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THE DOLCH SIGHT WORDS LIST

This list of 220 words, prepared by E.W. Dolch, makes up from 50 to 75 percent of all ordinary reading matter excluding proper names. These words may also be referred to as 'common words', or 'common core vocabulary' or, more usually these days, 'high frequency words' and 'medium frequency words'.

The following pages feature

- The Dolch list, by frequency and alphabetically
- The UK National Literacy Strategy high frequency and medium frequency lists, by order of teaching and alphabetically
- The vocabulary covered in 'Mnemonic Spelling System', from senter
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- The vocabulary covered in 'All by Myself' readers, from senter
- The vocabulary covered in 'Taming Tricky Words', from senter

**DOLCH SIGHT WORDS
LISTED BY FREQUENCY**

the	see	where
to	not	every
and	were	pretty
he	get	jump
a	them	green
I	like	four
you	one	away
it	this	old
of	my	by
in	would	their
was	me	here
said	will	saw
his	yes	call
that	big	after
she	went	well
for	are	think
on	come	ran
they	if	let
but	now	help
had	long	make
at	no	going
him	came	sleep
with	ask	brown
up	very	yellow
all	an	five
look	over	six
is	yours	walk
her	its	two
there	ride	or
some	into	before
out	just	eat
as	blue	again
be	red	play
have	from	who
go	good	been
we	any	may
am	about	stop
then	around	off
little	want	never
down	don't	seven
do	how	eight
can	know	cold
could	right	today
when	put	fly
did	too	myself
what	got	round
so	take	tell

much
keep
give
work
first
try
new
must
start
black
white
ten
does
bring
goes
write
always
drink
once
soon
made
run
gave
open
has
find
only

us
three
our
better
hold
buy
funny
warm
ate
full
those
done
use
fast
say
light
pick
hurt
pull
cut
kind
both
sit
which
fall
carry
small

under
read
why
own
found
wash
slow
hot
because
far
live
draw
clean
grow
best
upon
these
sing
together
please
thank
wish
many
shall
laugh

**DOLCH SIGHT WORDS
LISTED ALPHABETICALLY**

a	cut	her
about	did	here
after	do	him
again	does	his
all	don't	hold
always	done	hot
am	down	how
an	draw	hurt
and	drink	I
any	eat	if
are	eight	in
around	every	into
as	fall	is
ask	far	it
at	fast	its
ate	find	jump
away	first	just
be	five	keep
because	fly	kind
been	for	know
before	found	laugh
best	four	let
better	from	light
big	full	like
black	funny	little
blue	gave	live
both	get	long
bring	give	look
brown	go	made
but	goes	make
buy	going	many
by	good	may
call	got	me
came	green	much
can	grow	must
carry	had	my
clean	has	myself
cold	have	never
come	he	new
could	help	no

not
now
of
off
old
on
once
one
only
open
or
our
out
over
own
pick
play
please
pretty
pull
put
ran
read
red
ride
right
round
run
said
saw
say
see
seven
shall

she
sing
sit
six
sleep
slow
small
so
some
soon
start
stop
take
tell
ten
thank
that
the
their
them
then
there
these
they
think
this
those
three
to
today
together
too
try
two

under
up
upon
us
use
very
walk
want
warm
was
wash
we
well
went
were
what
when
where
which
white
who
why
will
wish
with
work
would
write
yellow
yes
you
yours

NATIONAL LITERACY STRATEGY (UK)

This list of high frequency words was developed in the UK as part of the National Literacy Strategy, and prescribes the order in which the words should be taught, as follows:

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

Reception year

I	go	come	went	up	you	day	was
look	are	the	of	we	this	dog	me
like	going	big	she	and	they	my	see
on	away	mum	it	at	play	no	yes
for	a	dad	can	he	am	all	
is	cat	get	said	to	in		

Year 1 to 2

about	can't	her	many	over	then	who
after	could	here	may	people	there	will
again	did	him	more	push	these	with
an	do	his	much	pull	three	would
another	don't	home	must	put	time	your
as	dig	house	name	ran	too	
back	door	how	new	saw	took	
ball	down	if	next	school	tree	
be	first	jump	night	seen	two	
because	from	just	not	should	us	
bed	girl	last	now	sister	very	
been	good	laugh	off	so	want	
boy	got	little	old	some	water	
brother	had	live(d)	once	take	way	
but	half	love	one	than	were	
by	has	made	or	that	what	
call(ed)	have	make	our	their	when	
came	help	man	out	them	where	

(Year 3 is for consolidation)

MEDIUM FREQUENCY WORDS

Year 4

Term 1:

ask(ed), began, being, brought, can't, change, coming, didn't, does, don't, found, goes, gone, heard, I'm, jumped, knew, know, leave, might, opened, show, started, stopped, think, thought, told, tries, turn(ed), used, walk(ed)(ing), watch, write, woke(n).

Term 2:

almost, always, any, before, better, during, every, first, half, morning, much, never, number, often, only, second, sometimes, still, suddenly, today, until, upon, while, year, young.

Term 3:

above, across, along, also, around, below, between, both, different, following, high, inside, near, other, outside, place, right, round, such, through, together, under, where, without.

Year 5

Term 1:

baby, balloon, birthday, brother, children, clothes, garden, great, happy, head, heard, something, sure, swimming, those, word, work, world.

Term 2:

earth, eyes, father, friends, important, lady, light, money, mother, own, paper, sister, small, sound, white, whole, why, window.

Complete list (medium frequency)

above	garden	something
across	goes	sometimes
almost	gone	sound
along	great	started
also	half	still
always	happy	stopped
animal	head	such
any	heard	suddenly
around	high	sure
asked	I'm	swimming
baby	important	think
balloon	inside	those
before	jumped	thought
began	knew	through
being	know	today
below	lady	together
better	leave	told
between	light	tries
birthday	might	turn(ed)
both	money	under
brother	morning	until
brought	mother	upon
can't	much	used
change	near	walk(ed)(ing)
children	never	watch
clothes	number	where
coming	often	while
didn't	only	white
different	opened	whole
does	other	why
don't	outside	window
during	own	without
earth	paper	woke(n)
every	place	word
eyes	right	work
father	round	world
first	second	write
follow(ing)	show	year
found	sister	young
friends	small	

http://www.standards.dfee.gov.uk/literacy/NLSframework/NLSframework_R-6/

WORDS FEATURED IN 'MNEMONIC SPELLING SYSTEM'

about	cousin	this
after	day	thought
again	own	through
all	people	time
answer	play	tried (-s)
any	please	two
are	police	uncle
around	quick	under
ask (<i>ed</i>)	quiet	use (<i>ed</i>)
ate	quite	very
aunty	rabbit	walk
away	right	want
baby	road	was
back	said	water
because	saw	wear
before	scary	went
better	school	were
black	science	what
blue	see	when
boy	she	where
brother	should	which
brown	sister	while
busy	small	white
by	so	who
call	some	whole
came	start (<i>ed</i>)	why
castle	suddenly	wish
catch	surprise	witch
caught	take	with
children	that	work
colour	their	year
come	then	yellow
could	there	you
	they	your

WORDS FEATURED IN 'A WORKING VOCABULARY'

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

a	here	off
the	tree	watch
house	play	television
mum	with	from
dad	to	want
brother	it	was
sister	went	have
in	they	
see	said	boy
little	name	girl
big	friend	come
school	want	time
I	was	for
you	have	tea
can		says
is	go	he
and	not	she
my	we	will
am	all	up
called	get	down
	out	bed
like	of	shoe
by	home	shop
look	are	made
at	car	who
cat	bus	take
dog	me	coat
	on	what

WORDS FEATURED IN 'ALL BY MYSELF' READERS

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

a	here	on
an	has	play (+ ing)
am	house	said
and	I	see
are	in	the
at	is	this
big	it	to
can	little	up
come	like (+ s)	was
friend (+ s)	look	we
go	me	went
going	my	with

**OTHER WORDS FEATURED IN 'ALL BY MYSELF' READERS
(including colours, some of which high frequency words)**

ball	flowers	snail
bath	fox	snails
bed	frog	snake
bedroom	garden	spider
bee	gate	squirrel
bird	girl	sun
birds	grass	tank
bones	hedgehog	teddy
bowl	hen	tent
boy	hole	tree
butterfly	hop	trees
butterflies	jump	turtle
carrot	jellyfish	two
carrots	kennel	vase
castle	ladybird	wall
cat	leaf	web
caterpillar	lolly	window
chickens	mouse	worm
children	mice	worms
cloud	nest	squirrels
crab	octopus	black
crabs	owl	blue
dog	pond	brown
duck	queen	green
ducks	rabbit	orange
eggs	rabbits	pink
fish	rocks	purple
flag	run	red
fly	sea	yellow
flies	seaside	
flower	ship	

**WORDS FEATURED IN 'TAMING TRICKY WORDS'
IN ORDER OF SUGGESTED TEACHING**

my
all
look
no
get
we
see
went
yes
are
me
she
he
to
come
go
the
big
of
like
and
for
said
day
you
was
this
they
away
play
can
can't
one
everyone
saw
live
wanted
took
two
be

came
new
what
out
three
pulled
little
very
called
with
four
jumped
down
made
from
home
school
five
by
helped
good
her
here
old
six
pushed
over
back
your
way
couldn't
seven
don't
after
eight
there
their
nine
make
take

now
do
when
again
seen
been
where
about
laugh
night
time
first
name
our
were
how
some
have
only
once
so
climb
other
another
any
many
or
more
too
who
because
people
gave
these
could
would
should
half
love
may

... AND ALPHABETICALLY

about	helped	school
after	her	see
again	here	seen
all	home	seven
and	how	she
another	jumped	should
any	laugh	six
are	like	so
away	little	some
back	live	take
be	look	the
because	love	their
been	made	there
big	make	these
by	many	they
called	may	this
came	me	three
can	more	time
can't	my	to
climb	name	too
come	new	took
could	night	two
couldn't	nine	very
day	no	wanted
do	now	was
don't	of	way
down	old	we
eight	once	went
everyone	one	were
first	only	what
five	or	when
for	other	where
four	our	who
from	out	with
gave	over	would
get	people	yes
go	play	you
good	pulled	your
half	pushed	
have	said	
he	saw	