

Sample High Frequency Word List by Grade

Note: This is not an “official” word list required by the Utah State Office of Education. It is not a list from which words are selected to be used on CRTs. It is provided as one example of a word list.

These words are taken from Rebecca Sitton’s “Spelling Sourcebook,” pages 77-82. It is a “cross-referenced compilation” of several massive word studies, including the American Heritage Word Frequency Study (Carroll, Davies, Richman), and several other studies, including the work of Gates, Horn, Rinsland, Greene and Loomer, Harris and Jacobsen.

Standard 4000-005 in the Utah K-6 Language Arts Core is Fluency. Standard 4000-0502 includes the “Indicator” that students read with automaticity a specific number of high frequency/sight words at each grade level, as follows:

Grade Level	# of Words
Kindergarten	25 words
First Grade	100 words
Second Grade	200 words
Third Grade	300 words

The words are designated to grades levels in sequence as follows, including Grades four through six.

Grade	# of Words	From the Word List
Kindergarten	25 words	Words 1-25
First Grade	100 words	Words 26-125
Second Grade	200 words	Words 126-325
Third Grade	300 words	Words 326-625
Fourth Grade	200 Words	Words 626-825
Fifth Grade	200 Words	Words 826-1025
Sixth Grade	175 Words	Words 1026-1200

This results in direct instruction of the 1,200 highest frequency words during the course of Grades K through 6.

Kindergarten (Words 1-25)

1. the
2. of
3. and
4. a
5. to
6. in
7. is
8. you
9. that
10. it
11. he
12. for
13. was
14. on
15. are
16. as
17. with
18. his
19. they
20. at
21. be
22. this
23. from
24. I
25. have

First Grade (Words 26-125)

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| 1. or | 26. out | 51. its | 76. get |
| 2. by | 27. them | 52. who | 77. through |
| 3. one | 28. then | 53. now | 78. back |
| 4. had | 29. she | 54. people | 79. much |
| 5. not | 30. many | 55. my | 80. go |
| 6. but | 31. some | 56. made | 81. good |
| 7. what | 32. so | 57. over | 82. new |
| 8. all | 33. these | 58. did | 83. write |
| 9. were | 34. would | 59. down | 84. our |
| 10. when | 35. other | 60. only | 85. me |
| 11. we | 36. into | 61. way | 86. man |
| 12. there | 37. has | 62. find | 87. too |
| 13. can | 38. more | 63. use | 88. any |
| 14. an | 39. her | 64. may | 89. day |
| 15. your | 40. two | 65. water | 90. same |
| 16. which | 41. like | 66. long | 91. right |
| 17. their | 42. him | 67. little | 92. look |
| 18. said | 43. see | 68. very | 93. think |
| 19. if | 44. time | 69. after | 94. also |
| 20. do | 45. could | 70. words | 95. around |
| 21. will | 46. no | 71. called | 96. another |
| 22. each | 47. make | 72. just | 97. came |
| 23. about | 48. than | 73. where | 98. come |
| 24. how | 49. first | 74. most | 99. work |
| 25. up | 50. been | 75. know | 100. three |

Second Grade (Words 126-325)

1. must	42. never	83. life	124. today	165. move
2. because	43. us	84. enough	125. however	166. face
3. does	44. left	85. took	126. sure	167. door
4. heart	45. end	86. for	127. knew	168. cut
5. even	46. along	87. head	128. it's	169. dome
6. place	47. while	88. above	129. try	170. group
7. well	48. might	89. kind	130. told	171. true
8. such	49. next	90. began	131. young	172. half
9. here	50. sound	91. almost	132. sun	173. red
10. take	51. below	92. live	133. thing	174. fish
11. why	52. saw	93. page	134. whole	175. plants
12. help	53. something	94. got	135. hear	176. living
13. put	54. thought	95. earth	136. example	177. black
14. different	55. both	96. need	137. heard	178. eat
15. away	56. few	97. far	138. several	179. short
16. again	57. those	98. hand	139. change	180. United States
17. off	58. always	99. high	140. answer	
18. went	59. show	100. year	141. room	181. run
19. old	60. large	101. mother	142. sea	182. book
20. number	61. often	102. light	143. against	183. gave
21. great	62. together	103. country	144. top	184. order
22. tell	63. asked	104. father	145. turned	185. open
23. men	64. house	105. let	146. learn	186. ground
24. say	65. don't	106. night	147. point	187. cold
25. small	66. world	107. picture	148. city	188. really
26. every	67. going	108. being	149. play	189. table
27. found	68. want	109. study	150. toward	190. remember
28. still	69. school	110. second	151. five	191. tree
29. between	70. important	111. soon	152. himself	192. course
30. name	71. until	112. story	153. usually	193. front
31. should	72. form	113. since	154. money	194. American
32. home	73. food	114. white	155. seen	195. space
33. big	74. keep	115. ever	156. didn't	196. inside
34. give	75. children	116. paper	157. car	197. ago
35. air	76. feet	117. hard	158. morning	198. sad
36. line	77. land	118. near	159. I'm	199. early
37. set	78. side	119. sentence	160. body	200. I'll
38. own	79. without	120. better	161. upon	
39. under	80. boy	121. best	162. family	
40. read	81. once	122. across	163. later	
41. last	82. animal	123. during	164. turn	



Third Grade (Words 326-625)

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| 1. learned | 42. person | 83. instead | 124. distance |
| 2. brought | 43. hot | 84. either | 125. although |
| 3. close | 44. anything | 85. held | 126. sat |
| 4. nothing | 45. hold | 86. already | 127. possible |
| 5. though | 46. state | 87. warm | 128. heart |
| 6. idea | 47. list | 88. gone | 129. real |
| 7. before | 48. stood | 89. finally | 130. simple |
| 8. lived | 49. hundred | 90. summer | 131. snow |
| 9. became | 50. ten | 91. understand | 132. rain |
| 10. add | 51. fast | 92. moon | 133. suddenly |
| 11. become | 52. felt | 93. animals | 134. easy |
| 12. grow | 53. kept | 94. mind | 135. leaves |
| 13. draw | 54. notice | 95. outside | 136. lay |
| 14. yet | 55. can't | 96. power | 137. size |
| 15. less | 56. strong | 97. problem | 138. wild |
| 16. wind | 57. voice | 98. longer | 139. weather |
| 17. behind | 58. probably | 99. winter | 140. miss |
| 18. cannot | 59. area | 100. deep | 141. pattern |
| 19. letter | 60. horse | 101. heavy | 142. sky |
| 20. among | 61. matter | 102. carefully | 143. walked |
| 21. able | 62. stand | 103. follow | 144. main |
| 22. dog | 63. box | 104. beautiful | 145. someone |
| 23. shown | 64. start | 105. everyone | 146. center |
| 24. mean | 65. that's | 106. leave | 147. field |
| 25. English | 66. class | 107. everything | 148. stay |
| 26. rest | 67. piece | 108. game | 149. itself |
| 27. perhaps | 68. surface | 109. system | 150. boat |
| 28. certain | 69. river | 110. bring | 151. question |
| 29. six | 70. common | 111. watch | 152. wide |
| 30. feel | 71. stop | 112. shell | 153. least |
| 31. fire | 72. am | 113. dry | 154. tiny |
| 32. ready | 73. talk | 114. within | 155. hour |
| 33. green | 74. whether | 115. floor | 156. happened |
| 34. yes | 75. fine | 116. ice | 157. foot |
| 35. built | 76. round | 117. ship | 158. care |
| 36. special | 77. dark | 118. themselves | 159. low |
| 37. ran | 78. past | 119. begin | 160. else |
| 38. full | 79. ball | 120. fact | 161. gold |
| 39. town | 80. girl | 121. third | 162. build |
| 40. complete | 81. road | 122. quite | 163. glass |
| 41. oh | 82. blue | 123. carry | 164. rock |

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Third Grade High-Frequency Word List (cont.)

165. tall	199. straight	233. government	267. modern
166. alone	200. base	234. baby	268. fun
167. bottom	201. mountain	235. grass	269. catch
168. check	202. caught	236. plane	270. business
169. reading	203. hair	237. street	271. reach
170. fall	204. bird	238. couldn't	272. lot
171. poor	205. wood	239. reason	273. won't
172. map	206. color	240. difference	274. case
173. friend	207. war	241. maybe	275. speak
174. language	208. fly	242. history	276. shape
175. job	209. yourself	243. mouth	277. eight
176. music	210. seem	244. middle	278. edge
177. buy	211. thus	245. step	279. soft
178. window	212. square	246. child	280. village
179. mark	213. moment	247. strange	281. object
180. heat	214. teacher	248. wish	282. age
181. grew	215. happy	249. soil	283. minute
182. listen	216. bright	250. human	284. wall
183. ask	217. sent	251. trip	285. meet
184. single	218. present	252. woman	286. record
185. clear	219. plan	253. eye	287. copy
186. energy	220. rather	254. milk	288. forest
187. week	221. length	255. choose	289. especially
188. explain	222. speed	256. north	290. necessary
189. lost	223. machine	257. seven	291. he's
190. spring	224. information	258. famous	292. unit
191. travel	225. except	259. late	293. flat
192. wrote	226. figure	260. pay	294. direction
193. farm	227. you're	261. sleep	295. south
194. circle	228. free	262. iron	296. subject
195. whose	229. fell	263. trouble	297. skin
196. correct	230. suppose	264. store	298. wasn't
197. bed	231. natural	265. beside	299. I've
198. measure	232. ocean	266. oil	300. yellow

Fourth Grade (Words 626-825)

1. party	41. addition	81. similar	121. beyond	161. contain
2. force	42. doesn't	82. return	122. send	162. fit
3. test	43. dead	83. corn	123. love	163. equal
4. bad	44. weight	84. decide	124. cool	164. value
5. temperature	45. thin	85. position	125. cause	165. yard
6. pair	46. stone	86. bear	126. please	166. beat
7. ahead	47. hit	87. hope	127. meat	167. inch
8. wrong	48. wife	88. song	128. lady	168. sugar
9. practice	49. island	89. engine	129. west	169. key
10. sand	50. we'll	90. board	130. glad	170. product
11. tail	51. opposite	91. control	131. action	171. desert
12. wait	52. born	92. spread	132. pass	172. bank
13. difficult	53. sense	93. evening	133. type	173. farther
14. general	54. cattle	94. brown	134. attention	174. won
15. cover	55. million	95. clean	135. gas	175. total
16. material	56. anyone	96. wouldn't	136. kitchen	176. sell
17. isn't	57. rule	97. section	137. pick	177. wire
18. thousand	58. science	98. spent	138. scale	178. rose
19. sign	59. afraid	99. ring	139. basic	179. cotton
20. guess	60. women	100. teeth	140. happen	180. spoke
21. forward	61. produce	101. quiet	141. safe	181. rope
22. huge	62. pull	102. ancient	142. grown	182. fear
23. ride	63. son	103. stick	143. cost	183. shore
24. region	64. meant	104. afternoon	144. wear	184. throughout
25. nor	65. broken	105. silver	145. act	185. compare
26. period	66. interest	106. nose	146. hat	186. movement
27. blood	67. chance	107. century	147. arm	187. exercise
28. rich	68. thick	108. therefore	148. believe	188. bread
29. team	69. sight	109. level	149. major	189. process
30. corner	70. pretty	110. you'll	150. gray	190. nature
31. cat	71. train	111. death	151. wonder	191. apart
32. amount	72. fresh	112. hole	152. include	192. path
33. garden	73. drive	113. coast	153. describe	193. careful
34. led	74. lead	114. cross	154. electric	194. narrow
35. note	75. break	115. sharp	155. sold	195. mental
36. various	76. sit	116. fight	156. visit	196. nine
37. race	77. bought	117. capital	157. sheep	197. useful
38. bit	78. radio	118. fill	158. I'd	198. public
39. result	79. method	119. deal	159. office	199. according
40. brother	80. king	120. busy	160. row	200. steel

Fifth Grade (Words 826-1025)

1. salt	41. doctor	81. gun	121. bag	161. worth
2. speech	42. indeed	82. entire	122. proud	162. community
3. forth	43. dance	83. fruit	123. neck	163. captain
4. nation	44. church	84. crowd	124. breath	164. bus
5. knowledge	45. original	85. band	125. strength	165. protect
6. appear	46. enjoy	86. wet	126. member	166. cook
7. ate	47. string	87. solid	127. twelve	167. raise
8. dinner	48. sister	88. northern	128. mine	168. further
9. hurt	49. familiar	89. flower	129. company	169. steam
10. spend	50. onto	90. star	130. current	170. guide
11. experiment	51. imagine	91. feed	131. pound	171. discover
12. touch	52. blow	92. wooden	132. valley	172. plain
13. drop	53. quick	93. sort	133. double	173. usual
14. chair	54. law	94. develop	134. till	174. seat
15. east	55. lie	95. shoulder	135. match	175. accept
16. separate	56. final	96. variety	136. average	176. police
17. truck	57. rise	97. season	137. die	177. consider
18. sing	58. loud	98. share	138. liquid	178. dozen
19. column	59. fair	99. jump	139. alive	179. baseball
20. twice	60. herself	100. regular	140. stream	180. rubber
21. particular	61. slow	101. represent	141. provide	181. symbol
22. shop	62. noise	102. market	142. drink	182. support
23. unless	63. statement	103. we're	143. experience	183. exactly
24. spot	64. hungry	104. flew	144. future	184. industry
25. neither	65. join	105. finger	145. tomorrow	185. they're
26. met	66. tube	106. expect	146. drove	186. beneath
27. wheel	67. rode	107. army	147. population	187. laugh
28. none	68. empty	108. cabin	148. finish	188. groceries
29. hill	69. twenty	109. camp	149. station	189. popular
30. television	70. broke	110. danger	150. shook	190. thank
31. bill	71. nice	111. purpose	151. stage	191. quarter
32. solve	72. effect	112. breakfast	152. oxygen	192. climbed
33. pressure	73. paid	113. proper	153. poem	193. continue
34. report	74. motion	114. coat	154. solution	194. potatoes
35. farmer	75. myself	115. push	155. burn	195. receive
36. count	76. divide	116. express	156. cent	196. design
37. trade	77. supply	117. shot	157. electricity	197. president
38. chief	78. laid	118. angry	158. everybody	198. charge
39. month	79. dear	119. southern	159. rat	199. mistake
40. clothes	80. surprise	120. dress	160. dust	200. hospital

Sixth Grade (Words 1026-1200)

1. remain	36. spelling	71. arrived	106. message	141. transportation
2. service	37. chapter	72. located	107. recently	142. frozen
3. increase	38. swimming	73. program	108. account	143. waste
4. students	39. opportunity	74. pencil	109. physical	144. couple
5. insects	40. immediately	75. tongue	110. neighbor	145. function
6. address	41. favorite	76. title	111. excited	146. connect
7. sincerely	42. settled	77. enemy	112. whisper	147. project
8. dollars	43. telephone	78. garage	113. available	148. pronounce
9. belong	44. repeat	79. lose	114. college	149. offered
10. bottle	45. prepare	80. vegetable	115. furniture	150. apply
11. flight	46. instance	81. parents	116. leather	151. improve
12. forget	47. avenue	82. style	117. husband	152. stomach
13. bicycle	48. newspaper	83. education	118. principal	153. collect
14. secret	49. actually	84. required	119. medicine	154. prevent
15. soldier	50. employee	85. political	120. excellent	155. courage
16. silent	51. review	86. daughter	121. operation	156. occur
17. structure	52. convince	87. individual	122. council	157. foreign
18. height	53. allowed	88. progress	123. author	158. quality
19. observe	54. nobody	89. altogether	124. organize	159. terrible
20. indicate	55. details	90. activities	125. concern	160. instrument
21. railroad	56. muscles	91. article	126. barbecue	161. balance
22. knife	57. model	92. equipment	127. accident	162. ability
23. married	58. climate	93. discuss	128. disease	163. arrange
24. suggested	59. coffee	94. healthy	129. construction	164. rhythm
25. entered	60. whenever	95. perfect	130. motor	165. avoid
26. magazine	61. serious	96. recognize	131. affect	166. daily
27. agree	62. angle	97. frequently	132. conversation	167. identity
28. fifty	63. feather	98. character	133. evidence	168. standard
29. escape	64. determined	99. personal	134. citizen	169. combine
30. threw	65. dictionary	100. disappear	135. environment	170. attached
31. planet	66. ordinary	101. success	136. influence	171. frighten
32. dangerous	67. extra	102. traffic	137. cancel	172. social
33. event	68. rough	103. yesterday	138. audience	173. factory
34. leader	69. library	104. situation	139. apartment	174. license
35. peace	70. condition	105. realize	140. worse	175. recommend