

BLEND PHONICS NONSENSE WORDS
FOR LEARNING TO READ WITHOUT GUESSING

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1. fab jag mab yad kan jad sab mag nan vad
2. kib lin zib hig rit jin tib rin mib vig
3. fod lon kog yon mog nog kod tog zod von
4. jud vug nud yug fub sug vud mun jub yun
5. zed leb dag yeg pog reg geb peb hig seg
sug han nen bon ven hun yab jun sib ket
6. baft jift famp voft zuft kemp caft gamp neft zomp
kift lemp meft domp yoft timp jand vont kand bupt
lant yent sapt fopt yent yesp jisp fasp fusp bosp
7. sheck lish shiff shen tash shab fesh shan shep
yash dosh pesh yosh jush rish yosh bish gesh
8. thock theg thap thund thant thim thun thop thint
thipt thesp thash thish thosh thod thack gath theg
9. ched choss chid choff chut chib chog chod chud
cham chom chan chon chun chim chass chiff chet
chot chup chaft chift cheft choft chund chand chid
chend chept chupt chask chasp chusk chust chesh ched
10. want watch was water wasp wash what which
whisk whack whiff whip whet whiz when
11. jang bing tong zung plong clung kang
jing strang trung
12. vink jank yink vonk kunk shronk grink
thrank blunk slonk

13. smab claff plack brob spad blad driff
scrad smod gluff bleff stod swuff frud
stug cran flen plon trun plip plass
fless gliss closs druss

14. breb plick flad strod snaff hest jish
basp bisp rept blapt trask smesk tresp
glipt vomp glant sland trunt zent spift
chent scaft shant spect

15. nace kibe pake fode glile vule thace
zune crake zime shrake thrume prale swide
scrate zote zice voke trote phripe slome
throde skode glite snude

16. dishcat bickstep babcot cutfish disktip
digslip lidmiss endlot flipbuck lipstuff
natmug sendbug taptip triffick inlit
sunsat capnot wigspin lostmit pickpack

17. old bold scold cold fold told sold mold
hold colt volt molt bolt jolt toll roll
post most host both mild child wild rind
wind blind find grind kind mind

18. be he no she go me so we I the

19. dar gar har kar clar lar nar
par blar thar

20. kor tor vor zor clor flor glor phlor

21. bird stir worm planner clerk third
camper runner fern curb cutter sitter
jerk curl burn chopper herd dirt
term hurt spinner birth purr helper
dirt never worst fir work factor

22. jain blain tay crain blay nain chay
shay splain thrain glay claid praid slaid

23. jeed veed teel cheel neem dreep gleet
yeet skeep dween breel sleem greep dreep

24a. beave deave sheave dreave gleave
24a. beat each reach leaf bean

24b. threat thread tread bread wealth
weather breath dead instead sweat

24c. steak break great breaker daybreak

25a. cried lies tied cries lied tried dried
pie dries pies spies fried lie tie

25b. priest relief believe brief chief yield grief
field thief

26a. my ply sly try sky shy by why cry dry fly
myself

26b. army handy sleepy candy hilly thirsty
guppy healthy twenty silly fifty dusty
messy funny rainy

27. boe stroe choaf moak foan cloat floak
sloan troan stoast stroat soal throem goat

28a. low slow window bowl tow willow
blow throw yellow crow show glow
shown growth follow

28b. frown flower gown growl cow howl
crowd power how crown

29a. cloud mound round found out sound
ground our shout house mouse scout
loud pound proud

29b. you country young soul

30. vain moy yoist broy droint joid
moil croy ploid stoil goil stroy

31. foon zool shool voon shoon brool
droon sprool roon froon

32. book good hood shook foot cook crook wood soot hoof

33. daw baun saun glaw kause glawn nause
praw thause traw nause blaw yawt glaw

34. jall chall zall shrall kall blaw staw

35. blew flew news flue brew threw pew
glue chew dew stew true crew few
due drew blue hue grew clue

36. ajar around asleep about alike adrift ahead
apart awake afar

37. careful full fullback put pull push dull
bull bush fulfill

38a. cent brace mice rice cell chance space
cease decide niece nice slice center dance
pace spice civil place since cinder

38b. special ocean precious musician

39. age page badge budge bridge ridge
plunge dodge lodge ledge smudge change
edge cage ginger engage sage gist
gymnast

- 40a. figh jight brigh glight righ yight
 snight bligh jight migh
- 40b. rough tough laugh enough laughter
- 41a. knish wrad gnap knut wrid gnit
 wrop weep gnipe knush wrip knib
 gnate gnote wrate
- 41b. lamb limb crumb doubt listen soften
 knot wreath climb known comb wren
 numb write debt
42. choose noise please those nose rose wise
 cheese pause rise ease pose tease because
 praise
43. elephant phonograph phonics photograph
 telegraph prophet telephone pamphlet
 alphabet
44. battle handle circle section partition
 bundle puzzle action portion bottle
 scramble addition station buckle attention
- 45a. added ended painted waited acted
 folded planted counted landed printed
 crowded rested lighted graded seated
- 45b. aimed changed saved stayed burned filled
 rained turned called named rolled sailed
 peeled pinned kneeled
- 45c. baked backed picked packed looked locked
 wished boxed hoped hopped wrecked wrapped
 stamped liked knocked

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The purpose of these nonsense word lists is to help students break the guessing habit. The guessing habit is the leading cause of faulty word identification, which in turn leads to reduced comprehension. It is well known among scientists in the field of reading research that faulty decoding is the leading cause of poor comprehension.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown initially developed these lists of nonsense words to use with her tutoring students. Mr. Potter has modified the list slightly to go with the most recent edition of Hazel Loring's *Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics for First Grade*. The list numbers correspond to the Unit numbers in Hazel Loring's program.

While the lists are especially helping for older students overcome the guessing habit, they can also be of value to beginning students as they develop automatic decoding skills. Be sure and tell them the words are just for fun.

Note that a few of the lists are real words instead of nonsense words.

You can learn more about Hazel Loring's phonics-first program at:

www.blendphonics.org

We highly recommend Mrs. Brown's *Syllables Spell Success* program.

<https://amzn.to/2R7fdPe>

Here is a link to Dr. Patrick Groff's important article, "The Usefulness of Pseudowords. A pseudoword is the same as a nonsense word.

http://donpotter.net/pdf/groff_pseudowords.pdf

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