

Here is a list of the First 100 High Frequency Words a child needs to know for reading, writing, and spelling fluency. If a child knows these 100 words, he/she knows about 50% of all words in any book.

Practice the words in Group 1a with your child. If they recognize all of those words easily, move on to the next group. **We would like all first-graders to know the first 100 words by the end of first grade.** If your child knows the first 100 words, practice the words in the second 100, and so on.

Group 1a

the
of
and
a
to
in
is
you
that
it
he
was
for
on
are
as
with
his
they
I
at
be
this
have
from

Group 1b

or
one
had
by
word
but
not
what
all
were
we
when
your
can
said
there
use
an
each
which
she
do
how
their
if

Group 1c

will
up
other
about
out
many
then
them
these
so
some
her
would
make
like
him
into
time
has
look
two
more
write
go
see

Group 1d

number
no
way
could
people
my
than
first
water
been
call
who
oil
now
find
long
down
day
did
get
come
made
may
part
over

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Group 2a

new
sound
take
only
little
work
know
place
year
live
me
back
give
most
very
after
thing
our
just
name
good
sentence
man
think
say

Group 2b

great
where
help
through
much
before
line
right
too
mean
old
any
same
tell
boy
follow
came
want
show
also
around
form
three
small
set

Group 2c

put
end
does
another
well
large
must
big
even
such
because
turn
here
why
ask
went
men
read
need
land
different
home
us
move
try

Group 2d

kind
hand
picture
again
change
off
play
spell
air
away
animal
house
point
page
letter
mother
answer
found
study
still
learn
should
America
world
high

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Group 3a

every
near
add
food
between
own
below
country
plant
last
school
father
keep
tree
never
start
city
earth
eye
light
thought
head
under
story
saw

Group 3b

left
don't
few
while
along
might
close
something
seem
nest
hard
open
example
begin
life
always
those
both
paper
together
got
group
often
run
important

Group 3c

until
children
side
feet
car
mile
night
walk
white
sea
began
grow
took
river
four
carry
state
once
book
hear
stop
without
second
late
miss

Group 3d

idea
enough
eat
face
watch
far
Indian
real
almost
let
above
girl
sometime
mountain
cut
young
talk
soon
list
song
leave
family
body
music
color