



b a t b e d b i t
 b o b c u b

c a t c o t c u t

d a d d e n d i d
 d o t d u d

f a d f e d f i n
 f o b c u f f

Consonant letters b c d f shown with short vowels and use of 'ff'

A B C D E F G	H I J K L M N O P	Q R S T U AND V	W X Y Z
a b c d e f g	h i j k l m n o p	q r s t u and v	w x y z

g
h
j
k

g a b g e t b i g

g o t l u g

h a d h e m h i d

h o t h u t

j a m j e t j i m

j o t j u t

k i d k i t k i n

Consonant letters g h j k shown with short vowels

A B C D E F G	H I J K L M N O P	Q R S T U AND V	W X Y Z
a b c d e f g	h i j k l m n o p	q r s t u and v	w x y z

l	lad let lip lot lug dull
m	mat met mitt mop gum
n	nap net nip not bun
p	pat pet pit top cup

Consonant letters l m n p shown with short vowels and use of 'll' and 'tt'

ABCDEF G	HIJKLMNOP	QRSTU AND V	WXYZ
abc defg	hijklmnop	qrstu and v	wxyz

q	q u a c k	q u e l l	
		q u i t	
r	r a p	b e a r	r i d
	r o d	r u g	
s	s a t	s e t	s i t
	s o c k	b u s	
t	t a p	t e n	t i n
	p o t	c u t	

A B C D E F G	H I J K L M N O P	Q R S T U AND V	W X Y Z
a b c d e f g	h i j k l m n o p	q r s t u and v	w x y z

Consonant letters q r s t shown with short vowels, use of 'ck', 'll', 'qu' and the ignore indication

v	v a t	v e t	g i v e
w	w a x	w e l l	w i t
x	t a x	r e x	m i x
y	y a p	y e s y u m	y i p
z	z a p	z i p	l i z

Consonant letters v w x y z shown with short vowels, use of 'll', and the 'ignore' indication.

ABCDEF G	HIJKLMN OP	QRSTU AND V	WXYZ
abc def g	hijklm nop	qrstu and v	wxyz

b

c

d

f

g

h

j

k

l

m

n

a

p a t

a t

d a d

e

p e t

f e d

b e d

i

p i t

i t

h i t

	o	p o t	n o t	l o t
p				
q				
r				
s				
t				
	u	p u p	c u t	c u p
v				
w				
x				
	y	m y t h		
z				

Traditional short vowels Use of 'th'

A B C D E F G	H I J K L M N O P	Q R S T U AND V	W X Y Z
a b c d e f g	h i j k l m n o p	q r s t u and v	w x y z

b

c

d

f

g

h

j

k

l

m

n

à t à k e m à d e s à i l

è p è t e f è e t è a t

ì t ì e l ì n e f ì n e

	ò	c ò n e	b ò n e
		r ò a d	l ò a n
p			
q			
r			
s			
t			
	u	d u e	t u b e
		r u d e	
v			
	w	n e w	d e w
x			
	y	b y	m y
			r y e
z			

Traditional long vowels, with long-vowel marking, and the ignore

A B C D È F G	H Ì J K L M N Ò P	Q R S T U AND V	W X Y Z
a b c d e f g	h ì j k l m n ò p	q r s t u and v	w x y z

indication

b	à	t à ke	m à de	s à il	r à il
c					
d					
f	è	p è te	f è et	è at	r è ad
g					
h					
j	ì	t ì e	l ì ne	f ì ne	d ì ne
k					
l					
m					
n					
p	ò	c ò ne	b ò ne	r ò ad	l ò an
q					
r					
s					
t					
v	ù	d ù e	t ù be	r ù de	d ù de
w	w	n e w	d e w		
x					
y	y	b y	m y	r y e	
z					

Summary:

A	B	C	D	È	F	G	H	Ì	J	K	L	M	N	Ò	P	Q	R	S	T	U	AND	V	W	X	Y	Z
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	and	v	w	x	y	z

Long vowels, with long-vowel marking, and 'ignore' indication

t à k e
 t à k e
 t à k e
 t à k e
 take

m à d e
 m à d e
 m à d e
 m à d e
 made

s à i l
 s à i l
 s à i l
 s à i l
 sail

p è t e
 p è t e
 p è t e
 p è t e
 pète

f è e t
 f è e t
 f è e t
 f è e t
 fèet

è a t
 è a t
 è a t
 è a t
 èat

c ò n e
 c ò n e
 c ò n e
 c ò n e
 cône

b ò n e
 b ò n e
 b ò n e
 b ò n e
 bone

r ò a d
 r ò a d
 r ò a d
 r ò a d
 road

d ù e
 d ù e
 d ù e
 d ù e
 due

t ù b e
 t ù b e
 t ù b e
 t ù b e
 tube

r ù d e
 r ù d e
 r ù d e
 r ù d e
 rude

Letter blending

cat

met

a		
bad	lab	sat
bag	lad	tab
bat	lag	tag
cab	lap	tam
can	lax	tan
cap	mad	tap
cat	man	tax
dab	map	vat
dam	mat	
dan	nab	
fad	nag	
fan	nan	
fat	pad	
fax	pal	
gag	pam	
gal	pan	
gap	pat	
gas	rag	
had	ram	
hag	ran	
hal	rap	
ham	rat	
hat	sad	
jab	sag	
jam	sam	
jan	sap	

e	a	
bear	pep	air
bed	pet	care
beg	read	dare
bell	red	fair
ben	rex	fare
bet	sell	hair
debt	set	lair
den	tear	mare
fed	ted	pair
fell	tell	pare
get	ten	rare
hen	web	said
jet	wed	says
keg	well	
ken	wes	
lead	wet	
led	yell	
less	yes	
let	yet	
men		
mess		
met		
net		
pear		
peg		
pen		

Short vowel sounds /a/ and /e/ /a/ Use of 'ss' 'll' and the 'ignore' indication

i		e	y
bib	pip	ear	myth
bid	nit	been	
big	nix	fear	
bit	pig	near	
did	pin	hear	
dim	pit	rear	
din	rib	steer	
dip	rid	beer	
fib	rig	cheer	
fig	rim	clear	
fit	rip	dear	
fix	sip	deer	
hid	sis	fear	
him	sit	gear	
hip	six	here	
hit	til	jeer	
jim	tim	mere	
kid	tin	near	
kin	tip	peer	
kit	vim	queer	
lid	wig	sear	
lip	win	tear	
lit	wit	veer	
mid	yip	year	
mix	zig		
nip	zip		

pin

Short vowel sound 'i' 'e' 'y' Use of 'st' 'ch' 'qu' 'th' 'cl' and the 'ignore' indication

o	a
bomb	are
bop	balm
box	bar
cob	calm
cod	car
cop	char
cot	far
dock	gar
doll	jar
don	palm
dot	par
fox	psalm
got	tar
hot	yacht
job	
john	
jot	
lot	
mob	
mom	
mop	
not	
pot	
rob	
rod	
rot	

lot

u	o	
bud	rut	come
bum	sub	done
bun	sum	dove
bus	sun	from
cub		love
cup		month
cut		none
dud		some
dug		son
fun		ton
hub		won
hug		
hum		
hut		
jug		
jut		
lug		
mud		
mug		
mum		
nut		
pun		
pup		
rub		
rug		
run		

cup

Short vowel sounds /o/ /a/ and /u/ /o/ use of 'ck' 'ch' 'fr' 'th' 'll'

Short vowel markings summarized

a	e	i	o	u
bad	bed	big	cob	bud
bag	den	bit	cop	bun
bat	fed	did	cot	bus
cab	get	dim	doll	cup
can	hen	dip	dot	cut
cap	jet	fit	got	dud
cat	led	hid	hot	dug
dab	less	him	job	fun
dam	let	hit	jot	hug
dan	men	kid	lot	hum
fad	met	lid	mom	jug
fan	net	lip	mop	mud
fat	peg	nip	not	mug
fax	pen		pot	nut
gag	pep		rob	pup
gal	pet	e	rod	rub
gap	read		rot	rug
gas		been	sob	run
had		ear	top	rut
hag	a	near		sun
hal		hear	a	
ham	said	cheer		
hat	air	clear		o
jab	care	deer	palm	
jam	dare	fear	are	some
jan	fair	here	bar	son
lab	fare	rear	calm	come
lad	hair	year	car	done
lag	lair		char	from
tam	mare	y	far	ton
sad	pair		jar	won
mad	rare	myth	par	month

s

is
has
his

c

cell

g

gem
gym
gin

n

bang
fang
hang
bank
rank
tank
pink
rink
sink
king
kink
ring
rang
rung
sing
sang
sung

sh

ship
shop
shut
shin
shall
shell
shed
shod
cash
mash
sash

ch

chip
chill
chap
chat
chop
chum

syllables and accenting

up set
ac tive
un til
com et
an tic
rad ish
rab bit
sil ken

u

li quid

's' with sound of /z/, 'c' with sound of /s/, 'g' with sound of /j/
'n' as in 'sing' sound of 'sh' and 'ch' 'u' with sound of 'w'
use of 'll', 'ss', and digraphs 'nk' 'ng' syllables and accenting

s	h	i	p	c	h	i	p	b	a	n	g
sh	i	p		ch	i	p		b	a	ng	
sh	i	p		ch	i	p		b	a	ng	
sh	i	p		ch	i	p		b	a	ng	
sh	i	p		ch	i	p		b	a	ng	
sh	i	p		ch	i	p		b	a	ng	
sh	i	p		ch	i	p		b	a	ng	

à			e
bail	gàze	ràid	rèign
bait	hàil	ràil	vèil
bake	hàte	ràin	vèin
bale	hàze	ràte	èight
bane	jàde	ràve	wèigh
base	jàil	sàfe	nèigh
cage	làid	sàge	fèign
cake	làiin	sàil	sleigh
came	làke	sàke	frèight
cane	làme	sàle	wèight
cape	làne	sàme	dèign
case	màde	sàve	
cave	màid	tàil	
dale	màil	tàke	
date	màim	tàle	
face	màin	tàme	
fade	màke	tàpe	
fail	màle	vàin	
fake	màne	vàle	
fame	nàil	vàse	
fate	nàme	wàde	
gain	pàge	wàge	
gait	pàid	wàif	
gale	pàil	wàil	
game	pàin	wàin	
gate	pàle	wàke	
gave	ràce	wàve	

màde

é		i	y	i		y	
béad	méan	pique	partly	bide	life	ripe	hype
béak	méat	pólice	only	bike	like	rise	type
béam	méet	valice		bind	lime	side	eye
béan	néed	caprice		bite	line	sigh	by
béat	péal	pristine		dice	live	sign	rye
béef	péat			died	micé	site	my
béep	péel			dies	mike	size	lye
béet	péep			dime	mild	tide	dye
déal	réad			dine	mile	tied	
déan	réal			dire	mind	ties	
déed	réam			dive	mine	tile	
déep	réap			fife	mite	time	
féat	réed			file	nicé	tire	
féed	réef			find	nine	vile	
féel	réel			fire	pie	vine	
féet	séal			five	pies	vise	
héal	séam			hide	pike	wide	
héap	séat			high	pile	wife	
héat	séed			hike	pine	wild	
héed	séek			hind	pint	wind	
héel	séem			hire	pipe	wine	
jéep	séen			hive	rice	wipe	
kéep	téen			kind	ride	wise	
léad	wéak			kite	rife		
léaf	wéed			lied	rile		
léak	wéek			lies	rind		
léan	wéep						

péte

pine

ò	gòld	pòke
	hòax	pòle
bòat	hòld	pòse
bòld	hòle	pòst
bòlt	hòme	ròad
bòne	hòpe	ròam
bòth	hòse	ròbe
còal	hòst	ròde
còat	jòke	ròle
còde	jòlt	ròll
còke	lòad	ròpe
còld	lòaf	ròse
còlt	lòbe	ròve
còmb	lòde	sòak
còne	lòne	sòap
còpe	lòpe	sòld
còve	mòan	sòle
dòle	mòat	tòad
dòme	mòde	tòld
dòpe	mòld	tòll
dòse	mòle	tòne
dòve	mòlt	vòlt
dòze	mòpe	vòte
fòam	mòst	wòke
fòld	mòte	wònt
fòlk	nòde	wòve
gòad	nòpe	yòke
gòal	nòse	yòlk
gòat	nòte	zòne

ư	ơ
dude	fòod
due	mòod
duke	mòve
dune	còol
dupe	bròod
june	shòed
jute	fòol
lute	lòse
rue	pòol
rude	tòol
rule	bòot
ruse	còot
ruth	hòot
suit	lòot
tube	mòot
tune	ròot
yule	tòot
	lòose
w	
new	
dew	

ư
cưe
cưte
hưgh
mưte
fưse
ưse
ưse
mưle
mưse
fưme

còne

rule

yoư

à	é	ì	ò	ư	ự
bàke	béad	bike	bòat	due	cựe
bàse	béan	bind	bòld	dune	cựte
càge	béef	bite	bòlt	june	hựgh
càke	béet	díce	bòne	lute	mựte
càme	déep	dime	bòth	rue	fựse
càse	féat	dine	còal	rude	ựse
càve	féed	dive	còat	rule	ựse
dàte	féel	file	ròad	rựse	mựle
fàce	féet	find	ròpe	ruth	mựse
fàde	héal	fire	còld	suit	fựme
fail	héat	five	còlt	tube	
fàme	héel	hide	còmb	tune	
gàin	kéep	hike	còne		
gàme	lèaf	hire	fòe	ư	
gàte	lèan	hive	tòe		
gàve		kind	sò	new	
		kite	dòme	dew	
	ì	line	lòaf		
è		nine	nò	ø	
	pique		dòve		
reign	pòlice		dòze		
veil	valice	y	fòam	fòod	
vein	caprice		fòld	move	
eight		type	sòak	cool	
weigh		eye	lòad	fòol	
neigh	y	by	gòal	pòol	
sleigh		rye	gòat	tòol	
freight	partly	my	sòap	bòot	
weight	only	dye		lòse	

Long vowel markings summarized

a	o
law	toss
paw	boss
fall	moss
call	loss
walk	sought
ball	ought
caught	bought
mall	fought
tall	for
raw	fore
caw	sore
saw	tore
jaw	core
laud	more
maud	or
maw	bore
gnaw	door
lawn	nor
war	roar
balk	long
calk	song
faun	wrong
pawn	gong
chalk	tong
warn	born
ward	cord

talk

sight words
(basic set)

pronunciation
of sight words

the le convention

of uv
i i
the thu (man)
the the (inn)
women wim en
a u or a
one wun
once wuns
busy bizy
business biznes

ap ple (pul)
la bel
to tal
grate ful
fi nal
vi nyl
tri bal
triv i al
ta ble (bul)
rub ble (bul)
vi tal
sim ple (pul)
cra dle (dul)
a ble (bul)
sym bol
cud dle (dul)
bun dle (dul)
no ble (bul)
gob ble (bul)
mid dle (dul)
la dle (dul)
ca ble (bul)
ci vil
peo ple (pul)
rid dle (dul)
in ter nal

The 'schwa'

Any vowel may be shown as having the 'schwa' sound, as in the first letter of ago and alas

a e i o u y
A E I O U Y

In hand-printed letters the 'schwa' may be indicated by two closely spaced horizontal lines through the lower part of the letter.

DIGRAPHS TH, TH, WH, PH, CK, AND USE OF NK, RN, RD, CH

th

th

wh

ph

ck

thank

than

whale

phase

back

thaw

that

what

phone

buck

thief

their

wheat

phony

click

thigh

them

wheel

phonics

dock

thin

then

when

photo

jack

thing

there

where

lack

think

these

which

lick

third

they

while

lock

thorn

this

white

luck

thumb

those

why

mock

theme

thus

whiff

pack

peck

pick

rack

sack

sock

tack

tuck

th a n k

th a n k

th a n k

thank

thank

th o s e

th o s e

th o s e

th o s e

those

wh a l e

wh a l e

wh a l e

wh a l e

whale

ph o n e

ph o n e

ph o n e

ph o n e

phone

b a c k

b a c k

b a c k

b a c k

back

bl blade blame blaze bleed bless blot blood blew blip blob blot blow blue blur	br brown brag brat bred brew brig brim brow brace braid brain brake brand brass	cl clip clad clan clap claw clay clod clot club clue claim clamp clang class	cr crib crab crew crib crop crow craft crane crave crawl creak cream cried crime	dr draw drag drew drop drug drum drain drank drape dream dried drink drove drip	dw dwindle dwell dwarf dwelt dwelled	fl float flag flap flat flaw flea fled flee flew flop flow flame flash flock	fr free frog from frail frame frank fraud break fresh fried frock front frost frown
gl glass glee glen glob glade gleam glide glint glot glance glided gloom gloves glower	gr grass grab gray grew grid grim grin grip grow great grade green grain grand	kl klondike klutz klystron	kr krypton kraft kraut krill	pl place plan play plod plot plow plug plum plus plain plane plank plant please	pr prank pray prey prim prod prop prow prawn press preen price pride print prowl	sc scot scam scan scar scat scum scale scalp scarf scene scent scoff scold scoop science	sch school scheme scholar

sk	sl	sm	sn	sp	spl	spr	st
skip skéw skid skim skin skáte skieś skill skirt skunk skinny skeleton sketch skiff	slot slab slam slap slaw sláy sled slew slim slip slit slob slop slot	small smug smart smell smile smóke smooth smudge smelter smólder smother smeared smaller	snap snag snip snob snów snub snug snack snail snake snare snake sniff snore	spot span spin spry spun spur spáce spáde spank spare spark spéak spéed spell	spléen split splash splice splint splatter splendid splendor splinter splotch splurge	spring sprig spráy spráin sprawl spread sprint spruce sprung spraddle springer sprinkle sprout	stick stag star stáy stem step stew stir stop stub stun stack stáge stain
str	sw	squ	shr	thr	tr	tw	thw
stréet strap straw stráy strew strip strut stráin stréak stréam stress stride strike strong	swing swam swab swat swáy swim swear sweat swéet swift swing swirl swish swiss	square squad squalor squash squat squaw squawk squéak squéal squéeze squelch squid squint	shrank shred shrew shrewd shriek shrill shrimp shrine shrink shrivel schrub shrug shrunk	thrash thread thrée threw thrift thrive thro at throb thróne throng throttle thrów	trim tram trap tray tree trip trod trot true trace track trade trail	twinkle twéed twéezer twelve twenty twíce twig twin twine twinge twirl twist twitch two	thwart thwack

ck rock back buck deck dock	ct fact duct pact tact tract	dth width breadth	ft daft gift left soft raft	fth fifth twelfth	gn reign align design sign malign	ld cold bold fold gold held	lf elf half calf wolf gulf
lm calm balm elm film palm	ln kiln	lp help alp gulp scalp yelp	lt halt hilt belt salt built	lch belch filch mulch gulch	lsh welsh	lth health filth stealth wealth	mp jump pump blimp camp damp
mpt prompt tempt exempt attempt	mph humph lymph nymph triumph oomph	nch punch wrench bench lunch finch inch	nd hand band bend bind find	nge lunge range change cringe hinge	nt burnt blunt chant faint front	nth plinth month ninth tenth	nct instinct extinct distinct precinct
nk tank bank link mink pink	ngth length strength	pt apt kept wept crept dript	pth depth	rb barb curb garb verb blurb	rc arc	rd card bird word cord ford	rf scarf dwarf surf turf wharf

rg berg	rge barge large charge forge george	rl girl carl curl snarl pearl	rm harm arm storm worm charm	rn fern churn learn scorn thorn	rp tarp chirp slurp carp harp	rt curt dirt fort hurt port	rch lurch birch march porch search
rsh marsh harsh	rth mirth forth worth earth north	rve carve nerve curve serve starve	xt next text vext mixt betwixt				

per fir word purr cure

per
person
jerk
merge
perch
perk
permit
serve
term
verb
verse
berth
fern
mercy
nerve
earn
yearn
her
were
soccer

fir
firm
bird
birch
birth
dirt
first
girl
sir
stir
third
chirp
irk
mirth
shirt
thirst
whirl
swirl
flirt
quirk

work
word
color
worm
world
odor
worse
worth
wood
good
cook
look
book
nook
took
soot
foot
rook
shook
wolf

cur
purr
pull
bull
put
burn
churn
turn
urn
fur
your
bush
push
surf
turf
lure
blur
curl

pure
mural
fury

myrrh

myrrh
myrtle
syrup

e, i, o, u, ɪ, y (sound of 'u' in 'put' and 'purr')

s	e	r	v	e	w	o	r	l	d	p	u	t	p	u	r	r
s	e	r	v	e	w	o	r	l	d	p	u	t	p	u	r	r
s	e	r	v	e	w	o	r	l	d	p	u	t	p	u	r	r
s	e	r	v	e	w	o	r	l	d	p	u	t	p	u	r	r
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Syllables, accenting

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teacher
student
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children
hamper
dinner

reason
belief
common
pattern
concern
handy
elbow
finger
buggy
window

temper
person
saucer
pencil
receive
deny
reply
retain
super
miller

bingo
rebate
content
content
compel
compare
report
replace
correct
filter

Note: Where a word shows no accent mark it is assumed that the accent is on the first syllable

Letters -- to syllables -- to words -- to sentences

i mp ro v em en t i s w el c o me

i m p r o v e m e n t i s w e l c o m e

i m p r o v e m e n t i s w e l c o m e

i m p r o v e m e n t i s w e l c o m e

i m p r o v e m e n t i s w e l c o m e

im prove ment i s wel come

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improve ment is welcome

Improvement is welcome.

Diphthongs 'ou' / 'ow' and 'oi' / 'oy'

ou

bough A bough of the tree broke.
couch asleep on the couch
count Count your money.
doubt I doubt his story
douse Douse the light.
found He found his key.
gouge a gouge in the woodwork
hound A hound is a hunting dog.
house We love our house.
loud a loud noise
mound a mound of earth
mouse a mouse trap
mouth open your mouth
our our shiny new car
out Put the cat out.
pouch a kangaroo's pouch
pound a pound of butter
round a round table
sound the sound of bells
wound He wound the old clock.
vouch Who will vouch for him?

ow

cow A cow says moo.
sow The sow had ten piglets.
how He saw how it was done.
now Now is the time.
bow He took a bow.
wow All he could say was wow.
town in town for the day
down down stairs
frown a frown on his face
brown a brown jacket
crown a gold crown on his head

oi

boil Boil water for tea.
coil a coil of wire
coin a silver coin
foil covered with foil
join join hands
joint a joint of beef
moist The clothes were moist.
noise a noise from the kitchen
point a pencil point
soil a garden with good soil
toil To toil is to work hard.
voice A voice could be heard.
void null and void

oy

ahoy ship ahoy!
boy a boy and his bike
toy a new toy to play with
royal the royal family
loyal a loyal friend
convoy a convoy of ships
employ employ more workers
enjoy enjoy the show
joy The new baby is a joy.
roy His name is Roy.
soy soy sauce
troy the ancient city of Troy
ploy a ploy to obtain money

Sentences with only short vowel sounds. All words are single syllable.

bat	Tim had set the bat in the rack.
bit	The last bit of jam spreads thin.
sop	Sop it up with bread.
us	Hand us a pack of gum.
up	Jim gets dressed when the sun is up.
pet	His pet will not snap at him.
pat	Pat the sand where it is not flat.
tap	Let us tap the drum.
bag	Can Tim fill his big bag?
bug	A bug has six legs.
sit	Sit where the grass is not damp.
gap	Wind filled the gap in the tent.
chip	Nell had a dish of chips and a glass of milk.
fish	A wet fish is not sad.
glad	John is glad that his milk did not spill.
rush	Is there a rush at the bank?
ship	Tim will pack and ship the bag.
last	Jim is the last kid back.
trap	The trap filled up with ants.
raft	When the raft tipped, the men fell.
cat	The cat sits in the sun.
lock	A box can have a lock.

* b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

a bat, cat, rat, sat, mat, fat
 â lâte, sâme, mâil, tâil
 a palm, calm, car, far
 ą many, said, fare, dare
 a law, paw, tall, ward

that	We can pet that white cat.
has	The pup has its bone.
and	He and I went past the gate.
man	Did we give the man his pay?
had	Have you had a small nap?
as	It is as light as day.
sail	The boat with the red sail is big.
half	He cut the peach in half.
make	Make a meal in the pan.
may	A cat may climb a tree.
came	I came up the path with him.
fail	If we fail the test we shall be sad.
made	I have made a peach pie.
pay	Will you please pay the fare?
palm	He held it in the palm of his hand.
marr	The sap will marr the paint.
lard	Lard is a kind of fat.
says	If he says yes, then he may go.
any	Did she bake any rolls?
fair	A fair is lots of fun.
many	It is true that many cats get fleas.
said	She said his mom sleeps late.
talk	When we talk in class we are bad.
call	Will he call me when Jim slams the gate?
walk	I can walk up the wide street.

Note: Other than the 'a', all sounded vowels are either the 'short' or 'long' sounds. Most words are single-syllable

a b c d * f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

e pet, met, set
 ê mê, sêe, rêad
 ɛ ear, fear, been
 ɛ veil, vein, weigh
 e per, serve, fern

then	We were còld, then wè were hot.
deaf	Hè is not deaf. Hè hears well.
where	Where can you find a réal pal?
them	Did you sêe them breàk the glass?
there	Hè is there at the top of the hill.
thrée	Thrée men went up the ròad.
thése	A hive is where thése bees make wax.
shè	Shè has a bad head còld.
hè	Hè has been sêen with his neat pet.
wè	We have not sêen him in a wèek.
bè	Hè will bè in a blue cab.
tear	You will have tears if you cry.
here	John is not here, hè went hòme.
fear	We fear that the ràin will stáy.
freight	The freight tràin leàves a tràil of smòke.
weìght	The weìght of his back pack slòws him.
vein	A vein of gold is a nice find.
eight	We will bè back in eight dàys .
veil	A veil will hide her grièf.
were	If wè were there wè might play.
her	Her breath smell's of mint.
fern	Hè plants a fern in a big pot.

Note: Other than the 'e', all sounded vowels are either the 'short' or 'long' sounds. All words are single-syllable.

a b c d e f g h * j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

i sit, it, pit, mitt
 ĩ hike, pine, sight
 ĩ fir, sir, girl
 ĩ liter, viša, pólíçe
 ĩ onion, ũnion, familiar

in	The còat and pants gò in the tub.
with	I sée a man with a tan hat.
did	Did you sée Bill limp back?
his	Hè will get a ride if his dad drives.
him	If hè leàves, his friend will bè mad at him.
this	I like this kind of jam.
if	If the sky is blue wè will not have rain.
will	Cats will like you if you fèed them.
find	We find the wind sò cold.
time	The time went by fast.
right	Hè will raise his right hand.
mind	Will shè mind if wè gò with them?
rind	The fruit has a thick rind.
write	Can you write with this pen?
first	Is this the first time Jan met him?
fir	Tim shòwed mè a fir trèe hè had planted.
girl	A girl wears a dress.
bird	Birds fly in the sky.
dirt	The child plays in the dirt.
pólíçe	The pólíçe sée that pèace is kept.
viša	You mày need a viša when you travel.
valise	A valise is a kind of hand bag.
onion	The smell of onion is familiar.

Note: Other than the 'i', all sounded vowels are either the 'short' or 'long' sounds. Most words are single-syllable.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n * p q r s t u v w x y z

- o cop, lot, mom, pop, top
- ó hòpe, ròad, óld, tòad
- o bòot, mòon, sòon
- o done, come, son, flood
- o còok, fòot, wòord
- o moth, off, or, for

not	We dɔ not like tɔ stand tɔɔ clòse.
odd	It is odd that some bɔards dɔ not flòat.
pod	Peas lie side by side in a pod
bone	A dog loves tɔ eat a bone.
go	I gò tɔ the store when I need food.
bowl	She hòpes the bowl is full.
told	He told of a lost pet.
road	The ròad has soft spots in it.
dove	She dòve off the board.
two	Two of us will try the broth.
move	Please move the tray sò I can reach it.
to	She went tɔ the store twò times.
loose	Is the dog lòose from its chain?
do	I will dɔ fine in my class.
lose	Will he lòse sight of mè tɔɔ?
who	I will sèe whò it is.
love	Frogs love tɔ look at the mòon.
dove	The dove sat on a branch.
done	We have done our best work.
does	It does sèem odd that there is nò light.
son	The son does his chores.
good	A good còok will sòon bè hired.
look	A cat can look sò smug.
work	Work is done with ease when it is fun.
broth	A còld brèeze còols the broth.
more	More than twò shòes need sòles.

Note: Other than the 'o', all sounded vowels are either the 'short' or 'long' sounds. All words are single-syllable.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t * v w x y z

u run, fun, dud, mud
 ʊ rude, ruše, suit
 u put, pull, bush, fur
 ʊ cʊte, ʊše
 ʊ pʊre, cʊre
 u quēen, squid

luck	Hē had bad luck at the track.
but	Shē ran, but not fast.
sun	Is the sun in hiš eyes?
jump	The cat will jump up high in the trēe.
lump	All hē will get is a lump of cōal.
plus	The price is ten cents plus sālēs tax.
rust	We knōw that rust can bē bad.
just	I feel that I will bē just fine.
such	The cōat is such a bright shade of red.
must	I must sēe if I can gō.
bust	The shōw wās a bust.
lunch	It is time wē ate lunch, kids.
murk	Hē sēēs a light through the murk.
burn	We will not burn lēavēs when the wind blōws.
lurk	Hē will lurk in the shade.
curve	The side rōad should bē just past the curve.
full	The pāil is full of sand.
could	Hē could sēe shē liked the white cat.
cʊte	Shē held a cʊte but rude pup.
ʊše	I will ʊše crēam in my tēa.
pʊre	Pʊre milk is fine when kidš nēed a drink.
cʊre	Salve will cʊre the itch.
quēen	Shē wās quēen for a dāy.
squid	A whāle likes squid to ēat.

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a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x * z

y myth
y try, pry
y myrtle
y partly

myth	Hé had read a páge of myths.
çynic	A çynic máy not trust his páls.
my	It is my òld hat.
by	There is a cat by the side of the drive.
why	Why did hé get wet?
try	Shé will try it in the láke.
sty	Pigs can live in a sty.
cry	Will hé cry mòst of the time?
rye	Mòst kids like rye tòast.
myrtle	The myrtle trée has bright gréen léaves.
syrup	Kids like syrup in milk shákes.
duty	His duty is tó fight crime.
kindly	Hé gázed kindly at the group of kids.

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ei ai ie ay ee ou ow ea

eight	Hè saw eight pears in the sack.
height	His height was well over six feet.
weight	The weight of the load was hard to bear.
freight	Large freight may go by train.
sleight	Hè showed them his sleight-of-hand card tricks.
lein	The lein on the old farm weighed on his mind.
reign	The long reign of the king neared its end.
veil	Her veil was made of a dark cloth.
bait	Fish bait was for sale at a small shack.
bail	The hole in the boat caused them to bail.
jail	She reached the place of the old town jail.
heath	Heath is a plant that grows in cold areas.
break	Jim will break sticks for use in the fire.
breathe	I love to breathe the salt air.
beat	Hè heard the beat of the drum in his ears.
hearth	She had breakfast near the warm hearth.
health	Hè ran a mile a day for his health.
slough	She thought they were near the wet slough.
broad	The road ran through a broad meadow.
lean	The meat was lean though not well done.
fiend	The fiend made a sound which chilled their blood.
feud	The feud made him fear for his life.
seine	Many fish are caught in a seine.
neigh	The neigh of the horse was heard clearly.
receipt	The receipt proved he had been paid.
sleigh	Children love to ride in a sleigh.
caught	Hè caught the ball in his glove.
bough	The bough of the tree bent under his weight.
dough	Bread dough must be kneaded.
soul	His soul was heavy with grief.
soup	He dunked a piece of bread in his soup.
shoe	The sole of his shoe was worn through.
juice	Juice from the fruit stained his hands.
ought	Hè ought to know the right way to act.

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At this point all the marked letters of the PHONDOT system have been presented. The following mnemonic sentences show all vowel markings.

A Fat lady charms many lawyers.
E Let me fear veiled persons.
I It's Mike's first liter, (his opinion)
O Odd old boot from worthy moth
U Dusty rude bull, cute, curious, languid.
Y Hymn by Myrtle's Daddy

a gainst	against	fur ther	further
a lone	alone	her self	herself
an kles	ankles	him self	himself
an swer	answer	hur ry	hurry
ask ing	asking	in crease	increase
ba by	baby	in deed	indeed
be cause	because	in side	inside
be fore	before	in stead	instead
be gan	began	in tend	intend
be hind	behind	in volved	involved
be low	below	is land	island
be side	beside	la dy	lady
bet ter	better	let ter	letter
both ered	bothered	lif ted	lifted
bro ken	broken	lim it	limit
can not	cannot	lon ger	longer
com ic	comic	men tion	mention
ac count	account	mo tel	motel
cou ple	couple	nev er	never
de pend	depend	noth ing	nothing
de tail	detail	oc curred	occurred
dres ser	dresser	of fered	offered
dur ing	during	o pen	open
ei ther	either	or bit	orbit
ex plain	explain	out er	outer
fold er	folder	pa per	paper
for got	forgot	per haps	perhaps
for tune	fortune	pic nic	picnic

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an kles	ankles	him self	himself
an swer	answer	hur ry	hurry
ask ing	asking	in crease	increase
bá by	baby	in deed	indeed
bé cause	because	in side	inside
bé fore	before	in stead	instead
bé gan	began	in tend	intend
bé hind	behind	in volved	involved
bé low	below	is land	island
bé side	beside	là dy	lady
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plan et	planet
pres ent	present
pre sent	present
pret ty	pretty
prin ted	printed
prob lem	problem
pro vide	provide
ques tion	question
rea son	reason
re laxed	relaxed
re main	remain
re mote	remote
re sult	result
re turn	return
road side	roadside
rou tine	routine
sec ond	second
seem ing	seeming
si lent	silent
sleep less	sleepless
some one	someone
some thing	something
sup pose	suppose
tal ent	talent
twen ty	twenty
un til	until
vis it	visit
warn ing	warning

two-syllable
words

plan et	planet
pres ent	present
pre sent	présent
pret ty	pretty
prin ted	printed
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ab so lute	absolute	ev i dence	evidence
ac com plish	accomplish	ex cite ment	excitement
ad mir al	admiral	ex ci ting	exciting
af ter noon	afternoon	ex hib it	exhibit
an i mal	animal	ex plo ded	exploded
a noth er	another	fac tor ies	factories
an y thing	anything	fa mil iar	familiar
an y where	anywhere	fol low ing	following
ar ri ving	arriving	fore fin ger	forefinger
as sem bled	assembled	for ev er	forever
as sign ment	assignment	for got ten	forgotten
at ten tion	attention	for tu nate	fortunate
au then tic	authentic	fre quent ly	frequently
a wa ken	awaken	gov ern ment	government
bar be cue	barbecue	ham bur ger	hamburger
cam er a	camera	il lus trate	illustrate
car ry ing	carrying	im pa tient	impatient
cer tain ly	certainly	im por tant	important
chan de lier	chandelier	im pru dent	imprudent
col lec tion	collection	in quir y	inquiry
com mo tion	commotion	in ten si ty	intensity
com pan ion	companion	in ter est	interest
com pas sion	compassion	Jef fer son	Jefferson
con fi dence	confidence	la bor ing	laboring
con tin ue	continue	lin ger ing	lingering
cor rid or	corridor	list en ing	listening
de ligh ted	delighted	mag a zine	magazine
de scrip tion	description	ma ri na	marina
de tec tive	detective	Mer ce des	Mercedes
dif fer ent	different	mo tor boat	motorboat
di rec tion	direction	mys ter y	mystery
dis ap peared	disappeared	na tion al	national
dis cour aged	discouraged	na tur al	natural
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three-syllable words

note pa per	note paper	ad ver tise ment	advertisement
oc cu pied	occupied	ap par a tus	apparatus
of fi cer	officer	au to ma tic	automatic
o ver board	overboard	com par i son	comparison
per sis ted	persisted	de vel op ment	development
po lice man	policeman	dis cov er y	discovery
pret ti est	prettiest	e du ca tion	education
prob a bly	probably	ex per i ence	experience
prop er ty	property	mil i tar y	military
pro tec ting	protecting	nec es sar y	necessary
pub lish er	publisher	ob ser va tion	observation
pyr a mid	pyramid	op er a tion	operation
ra di o	radio	po lit i cal	political
re a lize	realize	re spon si ble	responsible
re flec tion	reflection	au to mo bile	automobile
skill ful ly	skillfully	en gin eer ing	engineering
so lu tion	solution	math e ma tics	mathematics
stum bled	stumbled		
sug ges tion	suggestion		
sus pi cions	suspicious		
sus pi cious	suspicious		
tel e phone	telephone	three and four	
ter ri ble	terrible	syllable words	
to mor row	tomorrow		
tran sis tor	transistor		
trav el ing	traveling		
un be lief	unbelief		
un hap py	unhappy		
un like ly	unlikely		
un lock ing	unlocking		
va can cy	vacancy		
vi cious ly	viciously		
what ev er	whatever		
wher ev er	wherever		
whis per ing	whispering		

nôte pá per	nôte páper	ad ver tise ment	adverti sement
oc cù pied	occupied	ap par à tus	apparátus
of fi cer	officer	au tò ma tic	autómatic
ó ver board	óverboard	com par i son	compari son
per sis ted	persisted	dé vel op ment	développement
pô lice man	póliceman	dis cov er y	discovery
pret ti est	prettiest	ed u cá tion	educátion
prob a bly	probably	ex per i ence	experience
prop er ty	property	mil i tar y	military
prò tec ting	prótecing	neç es sar y	neçessary
pub lish er	publisher	ob ser vá tion	obser vátion
pyr a mid	pyramid	op er á tion	oper átion
rá di ó	rádio	pò lit i cal	pólitical
rè a lize	réalize	rè spon si ble	résponsible
rè flec tion	réflection	au tò mò bile	autómóbile
skill ful ly	skillfully	en gin eer ing	engineering
so lu tion	solution	math e ma tics	mathematics
stum bled	stumbled		
sug ges tion	suggestion		
sus pi çions	suspicións		
sus pi çious	suspicióus		
tel e phone	telephone		
ter ri ble	terrible		
tó mor rów	tómorrow		
tran síst or	transistor		
trav el ing	traveling		
un bé liéf	unbelief		
un hap py	unhappy		
un like ly	unlikely		
un lock ing	unlocking		
vá can cy	vácancy		
vi çious ly	viçiously		
what ev er	whatever		
wher ev er	wherever		
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days of the week:

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

months of the year:

January February March April May June

July August September October November December

numerical order:

first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third

numbers in sequence:

1. one 2. two 3. three 4. four 5. five 6. six 7. seven 8. eight 9. nine
10. ten

11. eleven 12. twelve 13. thirteen 14. fourteen 15. fifteen 16. sixteen
17. seventeen 18. eighteen 19. nineteen 20. twenty

21. twenty-one 22. twenty-two 23. twenty-three 24. twenty-four
25. twenty-five 26. twenty-six 27. twenty-seven 28. twenty-eight
29. twenty-nine

30. thirty 31. thirty-one 32. thirty-two - - - - -

40. forty 41. forty-one 42. forty-two - - - - -

50. fifty

60. sixty

70. seventy

80. eighty

90. ninety

100. one-hundred

101. one-hundred and one

102. one-hundred and two

103. one-hundred and three

shápes: colors:

square	red	pink
rectangle	yellow	lavender
circle	gréen	róse
óval	blue	indigó
triangle	orange	
flat	purple	
curved	viólet	
sphere	brown	
tube	black	
cylinder	white	
cúbe	gráy	

measure of distance:

inch foot yard mile

twelve inches in a foot three feet in a yard
 five-thousand, two-hundred and eighty feet in a mile

fractions of an inch:

one sixty-fourth of an inch one thirty-second of an inch
 one sixteenth of an inch one eighth of an inch
 one quarter of an inch one half an inch

liquid measure:

sixteen ounces in a pint two pints in a quart (32 ounces)
 four quarts in a gallon

dry measure:

sixteen ounces in a pound

I am
you are
hé is
they are

good
better
best

think
thought
thought

possessive

my	mine
your	yours
his	his
her	hers
their	theirs
our	ours
its	its

I am not
you are not
hé is not
they are not

small
smaller
smallest

say
said
said

I was
you were
hé was
they were

big
bigger
biggest

give
gave
given

book	book's
table	table's
wall	wall's
face	face's
country	country's

I was not
you were not
hé was not
they were not

bad
worse
worst

hear
heard
heard

some typical contractions:

I have not been
you have not been
hé has not been
they have not been

bleed
bled
bled

I'll buy the tickets
You'll buy the tickets
He'll buy the tickets
She'll buy the tickets
They'll buy the tickets

I had been
I had not been

rise
rose
risen

I don't have it
You don't have it
He doesn't have it
She doesn't have it
They don't have it

I will be
I will not be

lie
lay
lain

I will have been
I will not have been

feel
felt
felt

I won't lock the box
You won't lock the box.
He won't lock the box.
She won't lock the box
They won't lock the box

do I like candy?
do you like candy?
does hé like candy?
do they like candy?

sit
sat
sat

I like candy
 you like candy
 hé likes candy
 they like candy
 I do not like candy
 you do not like candy
 hé does not like candy

stand
 stood
 stood

 strike
 struck
 struck

 I couldn't help him
 I wouldn't help him
 I shouldn't help him

 I haven't been walking
 Hé hasn't been walking

I liked candy
 I did not like candy

swim
 swam
 swum

I had not liked candy

dive
 dove
 dived

I will like candy

I will not like candy

read
 read
 read

I will have liked candy

I will not have liked candy

will you do your
 homework?

write
 wrote
 written

I do it today
 hé does it today

slay
 slew
 slain

I did it yesterday

I have done it in the past
 hé has done it in the past

fight
 fought
 fought

I will have done it

I will do it tomorrow

bite
 bit
 bitten

I will have done it by then

above	do	gone	mother	sow
across	does	great	move	steak
aisle	dog	half	mow	sure
almost	dome	have	mowed	sword
angle	don't	head	national	tear
another	done	heal	nephew	their
any	door	hear	none	there
are	dough	heard	now	they
aunt	dove	heart	off	they're
bear	earn	heath	often	thread
been	earth	height	other	tier
below	eerie	hint	ought	to
blood	enough	horse	own	today
board	err	hover	peril	ton
boot	ever	idea	pint	too
both	feather	isle	plaid	tool
bother	fever	juice	pool	touch
bow	few	kind	poor	tough
break	fierce	knew	post	tour
breath	find	know	rather	toward
broad	finger	lead	read	trough
brooch	flint	leather	recipe	two
broom	flood	live	relief	vague
brother	floor	log	root	via
build	fog	loose	rot	war
built	food	loot	rough	warn
calves	fool	lose	said	weigh
canoe	for	lost	says	weird
cereal	fore	lot	seize	were
climb	fought	love	serial	who
climber	freight	low	should	whole
close	friend	many	show	wind
clothes	from	meant	sieve	wolf
come	front	mind	sleight	won't
cool	fruit	mint	some	wood
cork	gather	money	son	wool
cost	gauge	month	sore	word
cough	give	mood	sought	worm
could	gnaw	most	soul	worn
deaf	goes	moth	soup	worse

above	do	gone	mother	sow
across	does	great	move	steak
aisle	dog	half	mow	sure
almost	dome	have	mowed	sword
angle	don't	head	national	tear
another	done	heal	nephew	their
any	door	hear	none	there
are	dough	heard	now	they
aunt	dove	heart	off	they're
bear	earn	heath	often	thread
been	earth	height	other	tier
below	erie	hint	ought	to
blood	enough	horse	own	today
board	err	hover	peril	ton
boat	ever	idea	pint	too
both	feather	isle	plaid	tool
bother	fever	juice	pool	touch
bow	few	kind	poor	tough
break	fierce	knew	post	tour
breath	find	know	rather	toward
broad	finger	lead	read	trough
brooch	flint	leather	recipe	two
broom	flood	live	relief	vague
brother	floor	log	root	via
build	fog	loose	rot	war
built	food	loot	rough	warn
calves	fool	lose	said	weigh
canoe	for	lost	says	weird
cereal	fore	lot	seize	were
climb	fought	love	serial	who
climber	freight	low	should	whole
close	friend	many	show	wind
clothes	from	meant	sieve	wolf
come	front	mind	sleight	won't
cool	fruit	mint	some	wood
cork	gather	money	son	wool
cost	gauge	month	sore	word
cough	give	mood	sought	worm
could	gnaw	most	soul	worn
deaf	goes	moth	soup	worse

	a	cat	15
a1	â	ape	6
a2	ɑ	palm	2
a3	ɑ̃	said	4
a4	ɑ̄	tall	4
	e	elf	30
e1	ê	ève	15
e2	ē	ear	5
e3	ẹ	veil	3
e4	ē̄	per	20
	i	it	16
i1	î	ice	14
i2	ī	sir	0
i3	ĩ	liter	1
	o	odd	11
o1	ô	code	23
o2	ō	boat	21
o3	õ	come	22
o4	ō̄	wood	7
o5	ō̄̄	moth	27
	u	up	6
u1	û	due	4
u2	ū	put	3
u3	ũ	cute	0
u4	ū̄	cure	0
	y	myth	0
y1	ÿ	by	0
y2	ÿ̄	myrrh	0
y3	ÿ̄̄	candy	2

		the word 'the'	0	
		the word 'a'	0	
		out		
		oil		
		toy		
		th	think	7
v3	th	that		13
		n	lint	42
v1	n	rink		2
		g	gag	15
v1	g	george		1
		d	dad	43
v1	d	graduate		0
		gh	through	0
v2	gh	rough		5
		s	sister	31
v1	s	résumé		7
v2	s	treasure		0
v3	ş	şure		1
		sh	shine	2
		c	cat	16
v1	ç	celery		4
v2	ç	cello		0
v3	ç	ocean		0
		ch	chain	2
		t	virtue	0
v1	t	option		1
v2	t			
		schwa mark	aeiouy	5 a
		ignore mark	abcd etc.	

52 e, 2 t, 5 y,
 12 u, 12 i,
 27 o, 21 a,
 2 s, 9 g, 10 h,
 2 k, 4 l, 2 b

count of occurrences of marked letters

animals

raccoon	raccoon	rat	rat
weasel	weasel	mouse	mouse
skunk	skunk	camel	camel
pig	pig	elephant	elephant
sheep	sheep	cougar	cougar
goat	goat	seal	seal
otter	otter	walrus	walrus
tiger	tiger	panther	panther
leopard	leopard	giraffe	giraffe
lion	lion	ostrich	ostrich
monkey	monkey	snake	snake
ape	ape	rabbit	rabbit
chimpanzee	chimpanzee	bunny	bunny
opossum	opossum	horse	horse
bear	bear	cow	cow
cheetah	cheetah	deer	deer
armadillo	armadillo	antelope	antelope
coyote	coyote	dog	dog
wolf	wolf	cat	cat
ox	ox	rhinoceros	rhinoceros
muskrat	muskrat	alligator	alligator
beaver	beaver	crocodile	crocodile
donkey	donkey	squirrel	squirrel
chipmunk	chipmunk	hamster	hamster

words referring to clothing

apron

bathing suit

belt

beret

bill fold

buckle

button holes

buttons

cap

coat

cuff

dress

eyelet

felt hat

galoshes

gloves

handkerchief

hat

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jump suit

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slippers
snaps
socks
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stockings
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sweater
tam
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familiar words from
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address book	foot board	shower
after shave lotion	furnace	smoke alarm
alarm clock	hat rack	soap
bath	head board	soap dish
bath mat	hide a bed	sponges
bedclothes	hinge	stool
bedroom	inter com	stopper
broom	key hooks	storage cabinets
brushes	kitchen scissors	table cloth
buckets	kitchen chair	tea bags
bulletin board	Kleenex	telephone book
calendar	knobs	thumb tacks
canisters	lace tablecloth	timer
casters	linen closet	toilet
cat box	map	toilet seat
closet	mop	tool rack
clothes hooks	medicine cabinet	tooth brush
clothes closet	napkin	tooth brush holder
clothes washer	night light	tooth picks
covers	pencil sharpener	toothpaste
desk	pillow	vacuum cleaner
dining room	pillow case	vase
display cabinet	place mat	venetian blinds
door stop	porch light	ventilator fan
door opener	pot holders	wall lamp
dresser	pulls	water softener
dresser scarf	razor	water heater
dryer	reclining chair	window sills
electric blanket	ruler	work bench
fire extinguisher	salt and pepper shakers	
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Outdoor words

Many words pertain to the world outside the house. Children may play in the front yard or the backyard, or on the porch or driveway or sidewalk. Games are sometimes played on the grass. Children will ride bicycles and skates on the sidewalks. They may mark the sidewalk with chalk for different types of games. Small children will not play in the street. Their older brothers and sisters, however, will play baseball and other games unless there is too much traffic. At all times people must be careful to watch for cars. Little children are always taught to look both ways before crossing the street.

Streets have pavement, manhole covers, and curbs. The curbs are cut low where there are driveways. The edges of the street are lower than the center of the street. The area next to the curb is called the gutter and water flows down the gutter to a catch basin where it drains into a storm sewer. Between the street and the sidewalk is the tree lawn. A tree may be planted here. Streetlights also make use of the tree lawn area.

Streets and sidewalks often develop cracks which must be repaired. Tree roots sometimes lift up parts of the sidewalk. If a part of the sidewalk becomes so uneven that it could cause a person to trip it must be replaced.

There are likely to be trees on the tree lawn and shrubbery close to the house. If there is a front fence, a strip of small plants and flowers may be placed in front of it. There may be a sprinkler system with faucets.

In the backyard there will usually be some kind of small garden, possibly some fruit trees and decorative plants. There will be outdoor furniture, a table and chairs, and a barbecue. Some houses have a storage shed for the lawn mower and garden tools. If there are small children there will likely be swings and slides and other outdoor playthings. Part of the backyard may be paved with flagstones. There may be a wooden deck.

At the rear corners of the backyard there will be tall telephone poles. These poles support lines which carry electricity, phone lines and often cable TV lines. Lines from the poles go over the backyard to the house.

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The car

Children know many words that pertain to cars. The outside of a car has doors with door handles and rearview mirrors, a hood at the front and a trunk at the back. The car has a windshield and a rear window. It has fenders, and wheels with tires and hubcaps. It has bumpers front and rear, and a front grill. There are windshield wipers and headlights and taillights. On one of the rear fenders there will be a small door which must be opened to put gas into the car. A radio antenna will rise from one of the fenders.

The inside of the car has seats which can slide forward and back. The seatbacks may recline. Seat belts are provided for the driver and all passengers. A seat for babies may be in the rear of the car, belted in securely. A car has a steering wheel and gear shift lever. It has a brake pedal and an accelerator pedal. It has a place to put a key, which is turned to start the car. The dashboard has a glove compartment and in front of the driver there are dials and gauges. A speedometer shows how fast the car is going. A gas gauge shows how much fuel is in the gas tank.

There are switches for turning on the headlights and the dome light. Cars usually have a radio with controls in the middle of the dashboard. Also in the dashboard are the controls for the heater and air conditioner.

On the inside of the doors are the door opening handles and the small cranks which wind the windows up and down. At the base of the windows are the door locks which are pushed down to lock the doors from the inside. Pockets for maps are on the lower part of the front doors. There will be carpets on the floors, with a rubber section where a person's feet rest.

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The living and family rooms

The inside of the house is the place most familiar to Pam. The living room and family room are where she spends most of her time when indoors. She has learned the names of most of the objects in it. She sees the walls with their framed pictures, the windows with their curtains and blinds, and the doors with their doorknobs and locks. She sees the mirror mounted on the wall near the front door. Carpets and rugs make the floor a pleasant place to play. There are lights in the ceiling and switches on the wall.

There is a big fan which turns slowly in warm weather. There is a fireplace and mantel in the family room. A screen sets in front of the fireplace. Tools are off to one side. On the mantel is a pretty clock, and pictures of her and her brother and sister.

Furniture consists of chairs, couches, tables, end tables, and hassocks. Floor lamps and table lamps provide light for reading. Sockets where lamps are plugged in are near the floor. There are bookcases and cabinets against the wall and a television set complete with a video cassette recorder which is used to show movies. There are remote controls for operating the TV and VCR. There is a clock on a cabinet near the TV.

Pam knows the location of the heating vents, cozy to sit by in cold weather. A thermostat on the wall allows the setting of temperature. There are thermometers in most rooms of the house. There is a barometer in the living room.

A stereo system with big speakers is near the TV. This system plays cassettes and compact disks and receives all kinds of radio broadcasts. A cordless telephone on its stand is in the family room. There is a place for magazines (which tend to accumulate). On the bookshelves are her story books and many books read by her parents.

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Words from the kitchen

A kitchen has more names of more things than any other room in the house. A first look around the kitchen will see the large appliances: the stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher. Countertops hold the toaster and toaster-oven, the microwave, the food processor and the coffee maker. There may be a mixer. A large knife holder holds carving knives and forks.

One of the counters has the sink with a garbage disposal. Over the sink will be the paper towel holder. There will be a towel bar for dish rags and dish towels, and another bar for hand towels. Below the sink two doors open to provide access to the wastepaper container, scouring powder and other cleaning supplies.

Above the counters are the kitchen cabinets. A cabinet on one side of the sink holds dishes, plates, cups, saucers, and bowls. A cabinet on the other side holds glasses and mugs. Below the counters are cupboards and drawers. Drawers hold the silverware and small utensils and clean towels. There are special places for spoons, table spoons, and forks and knives. Other drawers hold ladles, sieves, spatulas and large stirring spoons.

The corner of the kitchen is the place for the pantry cabinet, with shelves filled with canned goods and containers of cereal, flour, sugar, coffee, popcorn, pet food, and other food products. In a cabinet near the stove will be many small items required for cooking and baking.

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grapefruit	grapefruit
grapes	grapes
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huckleberry	huckleberry
lemon	lemon
lime	lime
muskmelon	muskmelon
nectarine	nectarine
orange	orange
papaya	papaya
peach	peach
pear	pear
pineapple	pineapple
plum	plum
pomegranates	pomegranates
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watermelon	watermelon

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brussels sprouts	brussels sprouts
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celery	celery
corn	corn
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egg plant	egg plant
endive	endive
green beans	green beans
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lentil	lentil
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lima bean	lima bean
mustard greens	mustard greens
onion	onion
parsley	parsley
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hurry	If you hurry we can catch the bus.
idea	I have no idea why he was so late.
imagined	He imagined he was flying a plane.
indeed	He was indeed sorry for spilling his milk.
indicate	The numbers indicate that our grades are improving.
information	Information was posted in regard to the schedule.
inquire	She will inquire about the cost of tickets.
inquires	If she inquires about the book tell her I have it.
inscribed	The message was inscribed in large red letters.
insurance	Insurance may cover the cost of the damage.
intended	I intended to bring it but I forgot.
intently	He was intently gazing at the flock of geese.
interested	She was becoming interested in her book.
joking	Perhaps they were just joking about the ice cream.
jolly	The students were in a jolly mood.
journey	A journey by sailboat can take months.
lagoon	The boat was tied to the shore in a small lagoon.
landed	The small plane landed at the airport.
larger	The larger of the boys offered to help.
later	Later in the day the sun came out.
leading	The bear was leading her cubs to the water.

learning	The students were learning about punctuation.
lessons	What have you learned from your lessons?
letter	The cost of mailing a letter is now thirty-seven cents.
level	It is easier to ride a bicycle on level ground.
likeness	He had a strong likeness to his grandfather.
listen	We should listen to what our parents tell us.
locate	Can you locate the address on the street map?
located	The raccoon has located a new source of food.
longer	The days are growing longer.
looking	She is looking for a certain type of flower.
lookout	They were on the lookout for ripe blackberries.
lovely	She thought it was a lovely picture of Pam.
lower	The lower part of the building was filled with shops.
lowest	Where can I find milk at the lowest price?
lumber	Lumber comes from trees.
manage	I think we can manage to save some money.
marine	A seal is a marine animal.
marry	He always said he would marry a nice girl someday.
matter	It is a matter of great importance.
maybe	Maybe they took the earlier bus.
meantime	In the meantime I think I will look around the store.
meanwhile	Meanwhile the other group was having lots of fun.
member	He was a member of the computer club.
mentioned	His name was mentioned in the school paper.
merrily	They went merrily on their way.
method	Their method for planting beans proved to be the best.
middle	In the middle of the night we are asleep.
might	You might find him in the yard with his friends.
minister	The minister gave a fine sermon.
minute	Call me the minute he arrives.
mistakes	There is no one who never makes mistakes.
moment	In a moment the curtain will open.
money	We use money to buy things.
morning	The sun comes up in the morning.
mother	Her mother was very proud of her.
mystery	The source of the strange light was a mystery.
nation	The nation consists of fifty states.
native	The native people are called Indians.
natural	The natural forest is a beautiful place.
neatly	He neatly arranged the articles for display.

neighbor	She saw her neighbor putting her car away.
nervous	The thought of tests makes some kids nervous.
never	He will never do that again.
notation	The notation on the card was in large blue letters.
nothing	There was nothing he could do about it.
numeral	The number 5 is a numeral.
object	Some people might object to the new rule.
occupy	The TV will occupy his attention for a while.
off	The lights should all be turned off when we leave.
office	Her father works in an office downtown.
only	She is only four years old.
opposite	Jason sat opposite to her at the table.
others	They could see others coming down the path.
outside	It was cold and wet outside.
owner	The car's owner likes sport cars.
papers	The papers are delivered early in the morning.
particularly	She particularly liked the lemon pie.
party	Children look forward to a birthday party.
peddled	He peddled his bike slowly past the house.
people	People appreciate well-behaved children.
perhaps	Perhaps it will rain today.
permission	She gave her permission for Sue to visit her friend.
photograph	A photograph of her brother sat on the mantel.
piano	She would like to play the piano.
picking	People were picking up apples from under the tree.
picture	A pretty picture of a farm was mounted on the wall.
places	She remembered different places they had visited.
plenty	There were plenty of empty seats.
pocket	Boys like to carry things in their pocket.
position	The position of the hands on the clock tells the time.
possible	Is it possible that you have forgotten your coat?
powder	Flour is in the form of a powder.
practice	To learn something well requires practice.
practicing	She could hear him practicing on the piano.
present	The new bike was a present she had hoped for.
presented	Her Dad had been presented with an award.
presume	I presume they knew what they were doing.
pretty	The orange cat was very pretty.
prizes	Prizes will be given for the highest scores.
probably	It was probably his best effort.

process	The process of construction was complicated.
produce	He was asked to produce identification.
profusion	A profusion of desserts filled the table.
properly	They were properly instructed in the way to pay a fare.
protect	Glass screens protect the patio from the wind.
protected	Little dogs and cats must be protected.
pulling	The small dog kept pulling on its leash.
quietly	They were quietly listening to the music.
radio	They had a radio long before they had a TV.
rather	I would rather stay here and read my book.
realized	Sue realized that she had forgotten her homework.
really	It was a really big truck.
recalled	He recalled the time when Susan first went to the library.
recently	The streets were recently repaved.
record	A record is kept of grades.
redder	This apple was redder than all the rest.
regular	Trains must operate on a regular schedule.
relatives	Our relatives are always glad to see us.
remember	We tend to remember the good times.
repaired	The clock had to be repaired.
reported	He reported that there were very few people at the lodge.
rescued	They rescued the little animal.
reside	He will reside with a friend when he visits New York.
returned	Have they returned from vacation?
revealed	Pulling the curtain back revealed a lovely scene.
right	I hope you know your right hand from your left.
rotation	The rotation of the fan blades produces a breeze.
safely	The little boat carried them safely ashore.
sailboat	Her ancestors came over to this country on a sailboat.
sailor	A sailor works on a ship.
same	Sue had the same kind of bicycle as Wendy.
season	The trees in the fall season have beautiful leaves.
seated	The dining room table seated six persons.
second	The second time he tried he succeeded.
seconds	Sixty seconds make a minute.
sensation	The sensation of cold makes us put our coats on.
settled	The land was settled by farmers.
seven	There are seven days in a week.
several	He tried several different ways of tying his shoes.
shaking	Shaking the small tree made the fruit fall.

signals	At railroad crossings there are warning signals.
silver	Silver must be polished to stay shiny.
sisters	The two sisters looked very much alike.
situation	He found himself in a difficult situation.
slacken	The force of the wind began to slacken.
solemn	The ceremony was a solemn occasion.
somebody	Is there somebody here who knows Bob?
souvenir	Travelers often bring home a souvenir.
speaker	He listened to the speaker but did not agree with him.
splendid	The class gave a splendid performance.
standing	Some children were standing at the back of the room.
started	They started early in order to avoid the traffic.
starting	Will you be starting for home tomorrow?
straightened	She straightened her hair because it was so curly.
stretches	Long stretches of the beach were deserted.
stylish	The new dress was very stylish.
success	May you all have success in learning to read!
such	It was such a nice day we decided to go to the beach.
suddenly	Why was he suddenly so puzzled?
suggest	I suggest that you pay more attention.
summer	Kids look forward to summer vacation.
suppose	Do you suppose they are lost?
surprised	I was surprised to find them already there.
swallowing	The dog was swallowing his food without tasting it.
sweeping	Sweeping of the sidewalks is common in Holland.
taken	She had taken her children to the county fair.
taking	I am taking a sample of the candy to my friend.
talking	We were just talking about you.
tangle	Her hair was all in a tangle.
teacher	The teacher is very helpful to all her students.
terrible	The boat sank in a terrible storm.
themselves	They saw themselves as very fortunate.
things	There were all kinds of things in the store window.
through	Wendy went through the gate into the back yard.
tightly	She held his hand tightly while they crossed the street.
tilting	The entire structure was tilting.
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upside	The bread landed upside down on the floor.
vacation	I know you will have fun on your vacation.
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vanished	Some valuable items have vanished.
various	He could think of various ways of getting to the top.
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housework	There is always housework to be done.
hundred	Some people live to be a hundred.
hunting	She was hunting for the kind of book she liked.
hurry	If you hurry we can catch the bus.
idea	I have no idea why he was so late.
imagined	He imagined he was flying a plane.
indeed	He was indeed sorry for spilling his milk.
indicate	The numbers indicate that our grades are improving.
information	Information was posted in regard to the schedule.
inquire	She will inquire about the cost of tickets.
inquires	If she inquires about the book tell her I have it.
inscribed	The message was inscribed in large red letters.
insurance	Insurance may cover the cost of the damage.
intended	I intended to bring it but I forgot.
intently	He was intently gazing at the flock of geese.
interested	She was becoming interested in her book.
joking	Perhaps they were just joking about the ice cream.
jolly	The students were in a jolly mood.
journey	A journey by sailboat can take months.
lagoon	The boat was tied to the shore in a small lagoon.
landed	The small plane landed at the airport.
larger	The larger of the boys offered to help.
later	Later in the day the sun came out.
leading	The bear was leading her cubs to the water.

learning	The students were learning about punctuation.
lessons	What have you learned from your lessons?
letter	The cost of mailing a letter is now thirty-seven cents.
level	It is easier to ride a bicycle on level ground.
likeness	He had a strong likeness to his grandfather.
listen	We should listen to what our parents tell us.
locate	Can you locate the address on the street map?
located	The raccoon has located a new source of food.
longer	The days are growing longer.
looking	She is looking for a certain type of flower.
lookout	They were on the lookout for ripe blackberries.
lovely	She thought it was a lovely picture of Pam.
lower	The lower part of the building was filled with shops.
lowest	Where can I find milk at the lowest price?
lumber	Lumber comes from trees.
manage	I think we can manage to save some money.
marine	A seal is a marine animal.
marry	He always said he would marry a nice girl someday.
matter	It is a matter of great importance.
maybe	Maybe they took the earlier bus.
meantime	In the meantime I think I will look around the store.
meanwhile	Meanwhile the other group was having lots of fun.
member	He was a member of the computer club.
mentioned	His name was mentioned in the school paper.
merrily	They went merrily on their way.
method	Their method for planting beans proved to be the best.
middle	In the middle of the night we are asleep.
might	You might find him in the yard with his friends.
minister	The minister gave a fine sermon.
minute	Call me the minute he arrives.
mistakes	There is no one who never makes mistakes.
moment	In a moment the curtain will open.
money	We use money to buy things.
morning	The sun comes up in the morning.
mother	Her mother was very proud of her.
mystery	The source of the strange light was a mystery.
nation	The nation consists of fifty states.
native	The native people are called Indians.
natural	The natural forest is a beautiful place.
neatly	He neatly arranged the articles for display.

neighbor	She saw her neighbor putting her car away.
nervous	The thought of tests makes some kids nervous.
never	He will never do that again.
notation	The notation on the card was in large blue letters.
nothing	There was nothing he could do about it.
numeral	The number 5 is a numeral.
object	Some people might object to the new rule.
occupy	The TV will occupy his attention for a while.
off	The lights should all be turned off when we leave.
office	Her father works in an office downtown.
only	She is only four years old.
opposite	Jason sat opposite to her at the table.
others	They could see others coming down the path.
outside	It was cold and wet outside.
owner	The car's owner likes sport cars.
papers	The papers are delivered early in the morning.
particularly	She particularly liked the lemon pie.
party	Children look forward to a birthday party.
peddled	He peddled his bike slowly past the house.
people	People appreciate well-behaved children.
perhaps	Perhaps it will rain today.
permission	She gave her permission for Sue to visit her friend.
photograph	A photograph of her brother sat on the mantel.
piano	She would like to play the piano.
picking	People were picking up apples from under the tree.
picture	A pretty picture of a farm was mounted on the wall.
places	She remembered different places they had visited
plenty	There were plenty of empty seats.
pocket	Boys like to carry things in their pocket.
position	The position of the hands on the clock tells the time.
possible	Is it possible that you have forgotten your coat?
powder	Flour is in the form of a powder.
practice	To learn something well requires practice.
practicing	She could hear him practicing on the piano.
present	The new bike was a present she had hoped for.
presented	Her Dad had been presented with an award.
presume	I presume they knew what they were doing.
pretty	The orange cat was very pretty.
prizes	Prizes will be given for the highest scores.
probably	It was probably his best effort.

process	The process of construction was complicated.
produce	He was asked to produce identification.
profusion	A profusion of desserts filled the table.
properly	They were properly instructed in the way to pay a fare.
protect	Glass screens protect the patio from the wind.
protected	Little dogs and cats must be protected.
pulling	The small dog kept pulling on its leash.
quietly	They were quietly listening to the music.
radio	They had a radio long before they had a TV.
rather	I would rather stay here and read my book.
realized	Sue realized that she had forgotten her homework.
really	It was a really big truck.
recalled	He recalled the time when Susan first went to the library.
recently	The streets were recently repaved.
record	A record is kept of grades.
redder	This apple was redder than all the rest.
regular	Trains must operate on a regular schedule.
relatives	Our relatives are always glad to see us.
remember	We tend to remember the good times.
repaired	The clock had to be repaired.
reported	He reported that there were very few people at the lodge.
rescued	They rescued the little animal.
reside	He will reside with a friend when he visits New York.
returned	Have they returned from vacation?
revealed	Pulling the curtain back revealed a lovely scene.
right	I hope you know your right hand from your left.
rotation	The rotation of the fan blades produces a breeze.
safely	The little boat carried them safely ashore.
sailboat	Her ancestors came over to this country on a sailboat.
sailor	A sailor works on a ship.
same	Sue had the same kind of bicycle as Wendy.
season	The trees in the fall season have beautiful leaves.
seated	The dining room table seated six persons.
second	The second time he tried he succeeded.
seconds	Sixty seconds make a minute.
sensation	The sensation of cold makes us put our coats on.
settled	The land was settled by farmers.
seven	There are seven days in a week.
several	He tried several different ways of tying his shoes.
shaking	Shaking the small tree made the fruit fall.

signals	At railroad crossings there are warning signals
silver	Silver must be polished to stay shiny.
sisters	The two sisters looked very much alike.
situation	He found himself in a difficult situation.
slacken	The force of the wind began to slacken.
solemn	The ceremony was a solemn occasion.
somebody	Is there somebody here who knows Bob?
souvenir	Travelers often bring home a souvenir.
speaker	He listened to the speaker but did not agree with him.
splendid	The class gave a splendid performance.
standing	Some children were standing at the back of the room.
started	They started early in order to avoid the traffic.
starting	Will you be starting for home tomorrow?
straightened	She straightened her hair because it was so curly.
stretches	Long stretches of the beach were deserted.
stylish	The new dress was very stylish.
success	May you all have success in learning to read!
such	It was such a nice day we decided to go to the beach.
suddenly	Why was he suddenly so puzzled?
suggest	I suggest that you pay more attention.
summer	Kids look forward to summer vacation.
suppose	Do you suppose they are lost?
surprised	I was surprised to find them already there.
swallowing	The dog was swallowing his food without tasting it.
sweeping	Sweeping of the sidewalks is common in Holland.
taken	She had taken her children to the county fair.
taking	I am taking a sample of the candy to my friend.
talking	We were just talking about you.
tangle	Her hair was all in a tangle.
teacher	The teacher is very helpful to all her students.
terrible	The boat sank in a terrible storm.
themselves	They saw themselves as very fortunate.
things	There were all kinds of things in the store window.
through	Wendy went through the gate into the back yard.
tightly	She held his hand tightly while they crossed the street.
tilting	The entire structure was tilting.
together	If we work together we can probably finish by noon.
tomorrow	The TV says it will rain tomorrow.
toward	The birds flew toward the sea.
treasure	The crown jewels of England are a great treasure.

triangle	A triangle has three sides and three points.
tropical	The lower part of the country has tropical weather.
trouble	They had trouble finding the telephone numbers
trousers	Boy's trousers always have pockets.
trying	They were just trying to help.
turtle	A turtle carries its own house.
understand	Did you understand what he meant?
until	Stay here until I get back.
sister	His sister liked to tell him what to do.
upright	The dog stood upright on its hind legs.
upside	The bread landed upside down on the floor.
vacation	I know you will have fun on your vacation.
valleys	There are many farms in the valleys.
vanished	Some valuable items have vanished.
various	He could think of various ways of getting to the top.
vessels	Bulky items are often carried by vessels on the sea.
village	He came from a small village in Ohio.
visit	When we are there we will visit Aunt Julie.
visitor	She had a visitor she did not expect.
voyage	It was a long voyage to the new world.
warning	The lifeguard was warning people about the high waves.
water	Animals all need water in order to live.
wearing	She was wearing her new shoes.
wharf	The boat tied up to the wharf.
whisper	She would whisper to him to be quiet.
willing	Sue was willing to watch her younger brother.
window	From the window you could see the skyline.
wonder	I wonder if Janet is going to drive the kids to school?
wooden	Years ago they wore wooden shoes in Holland.
worried	The little cat was worried about the dog.
writing	Soon the children will be writing their own letters.
yellow	School buses are often yellow.

count of occurrences of marked letters

	a	cat	349		the word 'the'	249	
a1	à	ape	150		the word 'a'	96	
a2	á	palm	75		the word 'l'	24	
a3	â	said	47		out	44	
a4	ä	tall	61		oil	3	
					toy	11	
	e	elf	639		th	think	
e1	é	eve	267	v3	th	that	87
e2	è	ear	17		n	lint	546
e3	ê	veil	26	v1	n	rink	105
e4	ë	per	201		g	gag	99
				v1	g	george	18
	i	it	489		d	dad	429
i1	î	ice	124	v1	d	graduate	4
i2	í	sir	6		gh	through	
i3	ï	liter	16	v2	gh	rough	2
					s	sister	492
	o	odd	197	v1	s	résumé	296
o1	ó	code	116	v2	s	treasure	5
o2	ô	boat	128	v3	ş	şure	4
o3	õ	come	111		sh	shine	69
o4	ö	wood	40		c	cat	274
o5	ø	moth	152	v1	ç	celery	44
				v2	ç	cello	0
	u	up	88	v3	ç	océan	2
u1	ú	due	102		ch	chain	33
u2	ù	put	58		t	virtue	10
u3	û	cute	15	v1	t	option	23
u4	ü	cure	2				
	y	myth	44				
y1	ÿ	by	22				
y2	ÿ	myrrh	0				
y3	ÿ	candy	95				
					schwa mark	aeiouy	
					ignore mark	abcd etc.	

Words which would benefit from a pronunciation aid

again	air	above	bear	behind
bank	any	been	believe	bind
board	bought	beer	bread	blind
bone	build	bier	break	calf
boot	century	bow	breakfast	call
bother	coarse	bow	breath	child
broad	comet	business	breathe	cinder
broth	commit	busy	come	climb
brother	cough	calm	cone	could
celery	cure	cereal	deaf	door
cello	cute	chalk	do	find
close	dough	counter	dome	finder
cook	feather	country	done	flint
does	feisty	cow	dove	ghost
fierce	ferrule	crush	dove	gone
foot	fool	dumb	driven	grind
gasoline	furious	eerie	eight	half
have	furry	fatigue	fear	ironic
liter	fury	feat	freight	kin
look	leather	feet	go	kind
lose	light	fiend	he	legal
many	loose	flounder	hear	legend
mare	love	gauge	heard	lined
moon	palm	grovel	heart	lint
moth	peril	hymn	heat	lion
mother	pure	leer	height	live
move	review	love	is	mild
ocean	rough	marry	jealous	mind
off	school	mary	lean	mint
over	science	meet	me	money
police	serial	merry	on	month
rank	slough	mound	piece	pilot
record	sought	mow	receipt	pint
record	soul	mush	receive	quiet
resume	soup	obey	reign	rind
road	there	pull	retrieve	sign
save	though	push	sieve	silent
shine	thought	put	sleight	ton
song	thread	putt	son	triangular
soon	three	seat	sovereign	vibrant
sure	tough	soap	tear	who
think	trough	tour	tear	wild
too	vacuum	vacation	veil	wind
treasure	walk	weird	vein	would
two	were	wind	we	yolk
word	where	wound	weight	you

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bone	build	bier	break	calf
boot	century	bow	breakfast	call
bother	coarse	bow	breath	child
broad	comet	calm	breathe	cinder
broth	commit	cereal	come	climb
brother	cough	chalk	cone	could
celery	cure	counter	deaf	door
cello	cute	country	do	find
close	dough	cow	dome	finder
cook	feather	crush	done	flint
does	feisty	dumb	dove	ghost
fierce	ferrule	eerie	dove	gone
foot	fool	fatigue	driven	grind
gasoline	furious	feat	eight	half
have	furry	feet	fear	ironic
liter	fury	fiend	freight	kin
look	leather	flounder	go	kind
lose	light	found	he	legal
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think	trough	tour	tear	wild
too	vacuum	vacation	veil	wind
treasure	walk	weird	vein	would
two	were	wind	we	yolk
word	where	wound	weight	you

Some heteronyms and their meanings

bass	a bass is a fish
bass	a bass note is low in pitch
bow	to bend at the waist is to bow
bow	bow and arrow
close	close at hand
close	close the door
compact	put together tightly
compact	a written agreement
console	to give comfort
console	the TV is on the console
content	articles in a container
content	satisfied
converse	talk
converse	the opposite
desert	an arid place
desert	leave the group
does	a number of female deer
does	they do, he does
dove	off the board, into the water
dove	a bird
excise	a kind of tax
excise	cut out
invalid	not authorized
invalid	confined to a bed
lead	a soft metal
lead	stay out in front
live	where I live
live	a live animal

minute	part of an hour
minute	very small
object	he saw an object in the water
object	argue against
primer	a book used to teach reading
primer	paint often requires a primer coat
read	will she read a book today?
read	he read the book yesterday
record	something previously written
record	the act of writing about something
refuse	do not allow
refuse	junk yards contain refuse
row	row the boat
row	a brawl or commotion
sow	plant seeds
sow	a hog
tarry	wait a while
tarry	black and gooey
tear	she had a tear in her eye
tear	there was a tear in her dress
wind	a cold north wind
wind	wind the watch
wound	he wound the clock
wound	he suffered a wound

Tawny and the Unwary Mouse (751 words)

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Excerpt from the Wizard of Oz

It was Toto that made Dorothy laugh, and saved her from growing as gray as her other surroundings. Toto was not gray; he was a little black dog, with long silky hair and small black eyes that twinkled merrily on either side of his funny, wee nose. Toto played all day long, and Dorothy played with him, and loved him dearly. Today, however, they were not playing.

Uncle Henry sat upon the doorstep and looked anxiously at the sky, which was even grayer than usual. Dorothy stood in the door with Toto in her arms, and looked at the sky too. Aunt Em was washing the dishes. From the far north they heard a low wail of the wind, and Uncle Henry and Dorothy could see where the long grass bowed in waves before the coming storm. There now came a sharp whistling in the air from the south, and as they turned their eyes that way they saw ripples in the grass coming from that direction also.

Suddenly Uncle Henry stood up. "There's a cyclone coming, Em," he called to his wife. "I'll go look after the stock." Then he ran toward the sheds where the cows and horses were kept. Aunt Em dropped her work and came to the door. One glance told her of the danger close at hand. "Quick, Dorothy!" she screamed. "Run for the cellar!" Toto jumped out of Dorothy's arms and hid under the bed, and the girl started to get him. Aunt Em, badly frightened, threw open the trap door in the floor and climbed down the ladder into the small, dark hole. Dorothy caught Toto at last and started to follow her aunt. When she was halfway across the room there came a great shriek from the wind, and the house shook so hard that she lost her footing and sat down suddenly upon the floor. Then a strange thing happened. The house whirled around two or three times and rose slowly through the air. Dorothy felt as if she were going up in a balloon.

The north and south winds met where the house stood, and made it the exact center of the cyclone. In the middle of a cyclone the air is generally still, but the great pressure of the wind on every side of the house raised it up higher and higher, until it was at the very top of the cyclone; and there it remained

and was carried miles and miles away as easily as you could carry a feather. It was very dark, and the wind howled horribly around her, but Dorothy found she was riding quite easily. After the first few whirls around, and one other time when the house tipped badly, she felt as if she were being rocked gently, like a baby in a cradle. Toto did not like it. He ran about the room, now here, now there, barking loudly; but Dorothy sat quite still on the floor and waited to see what would happen.

Once Toto got too near the open trap door, and fell in; and at first the little girl thought she had lost him. But soon she saw one of his ears sticking up through the hole, for the strong pressure of the air was keeping him up so that he could not fall. She crept to the hole, caught Toto by the ear, and dragged him into the room again, afterward closing the trap door so that no more accidents could happen.

Hour after hour passed away, and slowly Dorothy got over her fright; but she felt quite lonely, and the wind shrieked so loudly all about her that she nearly became deaf. At first she had wondered if she would be dashed to pieces when the house fell again; but as the hours passed and nothing terrible happened, she stopped worrying and resolved to wait calmly and see what the future would bring. At last she crawled over the swaying floor to her bed, and lay down upon it; and Toto followed and lay down beside her. In spite of the swaying of the house and the wailing of the wind, Dorothy soon closed her eyes and fell fast asleep.

It was Toto that made Dorothy laugh, and saved her from growing as gray as her other surroundings. Toto was not gray; he was a little black dog, with long silky hair and small black eyes that twinkled merrily on either side of his funny, wee nose. Toto played all day long, and Dorothy played with him, and loved him dearly. Today, however, they were not playing. Uncle Henry sat upon the doorstep and looked anxiously at the sky, which was even grayer than usual. Dorothy stood in the door with Toto in her arms, and looked at the sky too. Aunt Em was washing the dishes. From the far north they heard a low wail of the wind, and Uncle Henry and Dorothy could see where the long grass bowed in waves before the coming storm. There now came a sharp whistling in the air from the south, and as they turned their eyes that way they saw ripples in the grass coming from that direction also. Suddenly Uncle Henry stood up. "There's a cyclone coming, Em," he called to his wife. "I'll go look after the stock." Then he ran toward the sheds where the cows and horses were kept. Aunt Em dropped her work and came to the door. One glance told her of the danger close at hand. "Quick, Dorothy!" she screamed. "Run for the cellar!" Toto jumped out of Dorothy's arms and hid under the bed, and the girl started to get him. Aunt Em, badly frightened, threw open the trap door in the floor and climbed down the ladder into the small, dark hole. Dorothy caught Toto at last and started to follow her aunt. When she was halfway across the room there came a great shriek from the wind, and the house shook so hard that she lost her footing and sat down suddenly upon the floor. Then a strange thing happened. The house whirled around two or three times and rose slowly through the air. Dorothy felt as if she were going up in a balloon. The north and south winds met where the house stood, and made it the exact center of the cyclone. In the middle of a cyclone the air is generally still, but the great pressure of the wind on every side of the house raised it up higher and higher, until it was at the very top of the cyclone; and there it remained

and was carried miles and miles away as easily as you could carry a feather. It was very dark, and the wind howled horribly around her, but Dorothy found she was riding quite easily. After the first few whirls around, and one other time when the house tipped badly, she felt as if she were being rocked gently, like a baby in a cradle. Toto did not like it. He ran about the room, now here, now there, barking loudly; but Dorothy sat quite still on the floor and waited to see what would happen. Once Toto got too near the open trap door, and fell in; and at first the little girl thought she had lost him. But soon she saw one of his ears sticking up through the hole, for the strong pressure of the air was keeping him up so that he could not fall. She crept to the hole, caught Toto by the ear, and dragged him into the room again, afterward closing the trap door so that no more accidents could happen. Hour after hour passed away, and slowly Dorothy got over her fright; but she felt quite lonely, and the wind shrieked so loudly all about her that she nearly became deaf. At first she had wondered if she would be dashed to pieces when the house fell again; but as the hours passed and nothing terrible happened, she stopped worrying and resolved to wait calmly and see what the future would bring. At last she crawled over the swaying floor to her bed, and lay down upon it; and Toto followed and lay down beside her. In spite of the swaying of the house and the wailing of the wind, Dorothy soon closed her eyes and fell fast asleep.

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In a kind of caprice she will all of a sudden begin to hop and jump around the house. She gradually calms down. We think, what a crazy cat! But on the whole she operates in an efficient manner, rarely wasting much energy.

Her food bowl has two sections. When Tawny is let in from the garage (where she spends her nights) she immediately goes over to her food bowl, then eats a little of her canned cat food, but only a few pieces of her dry food. Or she eats most of her dry food but none of her canned food. Then she wants out; cat business calls. Some time during the day she will finish her food. At supper time the same series of actions takes place.

She seems to like only cat food, and the canned variety must be some kind of fish. A piece of chicken placed in her bowl will not be touched. But she surely is getting enough to eat. Her little body is nicely rounded.

Tawny can be nowhere in sight, but you have the feeling that she is always quietly but inconspicuously policing her territory. I know she sometimes hides under the myrtle tree at the front of the porch. She loves to watch people work. If you decide to wash the car you are sure to have a small, furry, observer. If a neighbor stops to talk to you the cat immediately appears, though you may not have seen her for hours.

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"Say -- I'm going in a-swimming, I am. Don't you wish you could? But of course you'd druther WORK -- wouldn't you? Course you would!"

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Tom considered, was about to consent; but he altered his mind: "No -- no -- I reckon it wouldn't hardly do, Ben. You see, Aunt Polly's awful particular about this fence -- right here on the street, you know -- but if it was the back fence I wouldn't mind and SHE wouldn't. Yes, she's awful particular about this fence; it's got to be done very careful; I reckon there ain't one boy in a thousand, maybe two thousand, that can do it the way it's got to be done."

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able	attraction	boiling	chain	cotton
about	authority	bone	chalk	cough
account	automatic	book	chance	country
acid	baby	boot	change	cover
across	back	bottle	cheap	cow
act	bad	box	cheese	crack
addition	bag	boy	chemical	credit
adjustment	balance	brain	chest	crime
advertisement	ball	brake	chief	cruel
after	band	branch	chin	cry
again	base	brass	church	cup
against	basin	bread	circle	curtain
agreement	basket	breath	clean	current
air	bath	bridge	clear	curve
awake	be	brick	clock	cushion
all	beautiful	bright	cloth	cut
almost	bed	broken	cloud	damage
among	because	brother	coal	danger
amount	bee	brown	coat	dark
amusement	before	brush	cold	daughter
and	behavior	bucket	collar	day
angle	belief	building	color	dead
angry	bell	bulb	comb	dear
animal	bent	burn	come	death
answer	berry	burst	comfort	debt
ant	best	business	committee	decision
any	between	but	common	deep
apparatus	bird	butter	company	degree
apple	birth	button	comparison	delicate
approval	bit	by	complete	dependent
arch	bite	cake	complex	design
argument	bitter	camera	condition	desire
art	black	canvas	connection	destruction
arm	blade	card	conscious	detail
army	blood	care	control	development
as	blow	carriage	cook	disease
at	blue	cart	copper	different
attach	board	cat	copy	digestion
attempt	boat	cause	cord	direction

discovery	exchange	for	hanging	insect
discussion	existence	force	happy	instrument
disgust	expansion	fork	harbor	insurance
distance	experience	form	hard	interest
distribution	expert	forward	harmony	invention
division	eye	fowl	hat	iron
dirty	face	frame	hate	island
do	fact	free	have	jelly
dog	fall	frequent	he	jewel
door	false	friend	head	join
doubt	family	from	healthy	journey
down	far	front	hearing	judge
drain	farm	fruit	heart	jump
drawer	fat	full	heat	keep
dress	father	future	help	kettle
drop	fear	garden	here	key
dry	feather	general	high	kick
drink	feeble	get	history	kind
driving	feeling	girl	hole	kiss
dust	female	give	hollow	knee
ear	fertile	glass	hook	knife
early	fiction	glove	hope	knot
east	field	go	horn	knowledge
earth	fight	goat	horse	land
edge	finger	gold	hospital	language
education	fish	good	hour	last
effect	fire	government	house	late
egg	first	grain	how	laugh
elastic	fixed	grass	humor	law
electric	flag	great	I	lead
end	flame	green	ice	leaf
engine	flat	gray	idea	learning
enough	flight	grip	if	leather
equal	fly	group	ill	left
error	floor	growth	important	leg
even	flower	guide	impulse	let
event	fold	gun	in	letter
ever	food	hair	increase	level
every	foolish	hammer	industry	library
example	foot	hand	ink	lift

light	milk	note	person	pull
like	mind	now	physical	pump
limit	mine	number	picture	punishment
line	minute	nut	pig	purpose
linen	mist	observation	pin	push
lip	mixed	of	pipe	put
liquid	moon	off	place	quality
list	money	offer	plane	question
little	monkey	office	plant	quick
living	month	oil	plate	quiet
lock	morning	old	play	quite
long	mother	on	please	rail
look	motion	only	pleasure	rain
loose	mountain	open	plough	range
loss	mouth	operation	pocket	rat
loud	move	opinion	point	rate
love	much	opposite	poison	ray
low	muscle	or	polish	reaction
machine	music	orange	political	reading
make	nail	order	poor	ready
male	name	organization	porter	reason
man	narrow	ornament	position	receipt
manager	nation	other	possible	record
map	natural	out	pot	red
mark	near	oven	potato	regret
market	necessary	over	powder	regular
married	neck	owner	power	relation
mass	need	page	present	religion
match	needle	pain	price	request
material	nerve	paint	print	representative
may	net	paper	prison	respect
meal	new	parallel	private	responsible
measure	news	parcel	probable	reward
meat	night	past	process	rhythm
medical	no	paste	produce	rice
meeting	noise	part	profit	right
memory	normal	payment	property	ring
metal	north	peace	prose	river
middle	nose	pen	protest	road
military	not	pencil	public	rod

roll	sharp	song	such	till
roof	sheep	sort	sudden	time
room	shelf	sound	sugar	tin
rough	ship	soup	suggestion	tired
round	shirt	south	summer	to
rub	shock	spring	sun	toe
rule	shoe	spoon	support	together
run	short	sponge	surprise	tomorrow
rush	shut	spade	sweet	tongue
sad	side	special	swim	tooth
safe	sign	space	system	top
sail	silk	stage	table	touch
salt	silver	stamp	tail	town
same	simple	star	take	trade
sand	sister	start	talk	train
say	size	statement	tall	transport
scale	skin	station	taste	tray
school	skirt	steam	tax	tree
science	sky	steel	teaching	trick
scissors	sleep	stem	tendency	trouble
screw	slip	step	test	trousers
sea	slope	stick	than	turn
seat	slow	sticky	that	twist
second	small	stiff	the	umbrella
secret	smash	still	then	under
secretary	smell	stitch	theory	unit
see	smile	stocking	there	up
seed	smoke	stomach	thick	use
seem	smooth	stone	thin	value
selection	snake	stop	thing	verse
self	sneeze	store	this	very
send	snow	story	though	vessel
sense	so	straight	thought	view
separate	soap	strange	thread	violent
serious	society	street	throat	voice
servant	sock	stretch	through	waiting
sex	soft	strong	thumb	walk
shade	solid	structure	thunder	wall
shake	some	square	ticket	war
shame	son	substance	tight	warm

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waste year
watch yellow
water yes
wave yesterday
wax you
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act	bad	box	cheese	crack
addition	bag	boy	chemical	credit
adjustment	balance	brain	chest	crime
advertisement	ball	brake	chief	cruel
after	band	branch	chin	cry
again	base	brass	church	cup
against	basin	bread	circle	curtain
agreement	basket	breath	clean	current
air	bath	bridge	clear	curve
awake	be	brick	clock	cushion
all	beautiful	bright	cloth	cut
almost	bed	broken	cloud	damage
among	because	brother	coal	danger
amount	bee	brown	coat	dark
amusement	before	brush	cold	daughter
and	behavior	bucket	collar	day
angle	belief	building	color	dead
angry	bell	bulb	comb	dear
animal	bent	burn	come	death
answer	berry	burst	comfort	debt
ant	best	(biznes)	committee	decision
any	between	but	common	deep
apparatus	bird	butter	company	degree
apple	birth	button	comparison	delicate
approval	bit	by	complete	dependent
arch	bite	cake	complex	design
argument	bitter	camera	condition	desire
art	black	canvas	connection	destruction
arm	blade	card	conscious	detail
army	blood	care	control	development
as	blow	carriage	cook	disease
at	blue	cart	copper	different
attach	board	cat	copy	digestion
attempt	boat	cause	cord	direction

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division	eye	fowl	hat	iron
dirty	face	frame	hate	island
dog	fact	free	have	jelly
door	fall	frequent	he	jewel
doubt	false	friend	head	join
down	family	from	healthy	journey
drain	far	front	hearing	judge
drawer	farm	fruit	heart	jump
dress	fat	full	heat	keep
drop	father	future	help	kettle
dry	fear	garden	here	key
drink	feather	general	high	kick
driving	feeble	get	history	kind
dust	feeling	girl	hole	kiss
ear	female	give	hollow	knee
early	fertile	glass	hook	knife
east	fiction	glove	hope	knot
earth	field	go	horn	knowledge
edge	fight	goat	horse	land
education	finger	gold	hospital	language
effect	fish	good	hour	last
egg	fire	government	house	late
elastic	first	grain	how	laugh
electric	fixed	grass	humor	law
end	flag	great	I	lead
engine	flame	green	ice	leaf
enough	flat	gray	idea	learning
equal	flight	grip	if	leather
error	fly	group	ill	left
even	floor	growth	important	leg
event	flower	guide	impulse	let
ever	fold	gun	in	letter
every	food	hair	increase	level
example	foolish	hammer	industry	library
	foot	hand	ink	lift

light	milk	note	person	pull
like	mind	now	physical	pump
limit	mine	number	picture	punishment
line	minute	nut	pig	purpose
linen	mist	observation	pin	push
lip	mixed	of (uv)	pipe	put
liquid	moon	off	place	quality
list	money	offer	plane	question
little	monkey	office	plant	quick
living	month	oil	plate	quiet
lock	morning	old	play	quite
long	mother	on	please	rail
look	motion	only	pleasure	rain
loose	mountain	open	plough	range
loss	mouth	operation	pocket	rat
loud	move	opinion	point	rate
love	much	opposite	poison	ray
low	muscle	or	polish	reaction
machine	music	orange	political	reading
make	nail	order	poor	ready
male	name	organization	porter	reason
man	narrow	ornament	position	receipt
manager	nation	other	possible	record
map	natural	out	pot	red
mark	near	oven	potato	regret
market	necessary	over	powder	regular
married	neck	owner	power	relation
mass	need	page	present	religion
match	needle	pain	price	request
material	nerve	paint	print	representative
may	net	paper	prison	respect
meal	new	parallel	private	responsible
measure	news	parcel	probable	reward
meat	night	past	process	rhythm
medical	no	paste	produce	rice
meeting	noise	part	profit	right
memory	normal	payment	property	ring
metal	north	peace	prose	river
middle	nose	pen	protest	road
military	not	pencil	public	rod

roll	sharp	song	such	till
roof	sheep	sort	sudden	time
room	shelf	sound	sugar	tin
rough	ship	soup	suggestion	tired
round	shirt	south	summer	to
rub	shock	spring	sun	toe
rule	shoe	spoon	support	together
run	short	sponge	surprise	tomorrow
rush	shut	spade	sweet	tongue
sad	side	special	swim	tooth
safe	sign	space	system	top
sail	silk	stage	table	touch
salt	silver	stamp	tail	town
same	simple	star	take	trade
sand	sister	start	talk	train
say	size	statement	tall	transport
scale	skin	station	taste	tray
school	skirt	steam	tax	tree
science	sky	steel	teaching	trick
scissors	sleep	stem	tendency	trouble
screw	slip	step	test	trousers
sea	slope	stick	than	turn
seat	slow	sticky	that	twist
second	small	stiff	the (thu)	umbrella
secret	smash	still	then	under
secretary	smell	stitch	theory	unit
see	smile	stocking	there	up
seed	smoke	stomach	thick	use
seem	smooth	stone	thin	value
selection	snake	stop	thing	verse
self	sneeze	store	this	very
send	snow	story	though	vessel
sense	so	straight	thought	view
separate	soap	strange	thread	violent
serious	society	street	throat	voice
servant	sock	stretch	through	waiting
sex	soft	strong	thumb	walk
shade	solid	structure	thunder	wall
shake	some	square	ticket	war
shame	son	substance	tight	warm

wash wrong
waste year
watch yellow
water yes
wave yesterday
wax you
way young
weather
week
weight
well
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wheel
when
where
while
whip
whistle
white
who
why
wide
will
wind
window
wine
wing
winter
wire
wise
with
woman
wood
wool
word
work
worm
wound
writing