

## DOLCH BASIC WORDS LIST

a	as	again	about	any	<p>The Dolch words are the 220 most frequently found words in books that children read. These words are usually learned in first and second grade; students who learn these words have a good base for beginning reading. Many of these words cannot be sounded out because they do not follow decoding rules, so they must be learned as sight words.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>One way of estimating a primary student's reading level is by having the student identify the 220 Dolch Basic Sight Words. The number of words recognized is the basis for assigning his/her equivalent reading level.</p> <p><b>The scale is as follows:</b></p>												
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am	be	over	always	both													
an	black	but	around	bring													
and	brown	cold	ask	carry													
are	by	cut	because	clean													
at	came	fast	been	could													
big	did	first	before	done													
blue	eat	five	best	don't													
call	fall	fly	buy	draw													
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down	going	from	full	hurt													
funny	have	got	gave	know													
go	her	green	grow	light													
good	him	had	hold	myself													
he	his	has	how	never													
help	if	hot	just	own													

here	into	its	keep	pick	
I	laugh	long	kind	right	
in	let	made	much	seven	
is	live	many	must	shall	
it	may	new	now	show	
jump	my	not	off	their	
like	no	of	once	them	
little	old	open	only	then	
look	on	please	round	there	
make	one	or	sleep	these	
me	put	our	small	think	
out	saw	pull	take	those	
play	said	read	tell	together	
pretty	she	start	thank	use	
ran	sit	say	that	very	
red	some	sing	they	want	
ride	stop	six	this	warm	
run	three	soon	too	wash	
see	today	ten	try	went	

so	two	upon	under	what	
the	was	us	walk	when	
to	will	who	well	where	
up	work	why	were	which	
we	yes	wish	white	would	
you	yellow	your	with	write	