DEM (Dorothy E. Miller) Phonics List

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The following samples are taken from the extended list.

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Level	Category	Word	Context Sentence
Level 1	ag, eg, og	bag	The ball is in my bag.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	rag	Put the rag into the bag.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	wag	A happy dog will wag its tail.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	beg	My dog sat up to beg for food.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	leg	I fell and cut my leg.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	peg	My hat is on the peg.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	dog	My dog wags his tail.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	fog	It's hard to see in the fog.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	jog	A jog is a slow run.
Level 1	ag, eg, og	log	A frog sat on a log.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	brag	He likes to brag about winning.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	drag	I drag my toy dog along on a rope.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	flag	The flag is hung on a tall pole.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	stag	A stag is a male deer.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	swag	I walk with my swag on my back.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	twig	A little twig fell from the tree.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	clog	Rubbish can clog the water drain.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	smog	Smog made the sky seem dark.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	snug	The puppy is snug and warm in bed.
Level 2	ag, ig, og, ug	slug	A slug is a snail without a home.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	blank	I was given a blank piece of paper to write upon.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	blink	The strong light made us blink our eyes.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	block	He chopped the block of ice into small pieces.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	blush	When I blush my face turns red.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	clock	The clock showed that it was time to go home.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	clasp	The clasp came undone and my brooch fell off.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	flash	The bright flash of the camera hurt my eyes.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	flick	With a quick flick David shot the marble into the circle.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	flint	Flint is a metal that can be struck to make a fire.
Level 3	bl, cl, fl blends	flock	A flock of sheep grazed in the paddock.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	baby	A baby is small, but it will grow.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	babies	The mother duck was followed by her babies.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	fairy	A fairy with silver wings held a magic wand.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	fairies	Elves, pixies and fairies are creatures of folk tales.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	puppy	That little puppy will grow up to be a big dog.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	puppies	Our dog has given birth to six new puppies.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	cherry	We love to climb the cherry tree.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	cherries	I like to eat cherries; they are my favourite stone fruit.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	berry	We picked strawberries at the berry farm last weekend.
Level 4	y changes to i, add es	berries	I like eating freshly picked berries.

See over for Level 5, 6 & 7 samples...

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Level 5	A, I - silent e	pride	She took great pride in her work, and always tried her best.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	beside	The bride stood beside the groom.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	inside	We shelter inside away from the rain.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	divide	Let's divide the apple in four so we can all have some.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	stride	With a long stride he stepped over the puddle.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	abide	We should all abide by the rules of the game.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	grade	What grade are you in at school?
Level 5	A, I - silent e	spade	The gardener used a spade to dig a hole.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	trade	You must have a special licence to trade in alcohol.
Level 5	A, I - silent e	arcade	I played computer games in a shop in the shopping arcade.
Level 6	silent u	build	We are going to build a new house in which to live.
Level 6	silent u	built	The builder built a new house.
Level 6	silent u	guard	The guard watched over the palace to keep the king safe.
Level 6	silent u	guide	The guide showed us the way into the forest.
Level 6	silent u	guess	Can you guess how many lollies I have in my pocket?
Level 6	silent u	guest	The man was a guest at the motel.
Level 6	silent u	guilt	I feel a lot of guilt about the bad things I have done.
Level 6	silent u	guitar	The string on the guitar broke half way through the song.
Level 6	silent u	biscuit	I ate a chocolate-chip biscuit for morning tea.
Level 6	silent u	disguise	He wore a disguise so he wouldn't be recognised.
Level 7	ph says f	physique	He had the agile physique of an athlete.
Level 7	ph says f	physician	Our physician specialises in the treatment of cancer.
Level 7	ph says f	philosophy	The quest of philosophy has always been to search for truth.
Level 7	ph says f	phenomenal	Her phenomenal performance assured her of victory.
Level 7	ph says f	atmosphere	Too much pollution is ruining our atmosphere.
Level 7	ph says f	microphone	His spoke into the microphone to record his voice.
Level 7	ph says f	biography	He wrote a biography about the life of a famous person.
Level 7	ph says f	photograph	We have an old photograph of my great grandfather.
Level 7	ph says f	hemisphere	The top half of the globe is the northern hemisphere.
Level 7	ph says f	autobiography	In his autobiography the actor recounted the events of his life.

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