



Second Grade Sight Words List

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The 46 Dolch second grade words in the order the sounds are taught. Most read by rule once their stage is in; a heart word has one part that does not play fair, tinted with a heart over it. Tick a word when your child spells it from dictation.

1 • Short vowels

After short vowels and CVC words

☐ sit ☐ us ☐ its ☐ upon

Heart words for stage 1

Once stage 1 is in

☐ b **ee** n ☐ b **uy** ☐ d **oe** s ☐ w **oul** d

2 • Digraphs, blends and doubles

After sh, ch, th, wh, ck, ng, the glued -all and -ull, blends and doubles

☐ best ☐ fast ☐ tell ☐ off ☐ sing ☐ wish ☐ which
☐ pull ☐ call

Heart words for stage 2

Once stage 2 is in

☐ w **a** sh ☐ b **o** th ☐ d **o** n't ☐ th **ei** r

3 • Magic e

After a_e, i_e, o_e, u_e (and e_e in these)

☐ made ☐ gave ☐ five

Heart words for stage 3

Once stage 3 is in

☐ u **s** e ☐ the **s** e ☐ tho **s** e ☐ w **ri** te

4 • Ending patterns

After the -old family and y saying /ee/ (very)

☐ cold ☐ very

Heart words for stage 4

Once stage 4 is in

☐ m **a** ny

5 • Bossy r

After ar, or, ore, er, ir, ur

☐ or ☐ first ☐ before

Heart words for stage 5

Once stage 5 is in

☐ w **or** k ☐ y **ou** r

6 • Vowel teams and diphthongs

After the vowel teams, then igh, ou, au and y as a vowel

☐ green ☐ sleep ☐ read ☐ right ☐ found ☐ around
☐ why ☐ goes

Heart words for stage 6

Once stage 6 is in

☐ **ai** ways ☐ becau **se**

Dictation, five minutes a day: say a sentence, then one word at a time; your child taps the sounds, writes the word and hearts the tricky part. Four words a day, then one sentence with two of them. Reading is only half the job: a short passage with the week's words, read three times, is the other half.



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