

The Dolch words are the 220 most frequently found words in books that children read. These words should be mastered in first and second grade; students who learn these words have a good base for beginning reading. Many of these words cannot be sounded out because they do not follow decoding rules, so they *must* be learned as sight words.

\*A word is counted incorrect if the student does not say it quickly; sight words must be *automatized*—*automatically recognized* in order for students to develop fluency.

a	as	again	about	any
all	away	ate	after	better
am	be	over	always	both
an	black	but	around	bring
and	brown	cold	ask	carry
are	by	cut	because	clean
at	came	fast	been	could

big	did	first	before	done
blue	eat	five	best	don't
call	fall	fly	buy	draw
can	find	four	does	drink
come	for	give	far	eight
do	get	goes	found	every
down	going	from	full	hurt
funny	have	got	gave	know

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