First Grade Sight Words List

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The 41 Dolch first grade words in the order the sounds are taught. Most read by rule once their stage is in; a heart word has a part that does not play fair (sometimes two), tinted with a heart over it. Tick a word when your child reads it and spells it.

1 · Short vowels
After SATPIN, the rest of the alphabet and CVC words with a, i, o, e, u

- ☐ an
- ☐ had
- ☐ him
- ☐ let

Heart words for stage 1
Once stage 1 is in

- ☐ a s
- ☐ ha s
- ☐ hi s
- ☐ of
- ☐ giv e
- ☐ liv e
- ☐ s o m e
- ☐ o nce
- ☐ c oul d
- ☐ p u t
- ☐ wer e
- ☐ a g ai n

2 · Digraphs, blends and doubles
After sh, ch, th, wh, ck, ng, consonant blends and -ll

- ☐ ask
- ☐ just
- ☐ stop
- ☐ then
- ☐ them
- ☐ when
- ☐ think
- ☐ thank

Heart words for stage 2
Once stage 2 is in

- ☐ fr o m
- ☐ w al k

3 · A vowel at the end says its name
After go, so, he, we and the -ing ending

- ☐ open
- ☐ going

4 · Ending patterns and bossy r
After the -old family and y saying /ee/ (happy), then ar, or, er, ir, ur

- ☐ old
- ☐ her
- ☐ after
- ☐ over
- ☐ every

Heart words for stage 4
Once stage 4 is in

- ☐ a ny

5 · Vowel teams, magic e and y as a vowel
After ay, ow and ou, magic e, then y saying its name (my, fly)

- ☐ may
- ☐ how
- ☐ round
- ☐ take
- ☐ by
- ☐ fly

Heart words for stage 5
Once stage 5 is in

- ☐ kn ow

Read it, then spell it: say the sounds, write the fair part, heart the tricky part. A word your child keeps missing usually points at a pattern (er, -nk, ay), not at more flashcards. Dictate one short sentence a day with two list words. Luvinci's phonics games practise the same patterns in the same order.

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