

# Sight Words

A **sight word** is a word whose spelling is not straightforward and, therefore, does not enable a learning reader to determine what spoken word it represents just by sounding it out according to the rules. Learning readers recognize sight words from having memorized them or by drawing their meaning from context.

The Dolch Word List is a list of commonly used English words that was originally compiled by Edward William Dolch, PhD and published in his 1948 book, *Problems in Reading*. Edward Dolch compiled this list based on children's books of the period, and selected 220 "service words" which children need to recognize in order to achieve reading fluency. Dolch excluded nouns from his main list, but did compile a separate 95-word list of nouns.

## **Marshall District Library Resources:**

Meet the Sight Words Level 1 (**JE MEDIA KIT OXL 1**) – includes 12 beginning reader books + 1 DVD

Meet the Sight Words Level 2 (**JE MEDIA KIT OXL 2**) – includes 12 beginning reader books + 1 DVD

Meet the Sight Words Level 3 (**JE MEDIA KIT OXL 3**) – includes 12 beginning reader books + 1 DVD

Meet the Colors (**JE DVD MEE**)

Meet the Letters (**JE DVD MEE**)

Meet the Numbers (**JE DVD MEE**)

Meet the Shapes (**JE DVD MEE**)

Beginning Readers (also called Easy Readers) are books designed specifically to help children learn to read and contain many of the Dolch sight words. They have a larger print size and simpler vocabulary than traditional picture books. The pictures or illustrations usually match the words on the page to provide children with clues to help them understand the story. MDL's Beginning Reader collection is located on the purple bookshelves in the Youth Area and all have a call number starting with **JE BEGIN READER**.

## **Internet Resources:**

[www.dolchsightwords.org](http://www.dolchsightwords.org)

[www.mrcpl.org/literacy/lessons/sight/index.html](http://www.mrcpl.org/literacy/lessons/sight/index.html)

[www.Bogglesworldesl.com/dolch/flashcards.htm](http://www.Bogglesworldesl.com/dolch/flashcards.htm)

## Dolch Pre-Primer Word List (40 words)

a	funny	look	see
and	go	make	the
away	help	me	three
big	here	my	to
blue	I	not	two
can	in	one	up
come	is	play	we
down	it	red	where
find	jump	run	yellow
for	little	said	you

## Dolch Primer Word List (52 words)

all	four	out	this
am	get	please	too
are	good	pretty	under
at	have	ran	want
ate	he	ride	was
be	into	saw	well
black	like	say	went
brown	must	she	what
but	new	so	white
came	no	soon	who
did	now	that	will
do	on	there	with
eat	our	they	yes

## Dolch 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Word List (41 words)

after	give	let	some
again	giving	live	stop
an	had	may	take
any	has	of	thank
as	her	old	them
ask	him	once	then
by	his	open	think
could	how	over	walk
every	just	put	were
fly	know	round	when
from			

## Dolch 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Word List (46 words)

always	fast	pull	us
around	first	read	use
because	five	right	very
been	found	sing	wash
before	gave	sit	which
best	goes	sleep	why
both	green	tell	wish
buy	its	their	work
call	made	these	would
cold	many	those	write
does	off	upon	your
don't	or		

## Dolch 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Word List (41 words)

about	far	laugh	shall
better	full	light	show
bring	got	long	six
carry	grow	much	small
clean	hold	myself	start
cut	hot	never	ten
done	hurt	only	today
draw	if	own	together
drink	keep	pick	try
eight	kind	seven	warm
fall			

## Dolch Nouns Word List (95 words)

apple	day	home	school
baby	dog	horse	seed
back	doll	house	sheep
ball	door	kitty	shoe
bear	duck	leg	sister
bed	egg	letter	snow
bell	eye	man	song
bird	farm	men	squirrel
birthday	farmer	milk	stick
boat	father	money	street
box	feet	morning	sun
boy	fire	mother	table
bread	fish	name	thing

brother	floor	nest	time
cake	flower	night	top
car	fame	paper	toy
cat	garden	party	tree
chair	girl	picture	watch
chicken	good-bye	pig	water
children	grass	rabbit	way
Christmas	ground	rain	wind
coat	hand	ring	window
corn	head	robin	wood
cow	hill	Santa Claus	