

Grade 4-6: The Fourth 100 "Instant" Sight Words

These are the most often used words in reading and writing. The fourth 100 words are listed in order of frequency in Columns 1 through 4. Make sure your students know most of these before teaching the third 100. Teach only a few at a time to keep the success rate high. Some are phonetically regular or decodable (e.g. can, for, on) in which case it is helpful to prompt students to sound the words out, others are irregular or have phonic patterns not typically taught in first grade (e.g., was, you, now), in which case use "spell & read" to teach them. In either case the goal is to have all 100 be instant or automatic words students don't have to stop and labor over. Use these words for flash cards, games, spelling lessons, or just read down the column for quick 1 min. timed drills, etc. These high frequency words are also called "sight words" because they must be recognized instantly, on sight, to support reading fluency.

Column 13 Words 301-325

Body
Music
Color
Stand
Sun
Questions
Fish
Area
Mark
Dog
Horse
Birds
Problems
Compete
Room
Knew
Since
Ever
Piece
Told
Usually
Didn't
Friends
Easy
Heard

Column 14 Words 326-350

Order
Red
Door
Sure
Become
Top
Ship
Across
Today
During
Short
Better
Best
However
Low
Hours
Black
Products
Happened
Whale
Measure
Remember
Early
Waves
Reached

Column 15 Words 351-375

Listen
Wind
Rock
Space
Covered
Fast
Several
Hold
Himself
Toward
Five
Step
Morning
Passed
Vowel
True
Hundred
Against
Pattern
Numeral
Table
North
Slowly
Money
Map

Column 16 Words 376-400

Farm
Pulled
Draw
Voice
Seen
Cold
Cried
Plan
Notice
South
Sing
War
Ground
Fall
King
Town
I'll
Unit
Figure
Certain
Field
Travel
Wood
Fire
Upon

Grade 4-6: The Fifth 100 "Instant" Sight Words

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Column 17 Words 401-425

Done
English
Read
Half
Ten
Fly
Gave
Box
Finally
Wait
Correct
Oh
Quickly
Person
Become
Shown
Minutes
Strong
Verb
Stars
Front
Feel
Fact
Inches
Street

Column 18 Words 426-450

Decided
Contain
Course
Surface
Produce
Building
Ocean
Class
Note
Nothing
Rest
Carefully
Scientists
Inside
Wheels
Stay
Green
Known
Island
Week
Less
Machine
Base
Ago
Stood

Column 19 Words 451-475

Plane
System
Behind
Ran
Round
Boat
Game
Force
Brought
Understand
Warm
Common
Bring
Explain
Dry
Though
Language
Shape
Deep
Thousands
Yes
Clear
Equations
Yet
Government

Column 20 Words 476-500

Filled
Heat
Full
Hot
Check
Object
Am
Rule
Among
Noun
Power
Cannot
Able
Six
Size
Dark
Ball
Material
Special
Heavy
Fine
Pair
Circle
Include
Built

Grade 4-6: The Sixth 100 "Instant" Sight Words

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Column 21

Words 501-525

Can't
Matter
Square
Syllables
Perhaps
Bill
Felt
Suddenly
Test
Direction
Center
Farmers
Ready
Anything
Divided
General
Energy
Subject
Europe
Moon
Region
Return
Believe
Dance
Members

Column 22

Words 526-550

Picked
Simple
Cells
Paint
Mind
Love
Cause
Rain
Exercise
Eggs
Train
Blue
Wish
Drop
Developed
Window
Difference
Distance
Heart
Sit
Sum
Summer
Wall
Forest
Probably

Column 23

Words 551-575

Legs
Sat
Main
Winter
Side
Written
Length
Reason
Kept
Interest
Arms
Brother
Race
Present
Beautiful
Store
Job
Edge
Past
Sign
Record
Finished
Discovered
Wild
Happy

Column 24

Words 576-600

Beside
Gone
Sky
Glass
Million
West
Lay
Weather
Root
Instruments
Meet
Third
Months
Paragraph
Raised
Represent
Soft
Whether
Clothes
Flowers
Shall
Teacher
Held
Describe
Drive