

Basic skills for Australian & NZ parents and teachers

# **Essential Word Reading Lists**

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# The Essential Word Reading lists

he Essential Word Reading lists are designed to help children develop rapid word-identification skills and fluency. The lists consist of onset and rime words, words with common endings and common first syllables, and words with silent letters.

'Onset' means the first consonant or group of consonants in a word, and 'rime' means the last vowel or vowel/consonant combination that ends a word. In the word 'spent', 'sp' is the onset and 'ent' is the rime. By reading onset and rime word lists, a child is helped to focus attention on pronounceable groups of letters rather than sounding out every letter separately. Reading the lists also encourages the child to take note of every letter or group of letters before reading the word, which is essential for accurate reading. With practice, the child gradually builds up the speed at which he or she can read the words in the lists, and this improves fluency in all reading tasks. Working with word families based on onset and rime units helps children to develop awareness that words that sound fairly familiar, or that rhyme, usually share a common cluster of letters. This awareness can help in both reading and spelling.

The first group of lists are presented in a vertical format, which makes it easier for young children to notice the rime ending and hold it in memory while reading each word in the list. At first, ask the child to read only the left-hand column, which has only one consonant as the onset. The next step is to read the words with two consonants as the onset, at first by sounding out each consonant, but then reading the words without any sounding out.

Reading words from the lists for a few minutes each day helps readers gain automaticity in breaking simple words down into pronounceable units. This provides a firm basis from which to progress much later to analysing multisyllabic words such as 'calculator' and 'independent'. The exercise should be limited to 2–3 minutes, and is most beneficial if it is focused on one rime at a time. Children beyond the beginning stage need to read each list only once. When the child has mastered the vertical lists, she or he can move on to the horizontal lists, starting at the beginning, unless it is obviously too easy.

It is very important that, as the child works through the words in each list, a parent/carer or teacher monitors every word, and immediately asks the child to have another try if a word is read incorrectly. Reading the lists is of no value if words are read incorrectly. An easy way to do this is to point above each word with a pen, and simply stop if a word is read incorrectly. There is usually no need to say anything once the child knows that the stopped pen means 'Try again.



# Onset and rime words, vertical format

at	cat rat mat sat pat bat fat vat	flat slat spat brat chat	an	ban fan man ran tan can pan van	plan clan scan span bran
ар	cap gap lap map nap rap sap tap	clap flap slap snap trap scrap	am	dam ham jam ram Sam scram sham	clam slam pram tram gram
ab	cab jab lab nab tab	blab slab flab drab grab crab stab	ag	bag gag hag nag rag sag tag wag	flag brag crag drag snag stag swag
ad	bad fad had mad pad sad Dad	clad glad brad	ax	lax tax wax	flax
et	bet jet let met net set wet yet	fret	en	den hen pen ten men Ben	then when



ed	bed fed led red wed	bled fled sled bred shed	eg	beg keg leg peg	
em	hem	stem them	it	bit fit hit kit lit nit pit sit wit	flit slit spit grit skit quit
in	bin din fin kin pin sin tin win	skin spin grin twin chin shin thin	ip	dip hip lip nip rip sip tip zip	clip flip slip skip snip drip grip trip
im	dim him rim vim	slim skim brim grim prim trim swim	id	bid did hid kid lid	slid skid
ib	bib fib jib nib rib	glib crib	ig	big dig fig jig pig wig	brig twig swig sprig
ix	fix mix six		ох	box fox	



ot	cot	clot	ор	bop	clop
	dot	blot	•	сор	flop
	got	slot		hop	slop
	hot	trot		lop	crop
	lot	shot		mop	drop
	not			pop	prop
	pot			sop	stop
	rot			top	chop
	tot				shop
od	cod	clod	ob	cob	blob
	god	plod		fob	slob
	nod	prod		gob	snob
	pod	shod		job	
	rod			lob	
	sod			mob	
				rob	
og	bog	clog	ut	but	glut
•	cog	slog		cut	shut
	dog	smog		gut	
	fog	frog		hut	
	hog	S		jut	
	jog			nut	
	log			rut	
un	bun	stun	um	bum	glum
	fun	shun		gum	plum
	gun			hum	drum
	pun			Mum	swum
	run			rum	scrum
	sun			sum	strum
				chum	
ud	bud	thud	ub	cub	club
uu	dud	tirud	db	dub	drub
	cud			hub	grub
	mud			pub	stub
	mu			sub	snub
				tub	scrub
				nub	shrub
				пио	sinab
ug	bug	glug	ack	back	black
	hug	plug		hack	flack
	jug	slug		lack	clack
	lug	smug		pack	slack
	mug	snug		rack	crack
	rug	drug		sack	track
	tug	shrug		tack	snack
				quack	stack
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	dock	block		duck	pluck
	hock	flock		luck	truck
	lock	crock		muck	stuck
	mock	frock		suck	chuck
	sock	stock		tuck	shuck
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	jell	shell		kill	skill
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	yell			sill	swill
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	loll	troll		dull	skull
	poll			gull	
	roll			hull	
	toll			mull	
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	glass			hiss	
	grass			kiss	
	brass				
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	less	dress		toss	gloss
		press		loss	
		chess		doss	
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	sniff			muff	fluff
	stiff			puff	
				ruff	



### Onset and Rime words - horizontal format

- at cat rat fat mat sat pat hat bat vat flat slat scat spat brat chat
- an fan ran man tan ban can pan van bran plan clan scan span
- ap tap map rap lap cap gap nap sap yap flap snap trap scrap strap clap slap
- am ram ham dam jam Sam yam cram pram slam clam dram swam tram gram sham scram
- **ab** cab nab lab jab tab crab flab grab blab slab stab drab
- ag bag rag nag hag tag gag lag sag wag stag brag flag snag swag drag crag
- ad mad sad pad bad fad had lad clad glad brad
- **ax** lax tax wax flax
- et bet let met jet wet set yet net vet pet get fret
- **en** den hen Ben pen ten yen men when then
- ed bed fed led red wed Ted bled bred fled sled shed
- eg beg keg leg peg
- **em** hem them stem
- it bit fit hit kit lit nit pit sit wit quit flit slit skit spit grit
- in bin din fin kin pin sin tin win skin spin twin grin shin chin thin
- ip dip hip lip nip rip sip tip zip slip flip trip clip skip snip drip grip strip ship chip
- im dim him rim vim slim brim grim prim skim swim trim
- id did bid hid kid lid rid slid skid
- ib bib fib jib nib rib glib crib
- ig big dig fig jig pig rig wig swig twig brig sprig
- ix fix mix six
- ot cot dot got hot lot not pot rot tot slot blot trot clot shot
- on con don yon
- op bop cop hop lop mop pop sop top crop drop stop clop flop slop prop shop chop
- od cod god nod pod rod sod clod plod prod shod
- **ob** cob fob gob job lob mob rob sob slob blob snob
- og bog cog dog fog hog jog log frog slog smog clog
- ox box fox cox
- ut but cut gut hut jut nut rut glut shut
- un bun fun gun nun pun run sun stun
- **up** cup pup sup
- um bum gum hum mum rum sum drum glum plum swum scrum strum chum
- **ud** bud dud cud mud
- ub cub dub hub pub rub sub tub nub club snub stub drub grub scrub shrub
- ug dug rug mug bug plug glug slug smug snug drug chug shrug
- us pus plus
- ack back hack lack pack rack sack tack flack slack black clack snack stack crack track shack quack
- eck deck neck peck fleck speck check
- ick kick lick nick pick sick tick wick slick flick trick click stick brick quick thick chick
- ock cock dock hock lock mock pock rock sock block flock clock crock frock stock shock
- uck buck duck luck muck suck tuck cluck pluck stuck truck shuck chuck
- ell sell bell dell fell yell tell jell well smell swell spell shell
- ill dill fill gill hill kill mill pill sill till will grill swill trill frill skill spill still chill
- oll doll loll poll roll toll troll scroll
- ull cull dull gull hull lull mull scull skull
- **ass** class glass brass
- ess mess less bless dress press chess
- iss miss hiss kiss bliss
- oss moss toss loss doss floss gloss



iff – tiff cliff sniff stiff

off - off toff doff

uff - puff huff cuff muff ruff bluff snuff stuff gruff scruff chuff

**amp** – camp damp lamp ramp tramp cramp clamp scamp stamp champ

**imp** – limp blimp crimp chimp

ump – bump dump hump lump plump slump clump stump trump chump thump

and - band hand land sand stand grand gland strand

end – bend fend lend mend rend send tend vend wend blend spend

ind – wind

ind – bind find hind kind mind rind blind grind behind

ond - bond fond pond frond blond

ant - pant slant scant grant plant chant

**ent** – bent dent lent pent rent sent tent vent went spent

int - dint lint mint tint glint flint

**unt** – bunt hunt punt runt blunt stunt

act - act fact pact tract subtract

**alf** – calf half

**alk** – balk chalk talk walk stalk

alm – balm calm palm psalm

ast – cast fast mast past last blast

ask – ask cask bask mask task flask

**eft** – left theft bereft

ept - kept wept slept swept crept

elp – help yelp

elf – elf self shelf

eld - held weld

est - best nest pest rest test vest west zest chest

ext - next text

ist – fist list mist twist grist

isk – disk brisk frisk

isp – lisp crisp

ilk – milk silk

ilt – hilt tilt wilt

ift - gift lift sift swift shift

ild – mild wild child

oft - loft soft

old - old bold cold fold gold hold mold sold told scold

ost – cost lost frost

ust - bust dust gust must rust crust trust thrust

usk – dusk husk tusk

ank - bank dank lank rank sank tank yank blank flank plank clank prank crank drank spank thank shank

ink - sink link mink pink rink wink slink blink stink clink brink drink chink think shrink

**onk** – honk clonk

unk – dunk bunk sunk hunk junk plunk clunk flunk skunk drunk trunk chunk shrunk

ang - bang fang gang hang pang rang sang tang clang slang twang sprang

ing - sing wing king ping ring sling cling fling sting swing bring string spring thing

ong – long bong song thong prong strong throng along

**ung** – bung dung sung hung lung rung slung clung flung stung swung sprung strung

ash - dash bash hash cash lash gash mash rash sash slash flash crash trash smash

**esh** – mesh flesh fresh

ish - fish wish dish swish



osh – posh gosh slosh **ush** – hush lush mush rush blush plush flush brush crush **atch** – batch catch hatch latch match patch snatch scratch **etch** – fetch sketch stretch **itch** – ditch hitch pitch witch snitch stitch switch twitch **otch** – botch notch blotch **utch** – hutch clutch crutch ich - rich which uch – much such **anch** – ranch branch ench – bench clench drench French trench inch – finch pinch flinch **unch** – bunch lunch punch crunch adge - badge cadge **edge** – edge ledge wedge fledge idge - bridge fridge odge – dodge lodge **udge** – judge fudge sludge smudge car bar far jar tar scar spar star arm - arm farm harm charm card lard hard ard ark - ark bark dark hark lark mark park spark stark shark art art cart dart part tart start chart **arge** – large barge charge day bay gay hay lay may pay say way play slay clay flay fray pray tray stay sway stray today away ay - aid laid maid paid raid braid aid ait - bait gait wait trait strait ail ail bail fail hail jail mail nail pail rail sail tail wail flail snail frail trail quail avail gain lain main pain rain brain drain grain train plain slain strain strain sprain chain again Spain ain air air fair hair lair pair stair flair chair fairy are care bare dare fare hare mare pare rare ware glare flare snare scare stare spare share square saw caw jaw law paw raw draw claw flaw straw thaw aw bawl shawl crawl brawl drawl sprawl awl **awn** – dawn lawn yawn drawn prawn all all ball fall gall call mall pall tall wall small stall squall enthrall bee fee see tee wee glee flee free tree three 99 beet feet meet fleet sleet greet sweet tweet eet eek – meek peek reek seek week sleek creek Greek **eep** – beep deep jeep keep peep seep weep sleep steep sweep creep sheep **eed** – deed feed heed need reed seed weed bleed speed breed creed freed greed steed tweed feel heel peel reel keel steel eel **een** – keen seen been green screen queen beer deer jeer leer peer steer sneer queer cheer **eech** – leech speech - sea tea flea ea

beat feat heat meat neat peat seat pleat cleat bleat wheat cheat

ead - bead lead read plead

eak – beak leak peak teak weak bleak sneak speak creak freak squeak streak

eal deal meal peal real seal veal zeal steal

eam – beam ream seam team gleam steam cream dream scream stream

bean lean mean clean



eap - heap leap reap cheap - ear dear fear gear hear near rear tear year clear spear shear east - beast feast least yeast **each** – beach peach reach teach bleach preach ead – dead head lead read bread dread tread thread instead steady ready earn – earn learn vearn bear pear tear wear swear eigh - weigh neigh sleigh eight – eight weight freight crew drew slew flew blew brew grew strew screw chew threw - dew few hew mew new pew spew stew knew renew ey - grey they obey ie pie tie lie die chief thief brief ief ir fir sir stir ird bird gird third irt dirt flirt skirt shirt **irst** – first thirst igh high nigh sigh thigh ight – fight light might night right sight tight blight flight bright fright knight delight ood – mood food brood **oom** – boom doom loom room gloom broom groom oon – moon boon noon soon spoon swoon croon - fool pool tool cool stool drool spool school ool **oot** – boot hoot loot root toot scoot shoot hoop coop loop scoop snoop stoop swoop droop troop oop roof proof aloof **ood** – good hood wood stood oot – foot soot ook – look took book cook hook nook crook shook chook oat oat boat coat goat moat gloat float bloat throat oad - road goad load toad oast - toast boast coast roast oar – oar boar roar soar ork cork fork pork stork born corn horn torn worn thorn shorn orn fort port sort sport snort short abort ort ore bore core more pore sore tore wore score snore spore store swore chore shore before restore ore cow bow how now sow vow brow ow **owl** – owl howl prowl growl scowl town gown down clown brown crown drown frown mow sow row low tow bow blow flow glow slow crow grow snow stow show throw below **arrow**- arrow barrow harrow marrow sparrow own - own sown blown grown thrown out - out bout lout pout rout tout clout flout grout trout spout stout shout about oud – loud cloud proud **ound** – bound found hound mound pound round sound ground around ount - count mount account **ouse** – house mouse louse spouse oup - soup group



our – our hour sour flourould – could would should

oil oil boil coil foil toil soil spoil broil toilet oin coin join loin poor door moor floor spoor oor boy coy joy toy ploy cloy enjoy annoy destroy oy - urn burn turn churn spurn urn - curt hurt spurt cue due hue rue glue clue blue true flue value ue ull - full pull bull - by my cry dry fly ply fry pry try sky spy why shy У - son ton won on **ough** – rough tough enough **ough** – cough trough ought – ought bought fought sought brought wrought aught— aught caught naught taught fraught distraught adge – badge edge - hedge ledge wedge pledge sledge idge – ridge bridge fridge porridge **odge** – dodge lodge **udge** – budge fudge judge nudge grudge **ange** – range mange change strange **inge** – binge hinge singe cringe fringe **ance** – dance lance glance stance France prance trance chance **ince** – mince since wince prince quince **ounce**— ounce bounce pounce trounce flounce ouble - double trouble ade - made fade wade jade glade blade grade spade shade **ake** - cake bake fake lake make rake sake take wake flake snake stake drake shake ale ale bale dale hale male pale sale tale scale stale shale whale **ane** – cane bane lane mane pane sane vane wane crane **ape** – ape cape gape nape tape drape grape scrape shape ate - ate date fate gate hate late mate rate plate slate skate state crate grate **ame** – came dame fame game lame name same tame flame blame frame shame - cave gave pave rave save wave slave stave brave crave grave shave ave - ace face lace mace pace race place space brace grace trace ace age age cage page rage sage wage stage daze faze haze maze graze craze aze ide ride bide hide side tide wide glide slide bride pride stride ife life wife fife strife ike - bike dike like hike pike spike strike ile file mile pile rile tile stile smile while ime - time lime mime slime crime prime grime ine - dine fine line mine nine pine vine wine spine swine twine brine shine whine - ripe pipe wipe snipe swipe tripe stripe ipe ire - fire wire tire spire shire inquire inspire entire admire desire retire umpire aspire ise - rise wise prise despise demise ice - ice dice lice mice nice rice slice spice price twice ite bite kite site white write ive - dive five hive jive live drive strive thrive alive contrive arrive



size prize

ode – ode code lode mode rode strode

coke joke poke woke spoke stoke broke smoke stroke

ize

ole – hole mole role sole stole whole

**ome** – home dome

**one** – bone cone hone lone tone clone stone drone prone phone throne alone

**ope** – rope cope dope mope pope scope slope grope

ose - nose hose pose rose close prose chose

ote − note dote tote

**ove** - wove cove rove clove drove grove stove

**ove** - dove love glove shove above

**oze** – doze froze

**ute** – cute jute lute mute flute brute

ube – cube tubeune – June tune

**use** – use fuse muse amuse abuse refuse

**able** - able cable fable gable sable table



#### Onset word lists

- sh shall shack sham shaft shed shelf shell shin ship shift shod shop shot shock shut shunt
- ch chat chap champ chant chaff check chess chick chill chin chip chimp chink chop chomp chug chum chuck chump chunk chase chose choose chair chisel
- th thank theft thin think thug thump thrush throb thrill thrash thresh thunder throw
- **th** this then them that thus those these they
- wh why where which whim whether what when white while whip whisper whistle wheat
- bl bled bliss blob blot blend bland blunt blimp block blank blink bless black blush bluff bleed blow bloom blind blast bloat blame bloke
  - blame blaze blur blanket blunder blizzard blossom blistering blubber blouse blockade
- br brag bran brat brass brim brush brick brisk bring brink brush brain brine brave brake braid break bright brown breeze branch breed brood bread breast breath breathe bridge brother broken bridle bridal brief broad
- cl clad clam clap clod clog clop clot clip club clamp clock cliff clay cloud clown clout clue clutter clatter
   clever close clear clean clinic class climate clothes cluster climb climax cloister clover client
- cr crab crag cram crib crop crack cry cramp crept cross crest crust crew crazy crane crave crime croon crowd crown crash creep crumb cream cricket cradle credit criminal criticism crater crocodile creature creative crevasse
- dr drab drag dram dress drip drop drub drug drum drill dry dray drink drunk drool droop dream drill draft
   draw drain drown dragon drive drove drone dribble drizzle dreary drowsy drought drama drudgery
- fl flag flap flat fled flip flit flop flick flock flint fling flung flank flesh flash flea flake flame fluke flute flow fleet floss flight float flower flour flow flue flew flood fly float flask flavour fluid floor flutter
- fr frog fret from frill fresh frost frank frock fry frown fruit free frame frail fray friend freeze fright fridge front freckle frozen frolic fraction freight frequent frizzy
- gl glad glass glug glum gloss glue glow gleam gloom glaze globe glide gloat glare glove global glitter glimmer glisten glucose
- gr grab gram grass grand grant grill grim grin grit grip grub gruff grist grunt green grey greet grain grope
   gripe grape grave graze groan grow grown grew great grief grizzle grumpy graph ground grease grateful
- plan plod plot plug plum pluck plus plump plank plant plead play please plate plane place plain pledge plight planet plaster plastic plumber plunder plunge pleasure pleasant
- pr pram press prim prod prop print prong prompt pray prey prime
   probe price prance preach proof pretty prickle primary present prevent practice practise primitive
   private problem progress promise
- scab scat scan scant scull scoff scalp scamp scold scotch scatter scar scarf scoop scorch scout scare scale
   score scatter scooter scorpion scandal scarce scarlet scavenge
- scr scrap scrape scribe scratch script scroll scrub screw scream screech screen scramble scribble
- **sk** skid skiff skin skip skit skill skim skull skunk sky skate skirt sketch skittle
- slab slap sled slot slob slim slip slog slop slug slump slosh slush sly slay slur sleep slight slow slate slave slice slide slime slope slouch sloop slumber slipper slender slither slogan
- **sm** smog smell smug smack smash smock small smudge smooth smart smoke smile smirk smother smuggle
- sn snag snap snip snob snub snug sniff snuff snack snick snitch snoop snake sneak sneer snout snail sneeze sneak snow snore snooze
- sp spam span spat spin spit spot speck spank spell spill spend spent spilt space spade spark sparkle spoil spoilt spawn sparrow spangle spaniel
- stab stag stem step stop stud stub stun stack stick stock stuck stiff stuff still stand stamp sting stink stunt
   stump stalk stall stay star stare start stark starve state stage stake stale stairs stain style stool stagger standard station
- **sw** swag swam swig swim swum swell swill swept swift swing swat swap switch sway swoon swoop swarm swore sweat swear sweep swerve



- str strap strip struck strum strand string strong strung straw strength stretch strict strike stride stripe strive stroke struggle
- trap tram trip trot trim trash track trick truck track trill trust trench trump train tribe tray treat tripe trace triple triplet travel trample transport treacle treason treasure traffic tradition tragic triumph trivial
   trombone
- **tw** twig twin twist twitch twelve twine twirl twice twenty twinkle
- wor word worm work worth worse worst world worship
- wa was wand want wash wasp watch wander waffle wallet walrus wallow walnut waltz wattle
- war war warn ward wart warm warmth warble warden wardrobe
- cy cygnet cymbal cylinder cynic cyst
- **cy** cycle cyclist cyclone cyanide cypress
- sy
   system sylph syllable Sydney symbol syrup sympathy symmetry symphony symptom syndicate syndrome synthesis synonym

## Word endings in multi-syllable words (suffixes if added to base words)

- a cola koala kookaburra pasta sofa zebra umbrella
- ar liar collar dollar cedar nectar vicar solar lunar altar
   calendar angular circular consular muscular scholar
- age bandage damage spoilage voyage courage language manage village message passage cottage cabbage
   sausage luggage baggage package leakage postage voyage average heritage beverage carnage dosage
- mural global formal informal legal illegal oral feral disposal exceptional general individual musical original physical political principal comical musical spherical seasonal national original mechanical
- ual usual unusual casual annual manual punctual continual
- **ance** entrance instance guidance performance acquaintance assistance circumstance countenance resistance disturbance attendance inheritance insurance vengeance acquaintance remittance
- negate nominate terminate fumigate castigate adjudicate abbreviate debate alternate investigate relate
   celebrate navigate punctuate illustrate create cultivate imitate estate
- **ate** delegate chocolate delicate obstinate private alternate pirate accurate climate desperate alternate
- **cial** special official social
- el camel panel level travel gravel rebel quarrel vowel tunnel funnel kennel channel vessel apparel counsel barrel tassel diesel shovel towel trowel jewel angel cancel label chapel model pastel duel
- **ence** fence audience consequence correspondence innocence science
- mother father brother sister flower rather master monster shelter shower power customer messenger hairdresser juggler plumber barrister painter porter waiter listener jeweler adviser murderer barber butcher gardener officer composer prisoner leader hunter passenger carpenter
- er better batter bitter butter copper letter litter matter bigger killer runner fatter
- et jacket packet pocket ticket bucket fillet mallet puppet gadget clarinet
- ia Australia Austria media hernia mania trivia phobia dementia
- iate immediate negotiate abbreviate
- ic picnic panic tragic magic antic frolic frantic rustic artistic pathetic fantastic
- eventful forgetful peaceful wishful wonderful truthful masterful boastful beautiful useful faithful hateful powerful painful spoonful rightful playful skilful frightful dreadful wonderful armful mouthful helpful restful colourful handful awful harmful cheerful thoughtful sorrowful graceful
- ous nervous joyous famous jealous grievous adventurous dangerous enormous generous horrendous marvelous mountainous numerous ravenous tremendous venomous wondrous thunderous mischievous
- **eous** courteous courageous gorgeous outrageous hideous miscellaneous
- ious anxious curious dubious furious serious obvious tedious studious glorious previous various industrious melodious rebellious victorious mysterious luxurious
- tious cautious, ambitious



- cious delicious ferocious gracious luscious precious suspicious vicious spacious conscious tenacious
- ise comprise surprise sunrise despise advise supervise exercise surmise chastise advertise enterprise realise
  memorise utilise sympathise tantalise dramatise baptise organise authorise apologise recognise economise
  tranquilise hypnotise mesmerise
- **ize** prize size capsize
- active captive native olive passive massive abrasive attentive defective detective divisive elusive executive expensive explosive impressive positive negative representative restive tentative attractive respective inventive destructive productive offensive impulsive deceptive adhesive
- apple cattle grapple battle huddle little kettle bottle middle muddle fiddle paddle saddle nibble gobble dribble straddle tackle pickle tickle
- ankle uncle handle candle mantle fumble humble mumble rumble tumble stumble hurdle hurtle gamble table vegetable unstable
- oes heroes potatoes tomatoes echoes
- or doctor actor ancestor author traitor error contractor conductor editor radiator visitor ambassador bachelor collector competitor conqueror governor inspector instructor inventor professor successor survivor
- sion fusion vision occasion conclusion confusion explosion decision invasion cohesion intrusion persuasion revision division provision television incision abrasion collusion delusion profusion adhesion seclusion derision illusion
- **ssion** passion session permission recession possession aggression commission compassion oppression procession admission
- tial essential palatial
- ration notion action fiction faction function section diction sanction mention question addition
  affection ambition attention commotion competition construction contradiction creation description
  distribution exception exhibition expedition interruption invention obstruction rendition restriction
  satisfaction
- **ation** station nation admiration application communication conversation damnation dictation education elation generation illustration imagination imitation immigration inflation invitation location relation
- **ure** adventure creature feature leisure mixture nature nurture picture pleasure treasure
- ward awkward backward forward toward reward
- **able** agreeable changeable fashionable innumerable noticeable reliable movable lovable readable eatable livable allowable suitable portable favourable desirable miserable washable passable valuable believable
- ed (ed)— acted added hunted melted needed planted pointed rented rested seated spotted started waited wanted applauded sounded counted sorted
- ed (d)— aimed called cleaned crawled planned played rained
- ed (t) dropped fished helped hissed jumped bumped dumped mixed parked puffed shopped sniffed stuffed trapped walked stalked wished rushed brushed flashed crashed crunched camped wiped stamped stumped barked thanked talked hooked cooked looked
- est longest highest largest smallest biggest shortest fastest slowest tallest hottest coldest nicest
- caring crawling crying jumping laughing limping making sleeping smoothing staring thanking throwing trying tuning walking combing following joining pointing spoiling warning rewarding exploring flooring scoring ignoring
- ing batting hopping running sitting hitting grabbing robbing spotting planning scanning fanning panning tanning skinning pinning grinning thinning beginning shimmering drumming slamming cramming
- **ment** achievement agreement argument development disappointment engagement government improvement settlement excitement amusement monument commandment punishment assortment statement appointment
- cloudy dirty fairy handy rusty jealousy healthy madly sleepy thirsty city pity fancy juicy royalty tragedy snowy laundry pastry poetry risky sensory scenery fury holy jury gravy agony ability celery ceremony customary drowsy energy library majority melody mystery necessity responsibility
- y carry happy funny marry silly chilly sorry sloppy smelly hilly hurry ferry merry lorry cherry berry



## Common first syllables (Prefixes if added to a base word)

- com combine complain commend commotion composite complex compose compliment compliant complete competition compete compel combat compassion compare compress compound computer commute common commit
- **com** compass comfort company command
- con concede conflict confide condone confess concern concave conceal conceit conceive concentrate
   concept concert conclude concrete concur condemn condition conduct confess confirm conform
   confuse connect conquer conscious conserve consist constant consult contact contain content context
   contract control converse convert convict
- depend decrease deflate demote debate debrief debug decamp decay decease deception decide
  deciduous decipher decision decisive declare decline decode deduce deduct defame defeat defend defer
  defiant deficient deflate defraud defuse degrade delay deliberate delight deliver delude demand
  denounce deposit depend deprive descend deserve design desire detain deter determine detest develop
  devise devoid devout
- disability disadvantage disagree disappoint disapprove disarm disarray disband disbelieve discard discharge disciple discipline disclaim disclose discomfort discontent discontinue discount discourage discourse discover discredit discrepancy discrete discriminate discuss disease disengage disfigure disgrace disguise disgust disharmony dishonest disinfect distasteful distil distinct distinguish distort distract distraught district distrust disturb
- el elaborate elapse elastic elated elect electron electric electrocute electron eleven elicit eliminate elite elixir ellipse elongate elucidate elude
- em embankment embargo embark embarrassing embassy embedded embellish embezzle embittered emblazon embody emboss embrace embroider embroiled empathy emperor emphasis empire empirical employ empower
- en enable enact enamel encamp encase enchanting encircle enclose encode encompass encourage encroach encyclopaedia endanger endearing endeavor endemic endurance enfold enforce engage engrave engrossed engulf enhance enlarge enlighten enlist enliven enmeshed enrage enrich enroll enshrine enshroud enslave ensue entangle enthrone enthusiastic entire
- exit exist extra extract explain explore explode express extinct exact expect exam examine examination example excavate exceed excel excellent excellence except exception excerpt excess exchange excise excision excite excitable exciting exclaim exclude exclusive excommunicate excruciating excursion excuse executive exempt exercise exert exhale exhaust exhibit exhibition exile existence exodus exotic expand expansion expatriate
- ill illegal illegible illegitimate illicit illiterate illogical illuminate illusion illustrate illustrious
- im impress import improve implore implant important imbalance imbibe immaculate immaterial immature immeasurable immediate immemorial immense immerse immigrant imminent immobile immodest immoral immortal immovable immunity impale impart impartial impassable impassioned impassive impatient impeccable impede impolite impending
- **inter** interrupt interchange interstate interfere intermediate international interview interval intersection intervene
- mis mislead misbehave misfit mishap misjudge misquote mischief misconduct misfire misplace misprint misfortune mispronounce misuse misdirect mishandle misread mistrust
- over overcoat overarm overcast overdo overstay overdrive overrule overflow
- post postpone postgraduate postscript postmortem postwar
- **pre** preschool prehistoric preview prescribe preface predict prepare precede prevent



#### Silent letters

b (mb) - lamb limb comb bomb dumb climb crumb thumb plumber
b (bt) - debt doubt
k (kn) - knee kneel knelt knew knock knack know known
t (ften) - often soften
t (sten) - fasten glisten hasten listen
t (stle) - apostle castle bristle bustle epistle gristle hustle nestle wrestle rustle whistle
w (wr) - wrap wreath wren wrench wreck wrestle wrist write wring wrinkle wrote wrong wriggle
w (wh) - who whose whom

w (sw) - sword

**c (sc)** – scent science scene scenery scissors crescent descend ascend

g (gn) – sign gnome gnat gnarled campaign champagne

n (mn) - column condemn damn hymn
 h (ho) - ghost honest honour hour
 h (ch) - ache scheme school stomach
 u (gu) - guess guest guitar guilt guilty guard

