

Learning Sight Words

There are lots of lists of sight words on the internet. The 'Dolch' lists of words are the most common - they are words found most frequently in reading. These are 'service' words, rather than nouns or words that can have a picture to go with them. There are 220 words in the Dolch list, divided into pre-primer (beginning reading), primer (mid-Grade One), and Grade One, Grade Two and Grade Three. Of course, the grades are arbitrary and a child could learn all 220 words in Grade One or only the primer and pre-primer words - or a mix of words from all groups.

Here are some good sites that have lists of words and/or flash cards you can print.

http://www.janbrett.com/games/jan_brett_dolch_word_list_main.htm

<http://www.mrsperkins.com/dolch.htm>

Click on the red Adobe icon on the right hand column.
There are also the flash cards to go with each set.

<http://www.kidzone.ws/dolch/index.htm>

Start at the Pre-School sets, and you can print off flashcards, too.



Many parents who want to give their children a quick start in reading purchase the Primary Success **Little Books**. These are also great for children who have difficulty and are struggling to learn to read in the classroom. These books have a page that introduces the new word or words, and then a little book to read that uses only words that have been learned previously, so reading is easy!

Little Books - Part One practices the first 100 words, **Little Books - Part Two** practices the next 150 words and takes the student into Grade Two, and **Little Books - Part Three** will produce a fluent reader.

Go to: http://www.primarysuccess.ca/main_ca.htm and then to 'Shop' and then to Reading Programs.

For more information, e-mail primarysuccess@shaw.ca.