

High Frequency Words

There are approximately 300 words that are very common in books or text in general. These are called the high frequency words and they are provided below. If you are teaching synthetically then each of the lists below should only be used when the child is at, or past, the sound or rule given in the left-hand column.

Booklet 1

List 1 - after 'n' dad at dog can and off an
 not got cat on

List 2 - after 'm' ran get it if red top did
 am pet pig man in

List 3 - after 'b' up run box men him big bed
 leg but had old mum lot

List 4 - after 'y' by bus as us has his cry
 is sat sit why my it's

Booklet 2

List 5 - at '4 letter words' from so still I back went
 me swim just jump stop milk

List 6 - at '4 letter words' no next hold left truck hill
 we pick go be doll kitten

List 7 - at '4 letter words' a when didn't must black he
 miss told until will let's grass

List 8 - after 'oo' book good of look moon soon
 do too put room took

List 9 - after 'ee' sleep oh to keep tree feet
 asleep pull been see

List 10 - after 'ch' much she shop lunch I'm I'll
 said sheep children catch which fish

List 11 - after 'th' with them thank think the this
 three that yes then that's

List 12 - after 'ar' well help hello ask hard tell
 farm start garden car into

List 13 - after 'ir' never under better river or first
 for after bird her father girl

Booklet 3

- List 14 - after 'silent e' where nurse more give horse live
 have turn here there door are
- List 15 - after 'jumping e' made Mr* while came time five
 fire ride Mrs* they home
- List 16 - after 'jumping e' paper take I've gave make like
 some over white last open come
- List 17 - after '-y' along uncle little long morning thing
 very every only baby hungry happy
- List 18 - after 'ai/ay' mummy tail away stay way day
 again wait road boat play
- List 19 - after 'ea' today paint breakfast ready eat teacher
 say tea please boy train
- List 20 - after 'soft g' place year eye engine each bear
 their mice find head clean

Booklet 4

- List 21 - after 'ou' mouse house out about found round
 around one outside shout our
- List 22 - after 'ow' window don't show cow down brown
 now can't how your you
- List 23 - after 'or next to a w' what want watch we'll saw thought
 night were right work wasn't was
- List 24 - after 'c-h' who school two Christmas all walk
 call new ball talk together
- List 25 - after 'o' climb know sometimes people once lamb
 something mother knew other another
- List 26 - after 'be/re/de' could because any enough laugh couldn't
 began friend many before remember would

* Mr and Mrs can be explained by writing the words out in full for the child e.g. Mister (showing that Mr is made up of the first and last letter). Mrs is slightly more complex as it contains an 'r' that the word Misses doesn't (it originates from Mistress). However Misses is consistent in that it contains the first and last letter.