## WISE OWL<sup>TM</sup>

# Cursive Handwriting Practice Sentences



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The WISE OWL<sup>TM</sup> *English Practice Sentences* give students valuable practice reading and writing the 840 WISE OWL<sup>TM</sup> Most Often Occurring Words in the context of well-written illustrative cursive sentences.

The English words are introduced following the WISE OWL™ Phonogram Sequence, which is based on the frequency that phonograms (symbol-to-sound relationships) appear in written English. The purpose of the WISE OWL Cursive Handwriting Practice Sentences is to help students develop fluent cursive handwriting through practice copying or writing from dictation well-written, meaningful sentences.

The sentences are a perfect followup to my *Shortcut to Cursive* or any good cursive handwriting program. Comprehension is naturally included in the sentences and can be enhanced by asking questions about the content. The WISE OWL Cursive Sentences provide the kind of daily focused reading and writing needed for developing fluent use of the language for written commiunications.

## **WISE OWL<sup>TM</sup> English Cursive Practice Sentences**

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# Group 1 Phonograms: a<sup>4</sup> t s<sup>2</sup> 1 e<sup>2</sup> m i<sup>3</sup> n

- 1. Ol is at a mall.
- 2. I sat.
- 3. Lisa is as tall as al.
- 4. I am in a line.
- 5. Al is a man.
- 6. Al is last.
- 7. Lisa ate salt.
- 8. I see mama.
- 9. Lisa seems tall.
- 10. I am small.
- 11. Lisa is little.
- 12. Tell mama, "I am ill."
- 13. A little man ate a little salt.
- 14. I see men in a line.
- 15. Lisa is a name.
- 16. *Al sat.*
- 17. Let me see a line.
- 18. Sit still.
- 19. Lisa is in line.
- 20. It is time.

## Group 2 Phonograms: o<sup>4</sup> d b r er w h th<sup>2</sup>

- 21. Lisa went to the home.
- 22. It is on the table.
- 23. Nat is not here.
- 24. Nate is so tall!
- 25. Lisa went into the hall.
- 26. Most men listen.
- 27. I, also, want a mom.
- 28. I meed salt a lot.
- 29. Mom has ham.
- 30. Dad and I need mom!
- 31. I do need a bath!
- 32. Indiana is a state.
- 33. Dad is the best dad.
- 34. Mr. Ham is handsome!
- 35. Mrs. Ham sees Mr. Ham a lot.
- 36. A red deer ran in the street.
- 37. He has a better ball in his hand.
- 38. His mother was able to ride alone.
- 39. Her sister is honest.
- 40. That is his brother. He is not well.
- 41. I need a bath.
- 42. Dad had three sisters.
- 43. Oh, there is a bee behind the bed!
- 44. We don't miss them.
- 45. I wanted some water.
- 46. He had a terrible idea.
- 47. Here is his old home.
- 48. I told him he was old.
- 49. The woman held a Bible in her bare hand.

- 50. I will be home in one month.
- 51. I made another bed.
- 52. Then mom went west.
- 53. The end.
- 54. The table was between the two women.
- 55. These bees were terrible.
- 56. The two women were on the island.
- 57. Here is Mr. Nine's address.
- 58. l'm so alone! [ll'm = l am]
- 59. There were less than three limbs on the tree.
- 60. Some women want to be modern.
- 61. We tell time with the mind.
- 62. It didn't matter. [didn't = did not]
- 63. He seemed old to me.
- 64. The women want to be well.
- 65. His sister has been honest with me.
- 66. A million is a lot to total.
- 67. That's his brother. [that's = that is]
- 68. It's a bad time. [it's = it is]
- 69. D'on't sit on the table. [don't = do not]
- 70. Lisa answered, "In one moment I will be there."
- 71. He had the answer his mom wanted.
- 72. It's a bee.
- 73. He had to terminate the members.
- 74. I'm not well.
- 75. Don't sit in the street!
- 76. Jell him an honest answer.
- 77. Do ure meed some urater?
- 78. Does he want to tell a tale?
- 79. Is he done?

- 80. Lisa is late.
- 81. He ate later than his mama ate.
- 82. Those other deer were at his blind side.
- 83. Tell me the time.
- 84. The other ball is mine.
- 85. I miss mama.
- 86. The ball is on the little table.
- 87. Dad had the same idea.
- 88. All the women ate deer.
- 89. I had those three balls.
- 90. Mr. Nine is honest.
- 91. The bee bit the little old man.

# Group 3 Phonograms: u<sup>4</sup> f y<sup>4</sup> or c<sup>2</sup> g<sup>2</sup>

- 92. He needs more land than his brother.
- 93. I want to run, but Lisa wants to rest.
- 94. I must rest under the tree since it is hot.
- 95. It is fun to ride in a bus.
- 96. This is fun. There is a basis for fun.
- 97. Yes, the lady can fly. It is an interest of her's.
- 98. Mr. Ham's students can run fast.
- 99. I can subtract and do sums.
- 100. There is a mall in the center of the city.
- 101. The baby can't study math. He is little.
- 102. The unusual dance music is fun.
- 103. Ofter dinner, I will see my family.
- 104. If I cry, the baby will cry.
- 105. Father didn't find the ball.
- 106. The baby ate by himself.
- 107. Dad cut a banana for us.
- 108. The United States of America is a big region!
- 109. My dog is big.
- 110. "Until" later.
- 111. Mr. Ham's class is fun.
- 112. One is not a big number. It is a little number.
- 113. The candy cost twenty cents.
- 114. He ran fast with his feet.
- 115. I got a free dog last February.
- 116. Mr. Ham can order longer hotdogs for his students.
- 117. I feel sad since my brother has gone home.
- 1/8. The dog felt sad all by himself.
- 119. Only Mr. Ham's students can ride bicycles in the hills.

- 120. I can study here, or I can run home and ride my bicycle.
- 121. Lisa can go to the store all by herself.
- 122. The little baby will cry all the time.
- 123. It is cold in February.
- 124. I am not sad, yet.
- 125. All the students began to run fast.
- 126. We can study together.
- 127. Mr. Ham's line of students is the best.
- 128. This month is October.
- 129. December was a cold month.
- 130. Al once left the little ball on the table.
- 131. My body needs a lot of water.
- 132. The sun is nice, thus it is a nice time to run.
- 133. Call 9// in an emergency.
- 134. I can get the ball all by myself.
- 135. There is a glass of water in the center of the table.
- 136. Mr. Ham's solemn students act nice.
- 137. A dog bite can be bad.
- 138. Both students ate eggs.
- 139. We were north of the big city.
- 140. Let off the table.
- 141. The dog can run by itself.
- 142. It is a fact that Al can run fast.
- 143. Is it true that Al can run faster than Mr. Ham?
- 144. Mr. Ham's wife is nice all the time.
- 145. Mr. Ham is usually full of life.
- 146. Finally, he had to close the office.
- 147. God began all.

- 148. Math can be fun.
- 149. America is grand.
- 150. Lisa became Mr. Ham's secretary.
- 151. Ninety students came to America.
- 152. There was a fire in front of the home.
- 153. Mr. Ham's motor has one cylinder.
- 154. Al called the emergency number 911. He had seen a big fire.
- 155. Mr. Ham rides a blue bicycle.
- 156. Mr. Ham gets results with his modern math system.
- 157. Life Force is a grand mystery.
- 158. Economic has to do with \$\$\$.
- 159. Al and Lisa were in the second grade.
- 160. Military flyers fly fast.
- 161. Fred was blue in the face.
- 162. George had an accident on his bicycle.
- 163. Mr. Ham wants to study history.
- 164. Al did study a lot; therefore, he got an A on the test.
- 165. None of the men ate salt. The General forgot to issue them any salt.
- 166. My father filled in the form so I can go to the concert.
- 167. In ten minutes, I will need a bath.
- 168. The students used the bus to go from Boston to Milton.
- 169. Mr. Ham is nice.
- 170. Stan can balance on one leg and not fall.
- 171. Men were in a little community store.

- 172. Al can become an actor.
- 173. It is necessary to study to get an  $\alpha$ .
- 174. I do not need a license to ride a bicycle.
- 175. I lost my balance and fell twice.
- 176. Al wants to go to college to study music.
- 177. Mr. Lincoln did climb a tall tree.
- 178. The lady can fasten the buttons on her clothes.
- 179. Has he seen the same dog Al sold to Lisa?
- 180. All people are human beings.
- 181. Mr. Lincoln wants more muscles.
- 182. Did he buy any eggs for his wife?

# Group 4 Phonograms: v p ar ng ou<sup>4</sup> ow<sup>2</sup> wh ch<sup>3</sup>

- 183. The local business is often very busy selling sugar.
- 184. The colonel ram across the longest street in the state of Georgia last November.
- 185. Al ate half the chocolate candybar, and Lisa ate the other half.
- 186. The guy used two languages.
- 187. The guide rule tells us that the u is silent after the g.
- 188. The general's age was 50, and he had a lot of common sense.
- 189. No doubt, the students were guilty of robbing five apples.
- 190. The ambulance went to the accident to get the man from his home.
- 191. Mr. Potter made us do every problem.
- 192. Not Al, nor Lisa made even one error on the spelling test.
- 193. All Mr. Potter's students will study at the university.
- 194. God is a living Spirit.
- 195. The parents helped us plan the program we are having in April.
- 196. Al had to deposit four dollars in his own account.
- 197. There was a strong wind this morning.
- 198. I will probably get a piano from my dad now.
- 199. The federal government must enforce the rules of the country and guard our freedom.
- 200. Watch me put my car in the garage.

- 201. Hydrogen is a gas. It is a danger.
- 202. When can you come over to my house?
- 203. Lisa can help her sister put together her pretty little dollhouse.
- 204. Open the window for me.
- 205. Don't forget to stop before crossing the street.
- 206. Lisa's party had a very different effect.
- 207. It is typical for parents to love the little children.
- 208. Merrer hug a green frog in the morning.
- 209. Who will be the president of our club?
- 210. Mr. Potter's students study art.
- 2/1. Perhaps you will find a present on the ground under the table.
- 212. Our vehicle is a Ford.
- 213. March is very cold.
- 214. Where is the child? Have you found him, yet?
- 215. Why do governments start wars?
- 216. The man lived in a big red house out in the country.
- 217. How far is the town from here?
- 218. Have you got a white guitar?
- 219. The personnel at the police department protect nice people from bad people.
- 220. Al sets up front so he can control the IV.
- 221. Lisa put twelve eggs upon the top of the table.
- 222. The Opostle and the Christian sang psalms and hymns to God.
- 223. It will be warm tomorrow.

- 224. The bow was very long and had a lot of power for hunting deer.
- 225. The president gave a party for a group of young people on a tour of the capitol city of the United States.
- 226. It is important to complete your paper in one hour.
- 227. Which child is watching TV?
- 228. Nothing is hard for Superman.
- 229. We wanted to hear a story about a man who got a million dollars.
- 230. The guest came to the house after three.
- 231. Whose white dog is in the building?
- 232. Be sure you have your parachute when you fly.
- 233. The young man ate a very large popsible.
- 234. All the people went to the court.
- 235. What hour is it? Being on time is important.
- 236. When you change your mind, you change your life.
- 237. Is there evidence that Louis moved the blue car?
- 238. Several children peered down at the little bug, watching it pull a twig.
- 239. I appreciate you very much for giving me the mowing machine.
- 240. Lisa can type the whole insurance policy for Mr. Lincoln.
- 241. It is possible that Al will have the part necessary to get his car to run faster?
- 242. The dog started following the children to town.

# Group 5 Phonogams: ea<sup>3</sup> ie<sup>2</sup> sh igh ur ay ai oo<sup>4</sup> k ck

- 243. Psychology is a course about the human mind that people study in college.
- 244. A Christian has faith in Christ.
- 245. In school, students can make progress on the personal development of character.
- 246. Charleston is south of Washington.
- 247. People studied very hard in the past.
- 248. How many years old are you?
- 249. Our teacher loves to teach us how to read.
- 250. We had a great time reading the adventure movel about a lost European.
- 251. The brown bear likes to eat fish.
- 252. The children do not like to read technical books.
- 253. Whales like to swim in the sea.
- 254. Whole wheat bread is very good for your health.
- 255. The weather was great for swimming.
- 256. Mr. Lincoln's wife likes to shop all day.
- 257. It is never nice to push and shout when you play.
- 258. Have you already read the story about the black bear who liked to eat little fish?
- 259. May I read a short story today?
- 260. What kind of week did you have?
- 261. The airplane flies above the cloud.
- 262. There's a real bad storm in the east.
- 263. Mr. Lincoln is not mean. He wants each student to make progress.
- 264. Al read a good book in his room.

- 265. There was a big boulder in the middle of the street.
- 266. Don't shut the door on your thumb.
- 267. The President was elected by a political process.
- 268. The youth made airplanes for a big company in Florida.
- 269. Have you been in this place before?
- 270. She always wants to go to the show.
- 271. Put a period at the end of a sentence.
- 272. People need to think for themselves.
- 273. Thank you for making my dear father happy.
- 274. I wear a warm hat on my head when it is cold outside.
- 275. Please level the table.
- 276. It is a private house so, "Keep Out."
- 277. Don't talk on the telephone while you drive your car. Wait until you stop the car.
- 278. The teacher said, "Run around the school yard three times.
- 279. Mr. Lincoln's students can multiply and divide.
- 280. Do not say bad things at school or anywhere else.
- 28/. Joday the weather is clear and cold.
- 282. Christians study the Bible at Church.
- 283. Society is made up of people.
- 284. The two kids wanted to go to the movie, too.
- 285. The night was dark and black.
- 286. Al turned on the kitchen light.
- 287. Do you have any idea whether the weather will be cold or hot today?
- 288. The soldier married the lovely woman in September.

- 289. The doctor saved the child from death.
- 290. A good man will support his family.
- 291. Al ate breakfast in his room before he had to leave for the meeting.
- 292. The cat climbed to the top of the high wood fence.
- 293. The train can run on the rail.
- 294. Al took his lunch to school last week.
- 295. President Bush will return to Washington this Saturday.
- 296. The black bear stood on its back legs.
- 297. The plane can fly in the air.
- 298. Mr. Potter says there are a lot of fish in the ocean.
- 299. I like studying English with Mr. Potter.
- 300. Apparently, Al has a book due.
- 301. My friend George is still single.
- 302. Mr. Fish said that our class was really smart.
- 303. Lisa kept her books in her desk.
- 304. The seven days of the week are: Monday, Juesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- 305. Don't ever shout in anyone's ear.
- 306. It is good to keep your dollars in the bank.
- 307. The kid was too weak to break the pencil.
- 308. He was sure there was a treasure of pure gold in the mountain.
- 309. He tried to make a straight line on the page.
- 310. How soon can you check the brakes on my car?
- 3//. The old man was a distinguished lieutenant in the army.

- 3/2. I believe my good friend will play baseball for the American League.
- 3/3. Marriage is the perfect union of a husband and wife with love.
- 3/4. Such hard thinking is very common among teachers.
- 3/5. I can provide a case of refreshments for the Valentine Party.
- 3/6. The TV program gave a public service announcement.
- 3/7. The grocery store gave various coupons to the people to save them dollars.
- 3/8. Can your friend give a good reason for his answers on the test?
- 319. Reading and spelling are very important skills.

# Group 6 Phonograms: ey<sup>2</sup> ei<sup>2</sup> ir j ew augh ough<sup>4</sup> wor ould ed<sup>2</sup>

- 320. Mr. Potter's dad fought in the Second World War to give us peace.
- 321. Mr. Potter's daughter taught a good English lesson.
- 322. Lisa's mom is making delicious candy.
- 323. Al jumped high and caught the ball.
- 324. John drew a beautiful picture of his mother during recess.
- 325. It is late. Can you hurry?
- 326. June asked a tough science problem.
- 327. We have blood in our veins.
- 328. June bought enough material to sew a new dress for her daughter.
- 329. The crew sailed the ship through the rough storm with all its fury.
- 330. You ought to work hard to achieve a goal that is worth your time.
- 331. He thought he should take an attorney with him to the courtroom.
- 332. John was walking along the river with his pretty girlfriend.
- 333. The tall dark figure walked toward the little red schoolhouse.
- 334. It was a pleasure to talk with you again.
- 335. An increase in blood pressure is not good for your heart.
- 336. The girl would start a new job in January if she could master the procedures.

- 337. The flood gradually covered the surface of the kitchen floor with water.
- 338. To whom did you give the key to the bureau?
- 339. They applied ice to cure his hurt shoulder.
- 340. The cornfield is not near here; it is further down the road.
- 341. At least you do your job the right way.
- 342. The maughty girl sought to irritate the young kid. She threw away his hat.
- 343. There is medicine available to cure your cough.
- 344. A long time ago, it was unusual for guidance personnel to talk about the theory of business cycles.
- 345. Lack of food may have lead to the death of all the ancient animals.
- 346. John looked at the signal before he walked across the street.
- 347. Only a few English words are irregular.
- 348. The little girl drew a picture of a cat that was sitting in the bough of a tall tree.
- 349. He will receive a receipt for the money that he paid for the iron.
- 350. I had to laugh at the surprise gift the clown brought to the birthday party.
- 351. Our eyes had a good view of the scene beyond the river.
- 352. Though they tried to save them, a lot of their animals are about to die because of the terrible drought.

## Group 7 Phonograms: gn kn wr ear x z tion oa aw au ..tu.., ..ti..

- 353. The lawyer had to haul the prize money to the bank wault to keep it safe.
- 354. Because of the drought, we knew we would have to use irrigation on the garden.
- 355. We saw the lazy monkey at the zoo.
- 356. The patient wrote a letter about her unhappy situation in the hospital.
- 357. The men had a wreck because they didn't see the sign, and thus they took the wrong road.
- 358. The Major General fought a brave campaign against the enemy for the security of the world.
- 359. You need a lot of information to write a good research report about the earth.
- 360. Lauryers have to know a lot about the law and the Constitution of the United States.
- 36/. You have to learn a lot to get an education and graduate from college.
- 362. You need the action of your wrist to use a wrench.
- 363. Children learn early how to crawl on their knees.
- 364. He was a just individual, and thus he was fair to everyone.
- 365. The soldiers shall walk in columns.
- 366. The haughty hunters wanted to slaughter all the helpless buffalo.
- 367. The best way to learn a foreign language is to live where it is spoken as a national language.

- 368. It is essential that the structure of the houses in the residential area be substantial if they are to with stand the high winds.
- 369. I might go through Gettysburg on my way to Washington this July.
- 370. Mother used caution when she had to measure the ingredients for the cookie dough.
- 371. You can wrap the present with paper and secure it with a knot.
- 372. The vehicle rolled down the hill because someone left it in neutral.
- 373. If I would have known the danger, I wouldn't have gone either.
- 374. We are scheduled to eat at six.
- 375. A borough is an administrative district of a county.

# Group 8 Phonograms: oi oy ph sion<sup>2</sup> qu eigh dge ui ..ci..

- 376. I heard that the mext president was going to design a budget to lower the tax.
- 377. My first daughter sang in the choir, but my third daughter did not want to sing in the choir.
- 378. They paid ten dollars per box of fruit juice.
- 379. The boy's weight was eighty pounds.
- 380. The best position, if you want to float in the water, is on your back.
- 381. Pay attention in class, and do the work I assign.
- 382. Don't drink car oil because it is a poison.
- 383. Mary is going to point to the fraction problem on the board.
- 384. I can loan the orphan boy ten dollars to buy a new suit for his photo.
- 385. Mr. Potter took a picture of the big elephant on the bridge.
- 386. The judge made the decision to tell the man to stop drinking liquor if he going to drive a car.
- 387. Al had to quit playing with his special toy because it was time to go to bed.
- 388. The powerful freight train was loaded with precious gold coins.
- 389. The Mission had a vision for improving the social condition of Russia in the future.
- 390. Your conscience will hurt if you tell a lie.
- 391. The judge required that you write your initials mear the edge of the paper.
- 392. Illinois is a state in the United States.

- 393. The celebration was an occasion for the loyal servants to honor the royal family.
- 394. The boy had sufficient knowledge to answer the question on the math section of the quiz.
- 395. George got a bruise when he fell in physical education class.
- 396. A ballerina meeds style and technique to dance in a ballet.
- 397. He expected that his new occupation would give him a unique potential to make more money.
- 398. The actual height of the new school building was seven stories.
- 399. The last century was wonderful except for the bad experience of several wars.
- 400. "In the house," "on the house," and "under the house" are prepositional phrases.
- 401. I am quite certain that you will need your coat when you go abroad.
- 402. The desk was very broad.
- 403. A ratio is a comparison using numbers, for example: 10 red balls to 8 blue balls or 10:8.
- 404. Mr. Potter taught at a rate of six new words per day.
- 405. Last August, I saw a lone taxi parked mear a broad street.
- 406. There was tension in the classroom when the fire alarm made a loud sound.
- 407. Osia is a large continent.
- 408. The little boy was not conscious for three days after the accident

- 409. George was the eighth student from the front of the line.
- 4/0. George did a series of ten somersaults.
- 4/1. Although we sought for the lost child throughout the night, we couldn't find him.
- 4/2. The voice of the politician was very quiet when he talked to his employee on the telephone
- 4/3. Don't forget to write me when you get to third grade.

## WISE OWL Phonograms Spelling-to-Sound Relationships

## Student Study Sheet

Note the words in the sentences use only the letters in the group being taught and the previous groups. Letters are presented on the basis of ascending frequency in written English. The words are largely from a famous (Brown University/Kuchera-Francis) computerized study of word frequency across many grenes of adult literature.

This program is designed to give students the practice necessary to develop automatic cursive word recognition fluency, cursive word writing fluency, and cursive spelling fluency through focused daily practice. It is a powerful aid in helping students develops the visual and motor representations of the Most Often Occurring Words in written English for the purpose of text generation in cursive with good spelling. Gains in automation at so-called lower level skills (written word identification and production) helps make available more attentional capacity for richer text generation and heightened comprehension.

In more technical linguistics terminology symbol-to-sound relationships are called grapheme-to-phoneme relationships or correspondences.

### Concerning the Use of WISE OWL<sup>TM</sup> Cursive Practice Sentences:

WISE OWL stands for *Word Identification Strategies of English: Orthographic Word Logic*. The program was originally created to teach bilingual (Spanish speaking) children to read and write English with the Orton/Spalding/Rogers Phonogram System. The word "orthography" in the title is simply another word for spelling patterns. The spelling of English will be seen to be quite logical and easy to learn with this carefully organized system of symbol-to-sound associations and decoding/encoding procedures. For more information on this type of reading program, see Romalda Spalding's *Writing Road to Reading* and Mr. Frank Rogers' TATRAS program (*Teaching America to Read and Spell*). The Core Vocabulary of 840 words is the same list in the same order of presentation as Mr. Rogers TATRAS Core Vocabulary

An average of 2.034 words from the 840 English WISE OWL High Frequency Words are introduced per sentence.

Mr. Potter first composed the sentences for his Second Grade Bilingual class at *the Murry Fly Elementary School* in Odessa, TX, during the 2000 - 2001 school year to give his students experience reading the 840 words in the WISE OWL Core Vocabulary in meaningful sentences. A Spanish translation was prepared for each sentence to help the students to master the English vocabulary. The students also signed the sentences with SEE (Signing Exact English). They made spectacular progress in learning English with this method. The students wrote all the English and Spanish sentences in cursive for homework.

The sentences are here being **repurposed** here to teach fluent cursive reading skills to English speaking students who already know how to read English. While the tudents who complete the program will naturally improve their overall reading fluency and comprehension; the cursive practice program is **not** presented here as a how-to-read program for beginners.

The sentences students to practice reading and writing 840 high frequency words in well formed, easily understood sentences.

Although it has been a decade and a half since I taught the wonderful second-grade bilingual students at Murry Fly Elementary, I would like to acknowledge the help of several of the students in writing the sentences. The students read the English sentences with the Spanish translations to their parents and wrote all the sentences for homework. It is a very difficult task to create 100% decodable sentences. I made sure every WISE OWL Most Often Used Word was included at least once, but that no phonogram was used until it was formally introduced in the phonics lesson. The fact that the all the sounds of each phonogram were used from the start explains how I was able to write normal sounding sentences from the very start. It some of the sentences sound contrived or ineloquent, it is due to the severe constraints imposed due to the limited phonograms available to construct the words at each level.

This might be considered an intermediate course in cursive handwriting. It assumes that the students are already able to form the cursive letters properly with a good grip, correct letter formation, and smooth joining strokes. It provides enough practice to develop full automatic. Daily focused practice is absolutely essential to develop fluency while maintaining legibility. As fluency develops students will be able to write whole words and sentences with a brief glance.

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# **STATISTICS**

# For WISE OWL<sup>TM</sup> Phonograms, Words, and Sentences

	Phonograms	Words	Total Words	Sentences	Total Sentences
Group 1	8	43	43	20	20
Group 2	8	122	165	71	91
Group 3	6	173	338	91	182
Group 4	8	158	496	60	242
Group 5	9	142	638	77	319
Group 6	10	73	711	33	352
Gruup 7	10	74	785	23	375
Group 8	8	55	840	38	413

# WISE OWL™ High Frequency Words in Print Word Count

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	Primary	Advanced	Irregular	<u>Total</u>
Group 1	23	19	1	43
Group 2	62	44	16	122
Group 3	74	75	24	173
Group 4	75	64	19	158
Group 5	83	43	16	142
Group 6	47	13	13	73
Group 7	48	16	10	74
Group 8	_20	_22	_13	_55
Totals:	432	296	112	840

## A Study to Determine how Many of the Physically Possible Midline & Belowline Joining Strokes are Represented in WISE OWL Cursive Practice

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#### Midline Joining Strokes

**ba** (2P, basic), **be** (2P, beween), **bi** (3P, big), **bo** (2P both), **bu** (3P, but), **bl** (blue), **br** (3P, February), **bs** (7I, substantial), **bt** (3P, subtract), **bc** (not found, but this is only used with ABC String: abcd..)

oa (7P, board), oe (2I, does), oi (6I, choir), ou (6I, cough), ow (7P, know), oy (8P, boy), ob (4P, problem), oc (7A, occupation), od (7P, modern), of (3A, off), og (3P, together), oh (2A, oh), oj (not found), ok (4P, took), ol (5I, soldier), om (2P, mom), on (2P, on), oo (5P, too), op (5P, shop), or (3P, or), os (2P, most), ot (2P, not), ov (4P, over), ox (not found), oz (not found)

wa (2P, wanted), we (2P, we), wi (2P, with), wo (2A, women), wh (4P, when), wr (7P, wrong), ws (not found), wn (7P, known)

va (7P, vault), ve (4P, over), vi (4P, having), vo (8A, voice), vu (not found), vy (not found),

#### Below Line Joining Strokes

ja (not found, Ja:January), je (not found), ji (not found), ju (6P, just), qu (8P, quit)

**ga** (3P, began), ge (3P, get), **gi** (3I, region), **go** (3P, go), **gu** (3A, guide), **gl** (5A, English), **gr** (6A, graduate), **gs** (not found), **gg** (3A, egg), **gh** (5P, might),

ya (8A, royal), yi (not found), ye (3P, yet), yo (4A, young), yu (not found), ys (5P, always), yl (3P, cylinder), yr (not found),

za (not found), zi (7A, prize), zo (7P, zoo), zu (not found), zy (7P, lazy), zz (not found) Code: 1P =

Code: Group 1 Primary = 1P, Group 1 Advanced = 1A, Group 1 Irregular = 1I.

Joining strokes <u>not</u> represented in WISE OWL Core Word List: bc, ox (box, Sent. 378), oz, vu, vy, ja, je, ji, gs (eggs, Sent. 138), yi (playing), yu, yr, za, zu, zz.

Uppercase: A (1-1), B (3-138), C (3-113), D (2-30), E (3 158), F (3-105), G (3-140), H (2-37), I (1-2), J (6-324), K (5-276), L (1-3), M (2-26), N (2-33), O (2-43), P (4-211), Q (not found), R (5-314), S (1-18), T (1-12), U (3-108), U (3-110), W (2-14), X (not found), Y (7-371), Z (not found)

## WISE OWL 840 Core Words



#### Group 1 Phonograms: a t s l e m i n

#### Group 1 Primary Words

sat at last salt Al as see set let me seems am mama is it I its sit seen an man men in

#### Group 1 Advanced Words

a all tall tell state less ate same small time little still miss ill sense name mine line Lisa

#### Group 1 Irregular Words listen

#### Group 2 Phonograms: o d b r er w h th

#### Group 2 Primary Words

to on not no so into most also almost lot mom and do did old told end need seemed mind land dad street red ran deer he his had him has hand held we between west wanted be went best behind basis bed bee her water later interest members modern sister the that with this them than then both three rather bath

#### Group 2 Advanced Words

moment total million alone lone made side idea area rate address ride here home oh was will well want woman women able table ball Bible bare were don't better didn't matter it's I'm terrible terminate there other these those another mother months that's brother

#### Group 2 Irregular Words

Mr. one two Mrs. been none some does done limb island answer honest ballet solemn handsome

#### Lesson 3 Phonograms: u f y or c g

#### **Group 3 Primary Words**

but must under us united number until thus result students run sum if after himself left find felt itself feet free feel father fast fun self by only my yet system family body study twenty yes lady fly baby mystery February can fact city act society cost center music cut cents cry December October cylinder subtract for or order form north nor get go got big God began together longer dog danger grand emergency

#### Group 3 Advanced Words

used human true minutes union blue due issue unusual from life off different federal full wife front fire military usually finally ninety come since came American called second face case become science local across office became economic close community common control necessary effect class secretary scene balance twice nice accident license bicycle ambulance more before history force therefore theory error general college ago age single gone George guide signal guy language guilty guest egg guidance

#### Group 3 Irregular Words

cycle thumb hymns column region muscle fasten clothes business hydrogen of any buy many once half busy often style climb Lincoln neutral colonel Georgia

#### Lesson 4 Phonograms: v p ar ng ou ow wh ch

#### Group 4 Primary Words

over even ever very never every university November up problem upon public put program present per open help perhaps past stop policy plan top spirit pull parents April September piano deposit out our your found four south court sound ground when what why whether part war far car party art hard started thing long being having morning strong living how now down own power following town bow<sup>2</sup> which such much children child watch March character

#### Group 4 Advanced Words

have give government several service above sugar five gave themselves love level evidence moved vehicle divide twelve place president possible important development company period probably political provide process personal private police complete support apparently typical personnel multiply department house about country boulder where while white are around large course various warm guard guitar nothing young among along toward tomorrow change Christian technical machine parachute

#### Group 4 Irregular Words

you who type whom tour group whose hour doubt youth Louis people whole Psalms coupon Apostle council building psychology

#### Group 5 Phonograms: ea ie sh igh ur ay ai oo k ck

#### Group 5 Primary Words

years each great head clear least mean death already real near read<sup>2</sup> east teacher health lead<sup>2</sup> sea eat bear dear bread ear wear weather she show short shop push shout may day way say always today play might right high night light think kind week keep making kept dark bank weak break thank kid field tried series applied die duringchurch further return Saturday Thursday fury train air wait rail too good school took look room stood soon book wood back black lack

#### Group 5 Advanced Words

really says said reason leave peace increase league shall Washington English shoulder away Sunday Monday Friday like make take skills breakfast brake achieve believe married measure turned sure figure surface pressure surprise security pure treasure pleasure mountain hurry cure against again certain available

#### Group 5 Irregular Words

door talk heart floor blood ocean flood friend bureau Tuesday soldier straight European Wednesday lieutenant distinguished

#### Group 6 Phonograms: ey ei ir j ew augh ough wor ould ed

#### Group 6 Primary Words

they key first girl third just major job July January new drew threw crew through thought though enough although brought throughout caught daughter ought rough bought sought taught fought tough dough slaughter haughty naughty their either vein work world word worth would could should asked looked jumped

#### Group 6 Advanced Words

money iron irregular irritate scheduled John June view receive procedures graduate gradually individual

#### Group 6 Irregular Words

few sew eyes laugh choir cough bough beyond walked receipt borough drought attorney

#### Group 7 Phonograms: gn kn wr ear x z tion oa aw au

#### Group 7 Primary Words

design sign campaign early learn heard research earth next six tax expected except taxi lazy zoo saw law crawl know knew known knee knot wrong wrap wreck wrist wrench action information position section condition constitution fraction board road coat goal loan float August caution century situation haul vault

#### Group 7 Advanced Words

assign example experience prize write wrote national education attention occupation because actual structure picture future irrigation

#### Group 7 Irregular Words

ratio broad lawyer foreign initial patient essential potential residential substantial

#### Group 8 Phonograms: oy oi ph sion qu eigh dge ui ..ci..

#### **Group 8 Primary Words**

going point oil poison coin photo sufficient freight eighty weight boy toy quit quiz suit fruit judge budget bridge edge

#### Group 8 Advanced Words

voice physical telephone phrase elephant orphan occasion decision mission tension vision social special politician employee royal loyal quite required quiet juice bruise

#### Group 8 Irregular Words

unique abroad liquor height eighth question Illinois knowledge technique Asia conscious conscience Russia