

Important High-Frequency Words

for Early Readers, Levels D–I

Here is a list of words used often in books at the early reading stage. You might introduce three to five words a week, depending on your students' progress. I've included short printable lists to send home in the online companion, too. There is also a printable Letter to the Family. Work with words from the books your students are reading. Most of these are one- or two-syllable words. Help children use the sounds they know to help them remember these words that should match the books they are reading. I've typed the words in alphabetic order, but teach them in an order that matches your kids' needs. If these words aren't in the books you're using, adjust the list.

LEVELS D AND E	LEVELS F AND G	LEVELS H AND I
about	another	always
are	above	build
away	because	every
back	beside	everywhere
came	brother	found
could	busy	ground
day	carry	hungry
find	children	inside
give	each	laugh
help	eat	leave
house	happy	morning
how	father	once
into	friend	outside
make	full	people
more	good	together
new	know	upon
off	many	
over	mother	
put	never	

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LEVELS D AND E	LEVELS F AND G	LEVELS H AND I
saw	other	Contractions at Early Levels
take	sister	don't
time	sure	I'll
their	today	I'm
these	very	
they	water	
too	which	
under	would	
very		
walk		
want		
what		
who		
your		

Bold words in this list are in the following nursery rhymes:

- Hey, Diddle, Diddle
- Little Miss Muffet
- The Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Twinkle, Twinkle

(They also contain high-frequency words from emergent levels.)