



# PUSD High Frequency Word List

For Reading and Spelling

Grades K-5

High Frequency or instant words "are important because:

1. You can't read a sentence or a paragraph without knowing at least the most common.
2. You can't write a sentence or paragraph without knowing at least the most common.
3. They are ranked in a frequency order, the most common first.  
This gives a teaching order based on need. The most common word in the English language is the.
4. They are well-researched. They are based on a five million word count, which has been modified to give the most common form of the word."

-The Vocabulary Teacher's Book of Lists by Edward B. Fry, 2004

## Using the Lists...

1. Students should be able to **read** the words up through and including their current grade level.
2. Students should be able to **spell** the words in the grade level lists prior to their current grade level.
3. Weekly spelling lists should include words that meet grade level spelling standards. They should also include a number of high frequency words from lists prior to their current grade level.
4. Grade levels should work together to determine a no excuse word list (words that are spelled correctly at all times under all circumstances) based on previous grade level words students have been assigned.

### Spelling Standards at a Glance

Grade 1	1WC 1.8 Spell 3-4 letter short vowel words and grade level appropriate sight words
Grade 2	2WC 1.8 Spell frequently used, irregular words correctly Spell basic short vowel, long vowel , r-controlled, and consonant blend patterns correctly
Grade 3	3WC 1.8 Spell correctly one syllable words that have blends, contractions, compounds, orthographic patterns and common homophones
Grade 4	4WC 1.7 Spell correctly roots, inflections, suffixes and prefixes, and syllable constructions
Grade 5	5WC 1.5 Spell roots, suffixes, prefixes, contractions, and syllable constructions correctly.

# Kindergarten Sight Word List

the	his	my
of	they	we
and	at	there
a	be	can
to	this	an
in	went	she
is	I	see
you	have	like
that	were	said
it	by	if
he	one	do
for	had	will
was	not	play
on	but	so
are	what	how
as	all	up
with	am	go

# First Grade Sight Word List

out	which	only
them	time	way
then	could	find
your	their	use
many	make	may
some	than	water
about	first	long
these	been	little
would	its	very
other	who	after
into	now	called
has	people	just
more	me	where
her	made	most
two	over	know
each	did	goes
him	down	through

back

around

why

much

another

things

before

came

help

good

come

put

new

work

don't

write

three

every

our

word

from

when

must

saw

man

because

years

too

does

different

any

part

away

day

even

again

same

place

off

right

well

old

look

such

can't

think

here

also

take

# Second Grade Sight Word List

number	own	those
or	under	always
great	read	show
tell	last	large
men	never	often
say	us	together
small	left	ask
found	end	house
still	along	world
between	while	going
name	might	want
should	next	school
home	sound	important
big	below	until
give	something	money
air	thought	form
line	both	food
set	few	keep

children

began

following

feet

almost

seen

land

live

picture

side

page

being

without

got

study

boy

earth

second

once

need

eyes

animals

far

soon

life

hand

times

enough

high

story

took

mother

since

sometimes

light

white

four

country

days

head

father

paper

above

let

kind

night

## Third Grade Sight Word Lists

hard	heard	stand
near	several	question
sentence	change	fish
better	answer	area
best	room	mark
across	sea	dog
during	top	horse
today	turned	birds
however	didn't	problem
sure	learn	complete
means	point	room
try	city	knew
young	five	since
miles	using	ever
sun	himself	piece
ways	usually	told
thing	body	friends
hear	music	easy
example	color	order



red	measure	passed
door	remember	vowel
sure	early	true
become	waves	hundred
top	reached	against
ship	listen	pattern
short	wind	numeral
better	rock	table
best	space	north
low	covered	slowly
hours	fast	money
black	hold	map
products	toward	farm
happened	step	
whole	morning	

# Fourth Grade Sight Word Lists

pulled	certain	quickly
draw	field	person
voice	travel	became
seen	wood	shown
cold	fire	minutes
cried	upon	strong
plan	done	verb
notice	English	stars
south	road	front
sing	halt	feel
war	ten	fact
ground	fly	inches
fall	gave	street
king	box	decided
town	finally	contain
I'll	wait	course
unit	correct	surface
figure	oh	produce

building

base

explain

ocean

ago

length

class

stood

though

note

plane

language

nothing

system

shape

rest

behind

deep

carefully

round

thousands

scientists

discovered

clear

inside

game

equation

wheels

force

yet

stay

brought

government

known

understand

filled

island

warm

heat

week

common

machine

bring

# Fifth Grade Sight Word List

check	matter	region
object	square	return
rule	syllables	believe
among	perhaps	dance
noun	bill	members
power	felt	pickled
cannot	suddenly	simple
able	direction	cells
size	center	paint
dark	farmers	mind
material	ready	cause
special	anything	rain
heavy	divided	exercise
pair	general	eggs
circle	energy	train
include	subject	wish
built	Europe	drop
can't	moon	developed

difference

arms

weather

distance

brother

root

heart

race

instruments

summer

present

meet

forest

beautiful

months

probably

edge

paragraph

main

sign

raised

winter

record

represent

wide

finished

whether

written

discovered

clothes

length

beside

flowers

reason

gone

describe

kept

glass

interest

million