

Fry Word Lists

1,000 Words
40 Lists

Fry Words – The First Hundred

List 1

the
of
and
a
to
in
is
you
that
it
he
was

List 2

or
one
had
by
words
but
not
what
all
were
we
when

List 3

will
up
other
about
out
many
then
them
these
so
some
her
would

List 4

number
no
way
could
people
my
than
first
water
been
called
who
oil

Fry's 1,000 words are widely recognized as the most common words found in printed materials.

These words are ranked according to how often they appear in print, not in order of increasing difficulty. These lists provide useful information, but I do not recommend using them as a teaching sequence.

According to Fry's research:

- The first 25 words make up about 1/3 of all items published.
- The first 100 words make up about 1/2 of all the words found in publications.
- The first 300 words make up about 2/3 of all written materials.

In working with the Fry Words, I found I wanted sequentially numbered lists of words. I also wanted "clean" looking lists presented in a font designed for primary students.

I just finished typing these and thought other teachers might find them handy too.

Sincerely,
[Anne Gardner](#) (NBCT, Literacy)



Please Note: Two versions of the 1st 100 words are included. In the second version, the words oil & sit have been replaced with the words am & its.

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Name _____

Fry Words 1 – 100

List 1

the
of
and
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to
in
is
you
that
it
he
was
for
on
are
as
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I
at
be
this
have
from

List 2

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but
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what
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when
your
can
said
there
use
an
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she
do
how
their
if

List 3

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then
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these
so
some
her
would
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like
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into
time
has
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two
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go
see

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down
day
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get
come
made
may
part

Name _____

Fry Words 101 – 200

List 5

over
new
sound
take
only
little
work
know
place
years
live
me
back
give
most
very
after
things
our
just
name
good
sentence
man
think

List 6

say
great
where
help
through
much
before
line
right
too
means
old
any
same
tell
boy
follow
came
want
show
also
around
form
three
small

List 7

set
put
end
does
another
well
large
must
big
even
such
because
turn
here
why
ask
went
men
read
need
land
different
home
us
move

List 8

try
kind
hand
picture
again
change
off
play
spell
air
away
animal
house
point
page
letter
mother
answer
found
study
still
learn
should
America
world

Name _____

Fry Words 201 – 300

List 9

high
every
near
add
food
between
own
below
country
plant
last
school
father
keep
tree
never
start
city
earth
eyes
light
thought
head
under
story

List 10

saw
left
don't
few
while
along
might
close
something
seem
next
hard
open
example
begin
life
always
those
both
paper
together
got
group
often
run

List 11

important
until
children
side
feet
car
mile
night
walk
white
sea
began
grow
took
river
four
carry
state
once
book
hear
stop
without
second
late

List 12

miss
idea
enough
eat
face
watch
far
Indian
real
almost
let
above
girl
sometimes
mountains
cut
young
talk
soon
list
song
being
leave
family
it's

Name _____

Fry Words 301 – 400

List 13

body
music
color
stand
sun
questions
fish
area
mark
dog
horse
birds
problem
complete
room
knew
since
ever
piece
told
usually
didn't
friends
easy
heard

List 14

order
red
door
sure
become
top
ship
across
today
during
short
better
best
however
low
hours
black
products
happened
whole
measure
remember
early
waves
reached

List 15

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

List 16

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

Name _____

Fry Words 401 – 500

List 17

done
English
road
half
ten
fly
gave
box
finally
wait
correct
oh
quickly
person
became
shown
minutes
strong
verb
stars
front
feel
fact
inches
street

List 18

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

List 19

plane
system
behind
ran
round
boat
game
force
brought
understand
warm
common
bring
explain
dry
though
language
shape
deep
thousands
yes
clear
equation
yet
government

List 20

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

Name _____

Fry Words 501 – 600

List 21

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

List 22

picked
simple
cells
paint
mind
love
cause
rain
exercise
eggs
train
blue
wish
drop
developed
window
difference
distance
heart
site
sum
summer
wall
forest
probably

List 23

legs
sat
main
winter
wide
written
length
reason
kept
interest
arms
brother
race
present
beautiful
store
job
edge
past
sign
record
finished
discovered
wild
happy

List 24

beside
gone
sky
grass
million
west
lay
weather
root
instruments
meet
third
months
paragraph
raised
represent
soft
whether
clothes
flowers
shall
teacher
held
describe
drive

Name _____

Fry Words 601 – 700

List 25

cross
speak
solve
appear
metal
son
either
ice
sleep
village
factors
result
jumped
snow
ride
care
floor
hill
pushed
baby
buy
century
outside
everything
tall

List 26

already
instead
phrase
soil
bed
copy
free
hope
spring
case
laughed
nation
quite
type
themselves
temperature
bright
lead
everyone
method
section
lake
iron
within
dictionary

List 27

hair
age
amount
scale
pounds
although
per
broken
moment
tiny
possible
gold
milk
quiet
natural
lot
stone
act
build
middle
speed
count
consonant
someone
sail

List 28

rolled
bear
wonder
smiled
angle
fraction
Africa
killed
melody
bottom
trip
hole
poor
let's
fight
surprise
French
died
beat
exactly
remain
dress
cat
couldn't
fingers

Name _____

Fry Words 701 – 800

List 29

row
least
catch
climbed
wrote
shouted
continued
itself
else
plains
gas
England
burning
design
joined
foot
law
ears
glass
you're
grew
skin
valley
cents
key

List 30

president
brown
trouble
cool
cloud
lost
sent
symbols
wear
bad
save
experiment
engine
alone
drawing
east
choose
single
touch
information
express
mouth
yard
equal
decimal

List 31

yourself
control
practice
report
straight
rise
statement
stick
party
seeds
suppose
woman
coast
bank
period
wire
pay
clean
visit
bit
whose
received
garden
please
strange

List 32

caught
fell
team
God
captain
direct
ring
serve
child
desert
increase
history
cost
maybe
business
separate
break
uncle
hunting
flow
lady
students
human
art
feeling

Name _____

Fry Words 801 – 900

List 33

supply
corner
electric
insects
crops
tone
hit
sand
doctor
provide
thus
won't
cook
bones
mall
board
modern
compound
mine
wasn't
fit
addition
belong
safe
soldiers

List 34

guess
silent
trade
rather
compare
crowd
poem
enjoy
elements
indicate
except
expect
flat
seven
interesting
sense
string
blow
famous
value
wings
movement
pole
exciting
branches

List 35

thick
blood
lie
spot
bell
fun
loud
consider
suggested
thin
position
entered
fruit
tied
rich
dollars
send
sight
chief
Japanese
stream
planets
rhythm
eight
science

List 36

major
observe
tube
necessary
weight
meat
lifted
process
army
hat
property
particular
swim
terms
current
park
sell
shoulder
industry
wash
block
spread
cattle
wife
sharp

Name _____

Fry Words 901 – 1,000

List 37

company
radio
we'll
action
capital
factories
settled
yellow
isn't
southern
truck
fair
printed
wouldn't
ahead
chance
born
level
triangle
molecules
France
repeated
column
western
church

List 38

sister
oxygen
plural
various
agreed
opposite
wrong
chart
prepared
pretty
solution
fresh
shop
suffix
especially
shoes
actually
nose
afraid
dead
sugar
adjective
fig
office
huge

List 39

gun
similar
death
score
forward
stretched
experience
rose
allow
fear
workers
Washington
Greek
women
bought
led
march
northern
create
British
difficult
match
win
doesn't
steel

List 40

total
deal
determine
evening
hoe
rope
cotton
apple
details
entire
corn
substances
smell
tools
conditions
cows
track
arrived
located
sir
seat
division
effect
underline
view

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Very First SIGHT WORD Sentences

we

We can see a slide. We like to slide.

We see the swings. We like to swing.

We can see pizza. We like to eat.

at

"Look at my dog," said the girl.

"Look at my cat," said the boy.

"Look at the bees," said Mom.

Look at us go!

GUIDED READING Level C

Up and Down

The boy and the girl like to play. He is up. She is down. They like to go up and down.

1. The _____ is up.
A. girl
B. boy
C. dog

2. The _____ is down.
A. girl
B. boy
C. cat

3. The boy and girl like to _____.
A. run
B. play
C. nap

SIGHT WORD Sentences

Guided Reading Levels C & D

would

A tiger would not be a good pet.

A giraffe would not be a good pet.

A bear would not be a good pet.

A shark would not be a good pet.

A dog would be a very good pet for me!

GUIDED READING Level D

Dinosaurs

What did this little dinosaur eat? He ate plants. Yum! Yum!

What did this big dinosaur eat? He ate little dinosaurs. He saw the little dinosaur.

The little dinosaur ran and ran. He got away. He was fast little dinosaur!

Color and Black & White Included

By Anne Gardner

GUIDED READING Level E

Wheels

My little hamster has one wheel. He likes to play on his wheel. He runs around and around.

I have a bike with two wheels. It lets me _____.

Wheels

1. The hamster _____.
A. is big
B. runs around and around
C. has two wheels

First Grade Reading Passages & Questions

GUIDED READING Level F

Ducks

Ducks like to swim in ponds and lakes. They have big feet to help them swim. Ducks look for bugs and little fish to eat. They eat _____.

Ducks go on _____ eggs. They _____ to keep their eggs called _____.

1. Ducks make nests _____ in lakes and ponds.

First Grade Reading Comprehension Passages & Questions

GUIDED READING Levels G & H

The Colors of the Sky

Some questions seem simple until you stop and think about them. One of these questions, "What color is the sky?"

At times, the sky looks _____ form in the sky. _____ Before it rains, the sky is _____ heavy. The sky _____.

1. A rainbow can form _____.

GUIDED READING Levels I and J

Energy

Our bodies use energy all the time. We use energy as we work and as we play.

We even use energy when we sleep. Your body may be asleep, but inside, your heart is working.

When you run and play, you use more energy than when you are sitting or sleeping.

1. We use energy _____.
a. as we play
b. as we sleep
c. as we work
d. all of the above

GUIDED READING Levels K and L

Birds and Reptiles

Birds and reptiles are similar in many ways. They are both vertebrates, meaning they have a backbone. Both birds and reptiles have a protective shell. The shell keeps the birds and reptiles safe.

Reptiles and birds have different ways. Birds are warm-blooded and regulate their temperature. Reptiles are cold-blooded and do not regulate their temperature.

1. How are reptiles and birds similar?
A. Reptiles and birds are both vertebrates.
B. Reptiles and birds both have wings.
C. Reptiles and birds both have teeth.
D. All of the above.

Guided Reading Levels M & N

Comprehension Passages with Text-Based Questions

Children's Rights

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BENCHMARK Assessments

For Guided Reading Levels A - P

The Bike

I can see a bike. The bike is big.

A boy is on the bike. He likes to ride!

The boy will go to the park. At the park, he will ride his bike up a big hill.

He will go very fast when he goes _____ back down. This boy will _____.

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GUIDED READING LEVELS A - T

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(Theresa L.)

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