Extension 3 | List | ultramarine | Ultramarine is a vivid, deep blue colour. |
| Extension 3 | List | ultramicroscopic | You need a special microscope to see an ultramicroscopic object. |
| Extension 3 | List | ultrastructure | A cell's ultrastructure may be observed by electron microscopy. |
| Extension 3 | List | ultraviolet | At the disco the ultraviolet light made my teeth look very white. |
| Extension 3 | List | unacceptable | Rude behaviour is unacceptable conduct. |
| Extension 3 | List | unanimous | Everyone voted the same way and produced a unanimous result. |