

Instant Recognition Words

These word lists were derived from the Fry *High Frequency Word Lists* and are designed to be one component of your instructional practices. They can be used as an assessment tool to inform and guide your teaching. Mastery of these words contributes to your students' reading success by improving fluency and comprehension. Instant Recognition Words are words that students can read within 3 seconds by the completion of the grade level.

K Minimum of 15 words	1st Grade Instant Recognition Words 150 words (includes 25 Kindergarten I.R.W.)					
the	the	in	use	two	part	say
I	I	that	an	more	over	great
a	a	he	each	write	new	where
of	of	are	which	number	sound	help
my	my	as	how	no	take only	through
me	me	with	their	way	little	much
by	by	his	if	could	work	before
to	to	they	will	people	know	line
go	go	at	up	than	place	right
like	like	be	other	first	years	too
you	you	this	about	water	live	means
have	have	from	out	been	back	old
we	we	or	many	called	give	any
on	on	one	then	who	most	same
do	do	had	them	oil	very	tell
see	see	words	these	sit	after	boy
look	look	but	so	now	things	follow
for	for	not	some	find	our	came
was	was	what	her	long	just	want
all	all	were	would	down	name	show
it	it	when	make	day	good	also
is	is	your	him	did	sentence	around
and	and	said	into	get	man	form
can	can	there	time	made	think	three
come	come	she	has	may		small

2nd Grade Instant Recognition Words

300 Words (includes 150 1st grade I.R.W.)

the	in	use	two	part	say	set	try	high	saw	important	miss
I	that	an	more	over	great	put	kind	every	left	until	idea
a	he	each	write	new	where	end	hand	near	don't	children	enough
of	are	which	number	sound	help	does	picture	add	few	side	eat
my	as	how	no	take only	through	another	again	food	while	feet	face
me	with	their	way	little	much	well	change	between	along	car	watch
by	his	if	could	work	before	large	off	own	might	mile	far
to	they	will	people	know	line	must	play	below	close	night	Indian
go	at	up	than	place	right	big	spell	country	something	walk	real
like	be	other	first	years	too	even	air	plant	seem	white	almost
you	this	about	water	live	means	such	away	last	next	sea	let
have	from	out	been	back	old	because	animal	school	hard	began	above
we	or	many	called	give	any	turn	house	father	open	grow	girl
on	one	then	who	most	same	here	point	keep	example	took	sometimes
do	had	them	oil	very	tell	why	page	tree	begin	river	mountains
see	words	these	sit	after	boy	ask	letter	never	life	four	cut
look	but	so	now	things	follow	went	mother	start	always	carry	young
for	not	some	find	our	came	men	answer	city	those	state	talk
was	what	her	long	just	want	read	found	earth	both	once	soon
all	were	would	down	name	show	need	study	eyes	paper	book	list
it	when	make	day	good	also	land	still	light	together	hear	song
is	your	him	did	sentence	around	different	learn	thought	got	stop	being
and	said	into	get	man	form	home	should	head	group	without	leave
can	there	time	made	think	three	us	America	under	often	second	family
come	she	has	may		small	move	world	story	run	late	it's

3rd Grade Instant Recognition Words

500 Words (includes 300 2nd grade I.R.W.)

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I	that	an	more	over	great	put	kind	every	left	until	idea
a	he	each	write	new	where	end	hand	near	don't	children	enough
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music	read	wind	pulled	English	contain	system	heat
color	door	rock	draw	road	course	behind	full
stand	sure	space	voice	half	surface	ran	hot
sun	become	covered	seen	ten	produce	round	check
questions	top	fast	cold	fly	building	boat	object
fish	ship	several	cried	gave	ocean	game	am
area	across	hold	plan	box	class	force	rule
mark	today	himself	notice	finally	note	brought	among
dog	during	toward	south	wait	nothing	understand	noun
horse	short	five	sing	correct	rest	warm	power
birds	better	step	war	oh	carefully	common	cannot
problem	best	morning	ground	quickly	scientists	bring	able
complete	however	passed	fall	person	inside	explain	six
room	low	vowel	king	became	wheels	dry	size
knew	hours	true	town	shown	stay	though	dark
since	black	hundred	I'll	minutes	green	language	ball
ever	products	against	unit	strong	known	shape	material
piece	happened	pattern	figure	verb	island	deep	special
told	whole	numeral	certain	stars	week	thousands	heavy
usually	measure	table	field	front	less	yes	fine
didn't	remember	north	travel	feel	machine	clear	pair
friends	early	slowly	wood	fact	base	equation	circle
easy	waves	money	fire	inches	ago	yet	include
heard	reached	map	upon	street	stood	government	built