

High Frequency Word List

The Grade 2 High-Frequency Word List includes all high-frequency words (regularly and irregularly-spelled) taught in the Reading Foundations Skills Block, Grade 2 Modules. For ease of reference, the words are listed in alphabetical order. (To see the words listed in the sequence they are taught within each module, by cycle, refer to each Grade 2 Module Overview)

The high-frequency words were chosen based on frequency in the English language, which was determined by referencing the Dolch and Fry Word Lists. Approximate phase of reading and spelling development as determined by grade level and module were also taken into consideration.

The Grade 2 lessons include specific instructional practices for teaching all of the identified grade level high-frequency words. In the lessons, high-frequency words are described in three different categories:

- “irregularly-spelled” (the word does not follow a common spelling pattern)
- “decodable” (the word follows a common, taught spelling pattern)
- “not-easily-decodable” (the word follows a common spelling pattern that has not yet been taught).

The words on the high frequency word list are not simply meant to be memorized throughout the year. Instead, the lessons and Teaching Notes give guidance for how to talk about these words with students and how to facilitate word analysis (noticing familiar phonemes and spelling patterns, even in words that irregularly-spelled).

Grade 2 High Frequency Words				
across	don't	it'll	process	too
against	down	it's	purpose	tree
although	eight	large	ready	two
America	entire	let's	receive	usually
animal	even	live	school	walk
another	everybody	material	she's	we'd
anywhere	everyday	meant	similar	we'll
available	everyone	new	strange	we're
been	favorite	none	supposed	we've
before	finally	o'clock	sure	weather
between	frequent	once	surprise	weird
birthday	friends	one	that's	where's
boy	great	only	their	whole
brought	guess	open	there's	won
circle	he'd	orange	they'll	wrong
clothes	hello	our	they've	yellow
colors	I'd	people	throughout	you'd
community	I've	person	to	you're
could	indoor	piece	together	you've
different	inside	place	tonight	yourself
doesn't	isn't			