Grade 3

National Reading Vocabulary

The following list contains the 800+ "new" reading words that students need to master by the end of Grade 3. Students who master these vocabulary words (along with our Grade 1 and 2 vocabulary) will be reading at approximately a 4.0 grade level and typically score in the top 10% on national reading tests (such as the Woodcock-Johnson or Stanford Achievement Test). These words are the "next" most-common reading words used in reading books after the 1200 words in our Grade 1 and Grade 2 lists. Words used in our Grade Level Vocabulary lists were selected after computer analysis for word frequency of grade level textbooks including Houghton Mifflin, Scholastic, and Accelerated Reader. To insure comprehension of test questions in a school's end-of-year testing, we also include critical test question vocabulary (i.e. author – locate – paragraph – details – sequence – fact – opinion – pattern etc.).

Words are organized as follows:

1 st nine weeks - 238 words	3 rd nine weeks - 252 words
2 nd nine weeks - 216 words	4 th nine weeks - 252 words

TOTAL = 958 words

Vocabulary Organization

Although 958 total words are used in the Grade 3 list, 804 are "new" reading vocabulary words. 154 words in the first nine week section are "review" words from Grade 2. This is done to provide a much needed review of the major vowel sound and difficult reading words from the Grade 2 list. (It has been a long summer). Words are introduced at a steady rate of 6 words per day for the first 18 weeks and 7 words per day for weeks 19-36. Friday is to be used by classroom teachers as a review and/or test day to determine mastery of the week's vocabulary. The 6 or 7 daily words are organized from "most-common" to "least-common" along common vowel sound or reading rule categories.

Word of the Day

The last word in each daily column is called the "Word of the Day" (next to the WD). It is placed here because it is typically more difficult to learn than the other phonics based words. This difficulty occurs because it is either visually similar to other words (i.e. went - want) or its letters are not consistent with phonics (i.e. does/duz typical rules The Word of the Day typically what/wut). requires more practice to insure its complete memorization.

Readiness TEST

An excellent test to determine if a student is ready for the Grade 3 Program is to have him/her read the 70 review words listed in Weeks 1 and 2. If your student can read 50% correctly (35 of 70) then he/she is reading at approximately a 2.5 Grade level (2nd Grade 5th month) and should begin with our Grade 2 Program. If 75% are answered correctly (52 of 70), then he/she is reading at approximately a 2.8 Grade level and should also go back and review the Grade 2 program. If your student can read the 70 words with 4 or less errors they should be ready for the Grade 3 Vocabulary Building Program. Along with reading the words correctly, it is very important for your student to read the words fluently. Fluency is the process of reading words easily - smoothly and without hesitation. National research has shown vocabulary and fluency are the two essential components for achieving maximum reading ability.

The Most Progress The Least Effort

With over 20 years researching reading methods and student progress, the evidence clearly shows that teaching reading vocabulary words in small groups that share the same vowel sound will generate far more progress than any other method of teaching reading.

Attention Teachers! A Powerful - Powerful Tool

If you are a classroom teacher and want to give your students a tremendous jump in reading ability at the start of school, we strongly encourage you to use our Grade Level Lists to test all your students in a oneon-one situation during the first week of Grade 4 teachers should enlist the school. help of assistants or parents and test each student on the Grade 3 words. Grade 3 teachers should test all students using the Grade 2 Vocabulary list. Grade 2 teachers should test their students using the Grade 1 list. etc. By doing this, you are identifying critical vocabulary that your student should have mastered before beginning their current Grade Level Vocabulary Program (remember, words from a previous grade list occur with greater frequency in books, and therefore, are more important to have mastered). suggested that you print one copy (12 pages) of each vocabulary list for each student. While this takes considerable time (and about a half ream of paper), it keeps things much more organized and allows for less confusing coding of words during the testing process. (It is also guite impressive to the parents in your beginning of the year teacher conference).

Testing Procedure

To test a student, simply sit down at a table and ask him/her to read the words from the beginning of the list. If your student is able to read the words easily and without hesitation, you may wish to save some time and ask them to read only the "WD" words (Words of the Day). If a child can read these words correctly, then he/she most likely can read the other words correctly (since the WD words are typically more difficult).

When your student reads a word incorrectly, it is highly beneficial to write the word the child actually said next to the list word. example, if the word on the list is "certain" and your student said "curtain," - you should write down "curtain" directly next to the list word "certain." This way they can be practiced together later. You should also record if your student hesitates on a word. For example, if your student hesitates 5 seconds on the word "sure," you should write a 5 next to the word "sure." If they hesitate even 2 seconds - you should write a "2" next to the word.

Follow Up Practice

After completing the testing, write 20-30 list words that you previously marked onto a 4x6 card and tape to the top right of your student's desk. (Students love the fact that they have their very own special set of words). Also, it is very helpful to include the words that you wrote next to incorrectly read words. From time to time, ask a student to read the words on their 4x6 card. You can also make a classroom activity of having students put their words into sentences as well as timing each other on how fast they can say their words. When mastery of the card words is reached, you can then tape another card onto their desk with the next 20-30 words. Note: When putting words onto the card it is recommended that you skip a space between each word. Mastery is attained when the student can read the list words correctly without hesitation. As added encouragement, you may wish to set up a reward for mastery of the words from the list.

For classroom teachers who take the time to conduct this pre-testing and practice, you'll be rewarded with an immediate advancement in student reading level.

You can also access our highly effective ReadingKEY Vocabulary Building Program for teaching the words in this list. This includes all vocabulary building worksheets and our Student & Classroom Reading Wall Files. To download these go to www.readingkey.com - click "JOIN" or "TRIAL"

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GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary

This list contains the 800+ new reading words students must learn by the end of Grade 3. Students who achieve this goal will be reading in the top 10% of all Grade 3 students nationally. Weeks 1 & 2 are "review" words from Grade 2. The letter "R" next to a word designates a review word from Grade 2. To determine student readiness for this Grade 3 List, test a student on all words in Week 1 and 2 below. If 5 or more words are answered incorrectly (7%) – or if student shows significant hesitation on 5 or more words, it would be very helpful to go back and practice our Grade 2 Student Reading Wall (File 33) to insure solid Grade 2 mastery before beginning this new Grade 3 list.

Week 1 REVIEW Grade 2 Vocabulary 1st Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
short a	short e	short i	short o	short u
add	bell	fill	doll	luck
land	spell	drink	cross	drum
shall	step	thick	block	bunch
glass	dress	print	strong	hundred
wrap	chest	since	bottle	crush
catch	length	grip	common	summer
chapter	shelf	wrist	costume	suppose

Week 2 REVIEW Grade 2 Vocabulary 1st Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Final-e Rule	ai ee ea ie oa	ar or er ir ur	oo (2) ou oi	C-Rule G-Rule
late	hair	hard	room	ice
bite	stairs	morning	foot	center
dime	wheel	score	loud	office
smile	dream	person	thousand	certain
life	peace	third	noise	giant
shape	piece	during	boil	age
bathe	throat	burn	enjoy	bridge

Week 3 Begin Grade 3 Vocabulary Words #4-6 are review words from Grade 2 1st Quarter

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	short a	short e	short i	short o
	rag	bet	ink	hog
	crash	tent	zip	crop
	trash	held	lift	October
R	half	R else	R built	R honest
R	catch	R health	R silver	R fought
R	matter	R measure	R busy	R caught

Week 4 (GRADE 3 National	Reading Vocabular	y 1 st Quarter
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Final-e Rule	1 Cons. Rule	Long Vowels	Long Vowels
pipe	tiger	April	June
mule	motor	December	July
skate	student	November	May
R care	R locate	R height	R break
R size	R lately	R idea	R library
R wise	R writer	R able	R knee

Week 5 1st Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
short vowels	short e	short i	2 Cons. Rule
January	dent	sink	coffee
September	kettle	cliff	pepper
February	excellent	ribbon	distance
R happen	R cent	R listen	R sandwich
R every	R ready	R build	R address
R study	R heavy	R written	R number

Week 6 1st Quarter

MONDAY ur – er sound	TUESDAY oo - ew	WEDNESDAY oi oy	THURSDAY Final-e Rule
curl	sooner	choice	huge
nurse	scooter	spoil	strange
surf	newspaper	oyster	continue
R perfect	R lose	R coin	R race
R earn	R loose	R voice	R chose
R worst	R knew	R poison	R include

Week 7	GRADE 3 National	Reading Vocabula	ary 1° Quarter
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
short a	short e	short i	short o
fact	sled	dim	rob
branch	sense	twist	pond
passenge	er enemy	witch	chop
R grass	R empty	R visitor	R lock
R family	R several	R million	R knock
R capital	R measure	R interesting	R across

Week 8 1st Quarter

MONDAY short u	TUESDAY Final-e Rule	WEDNESDAY Final-e Rule	THURSDAY 1 Cons. Rule
bud	fire	scale	lazy
struck	prize	airplane	safety
tunnel	cute	froze	recess
R dust	R wise	R hole	R below
R crust	R space	R whole	R using
R sudden	R include	R awhile	R receive

Week 9 1st Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ar - ur	aw-au – short o	ow - ou	Unusual short u
March	paw	vowel	extra
market	straw	towel	umbrella
marble	August	allow	Alaska
R farther	R taught	R hour	R dozen
R further	R law	R mountain	R double
R burnt	R crawl	R county	R front

Week 10 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 2nd Quarter

TTOOK TO	OTT TO I TATIONAL	reducing reducine	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
short a	short e	short i	short o - u
damp	slept	pin	rod
match	rent	bid	toss
track	mend	ditch	fond
trap	melt	drill	hut
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pattern	bless	trim	mud
insects	necklace	digit	subtract
WD travel	WD exit	WD pint	WD calm

Week 11 2nd Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
final-e	ai	ee oa	ee ea
dine	aim	reef	speed
cute	gain	creek	geese
cane	pain	queen	speak
cape	pail	oats	beach
stove	paint	toast	real
vote	straight	coast	repeat
WD favorite	WD captain	WD television	WD thread

Week 12 2nd Quarter

MONDAY ly ry cy ty	TUESDAY "le" ending	WEDNESDAY oo (2) ew	THURSDAY long a - long o
jolly	turtle	rooster	grapes
ferry	battle	foolish	shaded
lonely	pickle	screw	saving
fancy	saddle	view	crow
copy	puzzle	crook	elbow
history	possible	woolen	Halloween
WD supply	WD hospital	WD viewed	WD folks

Week 13 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 2nd Quarter

TTOOK TO	OTT TO TRACTOTIAL	reading recapait	ary 2 Quartor
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 cons. rule	2 cons. rule	2 cons. rule	final-e rule
bacon	rabbit	wedding	wipe
hotel	cotton	thunder	hike
frozen	gallon	donkey	dove
sizes	lettuce	pocket	rise
equal	subject	member	value
equally	pumpkin	gather	cone
WD busine	ess WD respect	WD secret	WD glove

Week 14 2nd Quarter

MONDAY ar	TUESDAY er ur	WEDNESDAY or	THURSDAY ar-or "endings"
cart	border	fort	doctor
carpet	burst	pork	sailor
garden	turkey	bore	harbor
carve	theater	forest	behavior
scarf	underneath	porch	calendar
carton	thermometer	ordered	popular
WD paragraph	WD worth	WD reward	WD area

Week 15 2nd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ou	WEDNESDAY ee	THURSDAY au aw
pole	outfit	weed	fault
file	scout	deer	haul
frame	wound	freeze	naughty
dare	bound	sleeve	raw
sometime	fountain	cheese	hawk
rhyme	WD group	squeeze	awful
WD gasoline	WD source	WD equivalent	WD drawer

Week 16 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 2nd Quarter

WOOK TO	NAME O NAMONA	reducing vocabale	ary 2 Quartor
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
final-e	ai	ea	ea - oa
vine	jail	bead	tea
grove	trail	seal	streak
rose	main	least	loaf
cave	faint	tear (2)	roast
scare	grain	wheat	roam
WD machine	WD greater	WD search	boast
WD prove	WD greatest	WD diamond	WD board

Week 17 2nd Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short I – short u
tax	nest	sin	picnic
ranch	gem	tin	whistle
blast	crept	mist	sincerely
tramp	stretch	rich	gun
hatch	theft	snip	lump
cabin	segment	myth	WD congruent
WD attack	WD metal	WD quilt	WD bull

Week 18 2nd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY "c" rule	THURSDAY ly ny ty ry
hike	slipper	notice	likely
pine	slippery	ceiling	pony
ripe	skipper	raced	duty
stage	whisper	scissors	really
trade	buffalo	success	strawberry
sphere	annual	cylinder	symmetry
WD ache	WD liver	WD medicine	WD deny

Week 19 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 3rd Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
short a	short i	short o	short u
ax	rid	rot	bud
brass	limp	boss	dull
scrap	swift	toss	bulb
strap	drift	knot	club
grand	ticket	flop	plum
fasten	sickness	flock	stuff
WD crawled	WD pint	WD broad	WD shovel

Week 20 3rd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 1-cons. rule	WEDNESDAY 2 cons. rule	THURSDAY "le" "al" ending
eve	belong	attic	rattle
brave	elect	offer	vegetable
paste	protect	suffer	bundle
cube	develop	valley	cradle
snake	details	dentist	rifle
flame	sidewalk	blossom	mammal
WD private	WD topic	WD addition	WD factual

Week 21 3rd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ee ea	WEDNESDAY ie (long e)	THURSDAY ea (short e)
hire	steel	field	feather
grave	sweep	chief	weather
pride	sweeter	thief	sweater
tribe	peas	niece	spread
stare	peach	brief	pleasure
behave	stream	relief	pleasant
WD rinse	WD nearly	WD friendship	WD measurement

Week 22 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 3rd Quarter

	OTTO TELE OF TRANSPORTATION	reading recapalit	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 cons. rule	2 cons. rule	ow (2)	dy gy ny ry ty
future	zipper	sow	buggy
museum	rocket	tow	dandy
climate	upset	sparrow	mighty
frequent	public	plow	century
remove	language	crown	company
sequence	principal	frown	electricity
WD planet	WD dessert	WD ghost	WD supply

Week 23 3rd Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
G-rule	final-e rule	ee	ee ea
gentle	pave	beef	seek
general	cure	beet	seems
strange	strike	peep	pioneer
package	parade	sheet	neat
imagine	sunshine	speech	tease
emergency	complete	agreeable	weave
WD eager	WD purpose	WD received	WD ugliest

Week 24 3rd Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ly ry	ou (exceptions)	tion - ture	1 cons. rule
marry	soup	action	ruler
lonely	rough	direction	pupil
factory	tough	vacation	spider
carelessly	court	nature	record (2)
secretary	course	furniture	patient
especially	throughout	adventure	alive
WD deny	WD route	WD suggest	WD potatoes

Week 25 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 3rd Quarter

VVCCR 20	TO THATIOTI	al reading vocabe	nary o Quartor
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ar or er	er ur	ar-or (ending)	2 cons. rule
harvest	prayer	favor	banner
darling	eraser	honor	rather
order	blur	junior	expression
organ	turnip	senior	represent
tender	surface	similar	classify
traveler	hamburger	WD similarity	mathematics
WD arrest	WD southern	WD poor	WD English

Week 26 3rd Quarter

MONDAY c-rule	TUESDAY final-a rule	WEDNESDAY ea (2)	THURSDAY silent letters
dancer	banana	beast	comb
sincere	sofa	reason	palm
difference	gorilla	reach	chalk
cereal	America	dead	stalk
reduce	Cuba	death	guest
accident	Canada	meant	crumb
WD chemical	WD sea	WD treasure	WD cough

Week 27 3rd Quarter

MONDAY g-rule	TUESDAY ful	WEDNESDAY less ness	THURSDAY tion ture
garage	cheerful	careless	subtraction
damage	harmful	hopeless	multiplication
average	truthful	fearless	pollution
energy	powerful	sadness	capture
energetic	forgetful	hardness	temperature
imagine	thoughtful	kindness	adventure
WD pledge	WD fuel	WD carelessness	WD division

Week 28 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 4th Quarter

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
f-sound letters	c-rule	ar er or	short vow. mix
telephone	lace	harm	fist
graph	officer	folder	risk
elephant	receive	terrific	skill
phrase	accident	report	split
photo	scene	scoring	swell
enough	experience	horseback	pump
WD dough	WD delicious	WD worried	WD limb

Week 29 4th Quarter

MONDAY ai	TUESDAY ea	WEDNESDAY au oi oy	THURSDAY ar-or (ending)
maid	feast	aunt (2)	solar
hail	heap	author	beggar
braid	deal	faucet	grammar
repair	repeat	caution	mayor
contains	release	toilet	honor
straighter	teaspoon	enjoyable	refrigerator
WD fable	WD earliest	WD lion	WD afterward

Week 30 4th Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY short vowels	THURSDAY short vowels
celebrate	copper	snap	gasp
figure	lantern	brand	stack
escape	lumber	melt	grand
arrange	signal	rotten	split
produce	bonnet	club	hunt
graduate	inches	drawn	stuff
WD improve	WD bookshelf	WD shove	WD comb

Week 31 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 4th Quarter

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
final-e rule	1 cons. rule	1 cons. rule	short I
wade	prepare	usual	silk
lame	useless	miles	hidden
invite	deposit	human	pitch
provide	deserve	numeral	hitch
severe	design	relax	stitch
decorate	famous	salesman	switch
WD manage	WD tomato	WD liter	WD ridiculous

Week 32 4th Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2 cons. rule	g-rule	er ir ur	or
college	engine	herd	ore
village	dodge	clerk	port
pasture	gentle	rubber	sort
flipped	bandage	curve	force
discuss	engineer	surround	explore
contest	gymnasium	squirrel	foreign
WD soldier	WD hunger	WD errand	WD worm

Week 33 4th Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
final-e	2 cons. rule	er	er
tame	scatter	dryer	adverb
daze	tablet	mineral	prisoner
blaze	invent	whoever	overalls
waste	master	whatever	shepherd
recite	billion	cover	perfume
valentine	industry	government	rainwater
WD magazine	WD apron	WD zero	WD error

Week 34 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 4th Quarter

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ies ending	ai ee	er	tion
babies	waiter	serve	nation
parties	daisy	timber	national
studies	faith	clover	position
duties	bleed	blender	invitation
enemies	steer	meter	education
companie	indeed	millimeter	constitution
WD butterfl	ies WD bargain	WD cashier	WD mention

Week 35 4th Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ea	"dis" prefix	1 cons. rule	"le" ending
spear	dislike	pilot	settle
cheating	discuss	humid	castle
stealing	discussion	refund	eagle
sneakers	disappear	report	sample
beard	disapprove	pronoun	struggle
preach	disappoint	typewriter	sprinkle
WD earn	WD disease	WD quotient	WD valuable

Week 36 4th Quarter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 cons. except.	"r" exceptions	long v. except.	1 cons. except.
cabinet	carrot	colt	melon
unusual	caring	sold	prison
modern	scared	hind	radish
president	parent	blind	travel
exit	hero	program	adult
promise	worried	island	product
WD select	WD ferry	WD stroll	WD graduate