Community Toolkit
Campaign for Grade Level Reading
Why are Mentors Important to Elementary Students?

When students have a Mentor...

- Learning to read becomes more enjoyable and students become more enthusiastic about books and learning.
- Students are exposed to new places and ideas through the reading materials volunteers share with them.
- Students learn to think more creatively.
- Students improve their listening and vocabulary skills.
- Students are exposed to the world beyond school.
- Students become more confident because they know their volunteers make time for them and enjoy reading with them.
- Students gain background knowledge, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear and read.
- Children who value books are motivated to read on their own.

What the Research Says

About Reading Aloud to Children:

“The single most important activity for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.” – Becoming a Nation of Readers Report, The National Commission on Reading, 1985

“The single most important activity for building these understandings and skills essential for reading success appears to be reading aloud to children.” – Bus, Van Dzendoorn, and Pellegrini, 1995: Wells 1985

“Shared book reading times that involve talking about the book and other topics is the first of three recommended key practices to support language theory and literacy development.” - Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children, the 1998 report of the Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children

About Vocabulary Development:

A child’s vocabulary upon entering kindergarten is a prime predictor of that child’s future success in school.

According to the Hart and Risley Report, The 30 Million Word Gap, there is a major difference in the total number of words heard by children at age 4 from different socioeconomic groups:

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Some children enter school having heard 32 million fewer words!
Goals & Purpose

Through a partnership between the School District of Manatee County and our community, adult volunteers will “meet” (in person or virtually) with children enrolled in Title I schools once a week to read one-to-one at a predetermined time selected between the mentor and the family.

Our goals are to:

- Generate enthusiasm for books and reading.
- Improve children’s listening comprehension, vocabulary, ability to articulate thoughts and background knowledge— all fundamental literacy skills.
- Increase children’s self-esteem through consistent weekly attention from their mentors.
- Provide flexible, convenient volunteer experiences for area professionals and community volunteers.
- Bring community support and resources into elementary schools and expose children to people of diverse cultures and backgrounds.
- Help close the vocabulary gap by reading aloud to children.

Role of the Mentor

The mentor will “meet” (in person or virtually) with an elementary school student one-on-one weekly for approximately 30-60 minutes. The mentor will use approved books selected by their organization. The mentor will talk with and listen to the child. They will read aloud to the child and encourage the child to share the volunteer’s enthusiasm for books.

At times mentors may also be asked to play educational games with students based on phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and/or comprehension. These games are included in this toolkit.

The mentor is a positive role model for the students who provides them with consistent weekly attention. The mentor will keep track of the time and activities that they conduct with each student, using the attached form. Mentors will provide these time logs to their agencies.
# Reading Volunteer Activities

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**Before, During and After Reading Strategies**

*Kindergarten and First*

**Before reading have students do 1-2 of the following:**

1) Make predictions about the story based on the book cover and title.

2) Do a “picture walk” - look through the pictures in the book and make guesses about what the story might be about.

3) Have the student point out different parts of the book - identifying the cover, title, author...

4) Discuss what the student knows about the book topic and list any questions they may have that could be answered after reading.

**During reading remind the student to:**

1) Think about how the word starts if they are not sure what it is.

2) Make guesses about the word based on picture clues and the letters in the word.

3) Stop periodically and ask the student questions about what they have read and/or to make guesses about what will happen next.

**After Reading ask the student to:**

1) Retell the story using the 5-Finger Retelling Bookmark included in this packet.

2) Tell you what was the main thing that happened at the beginning, the middle and the end of the story.

3) Answer 3-5 questions about the story that they may have to go back into the story in order to answer.
Five-Finger Retell

1. Characters
2. Setting
3. Problem
4. Events
5. Ending

Retell the story using your thumb (1. Characters)
index finger (2. Setting)
tall finger (3. Problem)
ring finger (4. Events)
little finger (5. Ending)
# Reading Response Choices for Fiction (Grades 2-3)

Each day, choose one of the activities for your written response. Put a check in the box when you have used the response.

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<td>Draw a picture that describes the setting. How is the setting important to the plot?</td>
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<td>How was the problem solved? Draw a picture to describe it.</td>
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<td>Use the 5-finger retelling to retell the story.</td>
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<td>Compare two characters in the story. How were they alike?</td>
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<td>Draw three pictures to describe events that happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Write about each picture.</td>
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<th>What questions do you have about the topic?</th>
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<th>Write about some facts you learned from your reading. Share your opinion about something you read.</th>
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<th>Pick three events from your book and write about the things that caused those events to happen.</th>
<th>Describe and illustrate the main ideas and details you read this week.</th>
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<th>Draw a picture that summarizes what you learned this week. Label your drawing to identify important ideas.</th>
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A Sample Read Aloud Session

Before the Session:

- The mentor will choose an approved book selected by your agency.
- The mentor should read the story and select special words for vocabulary study (no more than one to two words).

During the Session:

Pre-Reading

- Meet with the student, greet the student, make conversation with the student.
- Set expectations; ask your student to listen to the story as you read it aloud.
- Hold the book up, read the title, author’s name, and illustrator’s names.
- Take a picture walk through the story (turn each page and show just the pictures). Then, ask children to make predictions; “What do you think this book will be about?”
- Over time, (not all in one setting) and depending on the age and maturity of the child, point out some of the features of print:
  - Print starts at the top of the page and travels from left to right, top to bottom, line by line.
  - There are spaces between words.
  - There are capital letters and varying punctuation (. , ? !)
  - Pages may be numbered

During Reading

- Read the book aloud to the student. Read with expression at a moderate pace.
  - Make sure the child is able to see the pictures and read slowly enough for the child to build mental pictures of what you are reading.
  - Vary your pitch and intensity as you read.
- Bring attention to pictures to establish meaning.
- Let your love of books show to the child – you are a living commercial for the power and excitement of the printed word.
  - If you or the child are not enjoying the book, don’t feel compelled to complete it. Discuss that sometimes books speak to us in different ways and choose a new book to read.
After Reading

- After hearing a Read-Aloud story, it is important for children to have the opportunity to talk about it.
- Ask some comprehension questions (see sample questions included)
- Talk about the sequence of the story using words such as “first, next last” or “beginning, middle, end.”
- Choose one of two words from the story and talk about:
  - The meaning of the word
  - An opposite (antonym) for the word
  - A rhyming word (if appropriate)
After the Session:

- Complete the log to keep track of the meeting
  - Include the title of the book read at each session
  - Include the games played and the results at each session
  - Record child’s response to each story
- Keep in communication with your agency coordinator to submit the completed log.

Tips to Maximize the Session

Some Ways to Read Together:

- **Alternate Reading (Take Turns)**- The mentor and the child take turns reading aloud. When a child is able to read the material but is reluctant to begin, the mentor can build interest in the text by being the first to read. The tutor’s reading provides a rest for the child, moves the action along, models good phrasing, and helps the child recognize unfamiliar words.

- **Echo Reading**- The mentor reads a phrase or a sentence to the child while running a finger under the text. Next, the child reads the same text, echoing the mentor. Echo reading is used as a way to begin reading with the child who can recognize few words or a child who feels insecure about reading independently.

- **Choral Reading (Read Together)**- The child and the mentor read aloud together. The mentor’s voice and finger pointing to the words lead the child in the beginning. As the child becomes more confident and more proficient, the child’s voice leads, and the child runs his or her finger under the text.

- **Repeated Reading**- The child reads the same text several times, giving him or her an opportunity to build confidence and fluency.

- **Independent Reading**- The child reads aloud and stops to work out the pronunciation of words not recognized

**Note:** You may suggest trying various ways of reading together and have the child choose the way he or she wishes to read at each session. A child needs to have success, feel safe, and enjoy reading, particularly if previous attempts to read have been frustrating.
Super Speed 100
Grades K-1

How to Play SuperSpeed 100: First, decide what word you want your students to begin with. Below are the 100 words in SuperSpeed 100. (It is recommended that kindergartners begin at word 1, “the”.) If you want your students to begin with “up”, word 24 below, then they will start at Level 24. If you want your students to begin with “so”, word 50 below, then they will start with Level 50 and so forth.

Simply have your students read the list of 100 words. Note the first word a student misses, and then start him/her at that level in SuperSpeed 100. For example, if Joe misses “could”, word 46, then he would start at Level 46. You can then fill the role of his partner and take turns reading words. Or, for variety, simply have Joe read the words on his own, as fast as possible. Encourage him to keep breaking personal records.

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**Level 2:** the, to the, to, the, to, to, the, the, to, to, the, the, to, to, the, to, the, to, the, to, the, to, to, the, to

**Level 3:** the, to, and the, to, and, and, to, the, and, the, to, to, the, and, the, to, and, and, to, the, to, and, and, to, the, to

**Level 4:** the, to, and, he the, to, and, he, he, and, to, the, and, he he, and, the, to, and, he, he, and, to, the, the, to, and, he, he, and, to, the, and, he
Level 5: the, to, and, he, a, the, to, and, he, a, he, and, to, a, a, to, and, he, a, he, and, to, a

Level 6: the, to, and, he, a, I, the, to, and, he, a, l, l, a, he, and and, he, a, 1, 1, a, he, and, to, the, the, to, and, he, a, l, l, a, he, and

Level 7: to, and, he, a, I, you to, and, he, a, l, you, you, l, a, he he, a, l, you, you, l, a, he, and, a to, and, he, a, l, you, you, l, a, he

Level 8: and, he, a, l, you, it and, he, a, l, you, it, it, you, l, a a, l, you, it, it, you, l, a, he, and and, he, a, l, you, it, it, you, l, a

Level 9: he, a, l, you, it, of he, a, l, you, it, of, of, it, you, I, you, it, of, of, it, you, l, a, he he, a, l, you, it, of, of, it, you, l

Level 10: a, l, you, it, of, in a, l, you, it, of, in, in, of, it, you, it, of, in, in, of, it, you, l, a a, l, you, it, of, in, in, of, it, you

Challenge- Read these 10 words perfectly!

1) the 3) and 5) a 7) You 9) of
2) to 4) he 6) l 8) it 10) in

Level 11: I, you, it of, in, was l, you, it, of, in, was, in, of, it, l, you, it, of, in, was, in, of, it, you, l, you, it, of, in, was, in, of, it

Level 12: you, it, of, in, was, said you, it, of, in, was, said, said, was, in, of of, in, was, said, said, was, in, of, it, you you, it, of, in, was, said, said, was, in, of

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Level 14: of, in, was, said, his, that of, in, was, said, his, that, that, his, said, was was, said, his, that, that, his, said, was

Level 15: in, was, said, his, that, she in, was, said, his, that, she, she, that, his, said said, his, that, she, she, that, his, said

Level 16: was, said, his, that, she, for was, said, his, that, she, for, for, she, that, his his, that, she, for, for, she, that, his

Level 17: said, his, that, she, for, on said, his, that, she, for, on, on, for, she, that that, she, for, on, on, for, she, that, his, said said, his, that, she, for, on, on, for, she, that

Level 18: his, that, she, for, on, they his, that, she, for, on, they, they, on, for, she, she, that, his his, that, she, for, on, they, they, on, for

Level 19: that, she, for, on, they, but that, she, for, on, they, but, but, they, on, for, on, they, but, but, they, on, for

Level 20: she, for, on, they, but, had she, for, on, they, but, had, had, but, they, on, on, they, but, had, had, but, they, on
**Challenge: Read these 20 words perfectly!**

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**Level 21:** for, on, they, but, had, at for, on, they, but, had, at, had, but, they they, but, had, at, at, had, but, they, on for, on, they, but, had, at, at, had, but, they

**Level 22:** on, they, but, had, at, him on, they, but, had, at, him, him, at, had, but but, had, at, him, him, at, had, but, they, on on, they, but, had, at, him, him, at, had, but

**Level 23:** they, but, had, at, him, with they, but, had, at, him, with, with, him, at, had had, at, him, with, with, him, at, had

**Level 24:** but, had, at, him, with, up but, had, at, him, with, up, up, with, him, at at, had, but but, had, at, him, with, up, up, with, him, at

**Level 25:** had, at, him, with, up, see had, at, him, with, up, see, see, up, with, him him, with, up, see, see, see, up, with, him, at had, at, him, with, up, see, see, up, with, him

**Level 26:** at, him, with, up, see, all at, him, with, up, see, all, all, see up, with, up, see, all, all, see, up, with, him, at, at, him, with, up, see, see, up, with, him

**Level 27:** him, with, up, see, all, look him, with, up, see, all, look, look, all, see, up up, see, all, look, look, all, see, up, with, him him, with, up, see, all, look, look, all, see

**Level 28:** with, up, see, all, look, is with, up, see, all, look, is, is, look, all, see see, all, look, is, is, look, all, see, up with, up, see, all, all, look, is, is, look, all, see

**Level 29:** up, see, all, look, is, her up, see, all, look, is, her, her, is, look, all look, is, her, her, is, look, all, see, up up, see, all, look, is, her, her, is, look, all

**Level 30:** see, all, look, is, her, there see, all, look, is, her, there, there, her, is, look look, is, her, there, there, her, is, look, all, see all, look, is, her, there, there, her, is, look

**Challenge: Read these 30 words perfectly!**

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**Level 31:** all, look, is, her, there, some all, look, is, her, there, some, some, there, her, is is, her, there, some, some, there, her, is, look, all all, look, is, her, there, some, some, there, her, is
Challenge- Read these 40 words perfectly!

1) the 9) of 17) on 25) see 33) out
2) to 10) in 18) they 26) all 34) as
3) and 11) was 19) but 27) look 35) be
4) he 12) said 20) had 28) is 36) each
5) a 13) his 21) at 29) her 37) have
6) I 14) that 22) him 30) there 38) go
7) you 15) she 23) with 31) some 39) we
8) it 16) for 24) up 32) word 40) am

Level 41: each, have, go, we, am, then each, have, go, we, am, then, then, am, we, go go, we, am, then, then, am, we, go

Level 42: have, go, we, am, then, little have, go, we, am, then, little, little, then, am, we we, am, then, little, little, then, am, we, go have have, go, we, am, then, little, little, then, am, we

Level 43: go, we, am, then, little, down go, we, am, then, little, down, down, little, then, am am, then, little, down, down, little, then, am, we, go go, we, am, then, little, down, down, little, then, am

Level 44: we, am, then, little, down, do we, am, then, little, down, do, do, down, little, then then, little, little, down, down, little, then, am, we we, am, then, little, down, do, do, down, little, then,
Level 45: am, then, little, down, do, can am, then, little, down, do, can, can, do, down, little little, down, do, can, can, do, down little, then, am am, then, little, down, do, can, can, do, down

Level 46: then, little, down, do, can, could then, little, down, do, can, could, can, do, down down, do, can, could, can, do, down, little, then then, little, down, do, can, could, can, do, down

Level 47: little, down, do, can, could, when little, down, do, can, could, when, when, could, can do, could, when, when, could, can, do, down little little, down, do, can, could, when, when, could, can, do

Level 48: down, do, can, could, when, did down, do, can, could, when, did, did, when, could, can can, could, when, did, did, when, could, can, do, down down, do, can, could, when, did, did, when, could, can

Level 49: do, can, could, when, did, what do, can, could, when, did, what, what, did, when, could could, when, did, what, what, did, when, could, can do, can, could, when, did, did, what, did, when, could

Level 50: can, could, when, did, what, so can, could, when, did, what, so, so, what, did, when when, did, what, so, so, what, did, when, could, can can, could, when, did, what, so, so, what, did, when,--------

Challenge- Read these 50 words perfectly!

1) the 11) was 21) at 31) some 41) then
2) to 12) said 22) him 32) word 42) little
3) and 13) his 23) with 33) out 43) down
4) he 14) that 24) up 34) as 44) do
5) a 15) she 25) see 35) be 45) can
6) I 16) for 26) all 36) each 46) could
7) you 17) on 27) look 37) have 47) when
8) it 18) they 28) is 38) go 48) did
9) of 19) but 29) her 39) we 49) what
10) in 20) had 30) there 40) am 50) so

Level 51: could, when, did, what, so, not could, when, did, what, so, not, not, so, what, did did, what, so, not, not, so, what, did, when, could could, when, did, what, so, not, not, so, what, did

Level 52: when, did, what, so, not, were when, did, what, so, not, were, were, not, so, what what, so, not, were, were, not, so, what, did, when when, did, what, so, not, were, were, not, so, what

Level 53: did, what, so, not, were, get did, what, so, not, were, get, get, were, not, so, not, were, get, get, were, not, so, what, did did, what, so, not, were, get, get, were, not, so

Level 54: what, so, not, were, get, them what, so, not, were, get, them, them, get, were, not not, were, get, them, them, get, were, not, so, what what, so, not, were, get, them, them, get, were, not

Level 55: so, not, were, get, them, like so, not, were, get, them, like, like, them, get, were were, get, them, like, like, them, get, were, not, so, so, not, were, get, them, like, like, them, get, were

Level 56: not, were, get, them, like, one not, were, get, them, like, one, one, like, them, get get, them, like, one, one, like, them, get, were, not not, were, get, them, like, one, one, like, them, get
Level 57: were, get, them, like, one, this were, get, them, like, one, this, this, one, like, them them, like, one, this were, get, them, like, one, this, this, one, like, them

Level 58: get, them, like, one, this, my get, them, like, one, this, my, my, this, one, like, one, this, my, my, this, one, like, them them, like, one, this, my, my, this, one, like

Level 59: them, like, one, this, my, would them, like, one, this, my, would, would, my, this, one one, this, my, would, would, my, this, one, like, them them, like, one, this, my, would, would, my, this, one

Level 60: like, one, this, my, would, me like, one, this my, would, me, me, would, my, this this, my, would, me, me, would, my, this, one, like, one, this, my, would, me, me, would, my,

Challenge- Read these 60 words perfectly!

1) the 13) his 25) see 37) have 49) what
2) to 14) that 26) all 38) go 50) so
3) and 15) she 27) look 39) we 51) not
4) he 16) for 28) is 40) am 52) were
5) a 17) on 29) her 41) then 53) get
6) I 18) they 30) there 42) little 54) them
7) you 19) but 31) some 43) down 55) like
8) it 20) had 32) word 44) do 56) one
9) of 21) at 33) out 45) can 57) this
10) in 22) him 34) as 46) could 58) my
11) was 23) with 35) be 47) when 59) would
12) said 24) up 36) each 48) did 60) me

Level 61: one, this, my, would, me, will one, this, my, would, me, will, will, me, would, my my, would, me, will, will, me, would, my, this, one one, this, my, would, me, will, will, me, would, my

Level 62: this, my, would, me, will, yes this, my, would, me, will, yes, yes, will, me, would would, me, will, yes, yes, will, me, would, my, this this, my, would, me, will, yes, will, me, would

Level 63: my, would, me, will, yes, big my, would, me, will, yes, big, big, yes, will, me me, will, yes, big, big, yes, will, me, would, my my, would, me, will, yes, big, big, yes, will, me

Level 64: would, me, will, yes, big, more would, me, will, yes, big, more, more, big. yes, will will, yes, big, more, more, big, yes, will, me, would would, me, will, yes, big, more, more, big, yes, will

Level 65: me, will, yes, big, more, went me, will, yes, big, more, went, went, more, big, yes yes, big, more, went, went, more, big, yes, will, me me, will, yes, big, more, went, went, more, big, yes

Level 66: will, yes, big, more, went, are will, yes, big, more, went, are, are, went, more, big big, more, went, are, are, went, more, big, yes will, yes, big, more, went, are, are, went, more, big

Level 67: yes, big, more, went, are, come yes, big, more, went, are, come, come, are, went, more more, went, are, come, come, are, went, more, big, yes yes, big, more, went, are, come, come, are, went, more

Level 68: big, more, went, are, come, if big, more, went, are, come, if, if, come, are, went went, are, come, if, if, come, are, went
Level 69: more, went, are, come, if, number more, went, are, come, if, number, number, come, are, went went, are, come, number, number, if, come, are, went, more more, went, are, come, if, number, number, come, are, went

Level 70: went, are, come, if, number, now went, are, come, if, number, now, now, number, if, come come, if, number, now, now, number, if, come, are, went went, are, come, if, number, now, now, number, if, come

Challenge - Read these 70 words perfectly! –

1) the 15) she 29) her 43) down 57) this
2) to 16) for 30) there 44) do 58) my
3) and 17) on 31) some 45) can 59) would
4) he 18) they 32) word 46) could 60) me
5) a 19) but 33) out 47) when 61) will
6) I 20) had 34) as 48) did 62) yes
7) you 21) at 35) be 49) what 63) big
8) it 22) him 36) each 50) so 64) more
9) of 23) with 37) have 51) not 65) went
10) in 24) up 38) go 52) were 66) are
11) was 25) see 39) we 53) get 67) come
12) said 26) all 40) am 54) them 68) if
13) his 27) look 41) then 55) like 69) number
14) that 28) is 42) little 56) one 70) now

Level 71: are, come, if, number, now, long are, come, if, number, now, long, long, now, number, if if, number, now, long, long, now, number, if, come are are, come, if, number, now, long, long, now, number, if

Level 72: come, if, number, now, long, no come, if, number, now, long, no, no, long, now, number number, now, long, no, no, long, now, number, if, come come, if, number, now, long, no, no, long, now, number

Level 73: if, number, now, long, no, way if, number, now, long, no, way, way, no, long, now now, long, no, way, way, no, long, now, number, if if, number, now, long, no, way, way, no, long, now

Level 74: number, now, long, no, way, came number, now, long, no, way, came, came, way, no, long long, no, way, came, came, way, no, long, now, number number, now, long, no, way, came, came, way, no, long

Level 75: now, long, no, way, came, too now, long, no, way, came, too, too, came, way, no no, way, came, too, too, came, way, no, long, now now, long, no, way, came, too, too, came, way, no

Level 76: long, no, way, came, too, ask long, no, way, came, too, ask, ask, too, came, way way, came, too, ask, ask, too, came, way, no, long long, no, way, came, too, ask, ask, too, came, way

Level 77: no, way, came, too, ask, very no, way, came, too, ask, very, very, ask, too, came came, too, ask, very, very, ask, too, came, way, no, way, came, too, ask, very, very, ask, too, came
Level 78: way, came, too, ask, very, than way, came, too, ask, very, than, very, ask, too too, ask, very, than, very, ask, too, came, way, no way, came, too, ask, very, than, than, very, ask, too

Level 79: came, too, ask, very, than, an came, too, ask, very, than, an, an, than, very, ask ask, very, than, an, than, very, ask Level 80: too, ask, very, than, an, over too, ask, very, than, an, over, over, an, than, very very, than, an, over, over, an, than, very, ask, too too, ask, very, than, an, over, an, than, very

Challenge- Read these 80 words perfectly!

1) the  17) on  33) out  49) what  65) went
2) to  18) they  34) as  50) so  66) are
3) and  19) but  35) be  51) not  67) come
4) he  20) had  36) each  52) were  68) if
5) a  21) at  37) have  53) get  69) number
6) I  22) him  38) go  54) them  70) now
7) you  23) with  39) we  55) like  71) long
8) it  24) up  40) am  56) one  72) no
9) of  25) see  41) then  57) this  73) way
10) in  26) all  42) little  58) my  74) came
11) was  27) look  43) down  59) would  75) too
12) said  28) is  44) do  60) me  76) ask
13) his  29) her  45) can  61) will  77) very
14) that  30) there  46) could  62) yes  78) than
15) she  31) some  47) when  63) big  79) an
16) for  32) word  48) did  64) more  80) over

Level 81: ask, very, than, an, over, yours ask, very, than, an, over, yours, yours, over, an, than than, an, over, yours, yours, over, an, than, very, ask ask, very, than, an, over, yours, yours, over, an, than

Level 82: very, than, an, over, yours, its very, than, an, over, yours, its, its, yours, over, an an, over, yours, its, its, yours, over, an, than, very, than, an, over, yours, its, its, yours, over, an

Level 83: than, an, over, yours, its, ride than, an, over, yours, its, ride, ride, its, yours, over over, yours, its, ride, ride, yours, over, an, than, very than, an, over, yours, its, ride, ride, its, yours, over

Level 84: an, over, yours, its, ride, into an, over, yours, its, ride, into, into, ride, its, yours yours, its,ride, into, into, ride, its, yours, over, an an, over, yours, its, ride, into, into, ride, its, yours

Level 85: over, yours, its, ride, into, just over, yours, its, ride, into, just, just, into, ride, its its, ride, into, just, just, into, ride, its, yours over over, yours, its, ride, into, just, just, into, ride, its

Level 86: yours, its, ride, into, just, blue yours, its, ride, into, just, blue, blue, blue, just, into, ride ride, into, just, blue, blue, just, into, ride, its, yours yours, its, ride, into, just, blue, blue, just, into, ride

Level 87: its, ride, into, just, blue, red its, ride, into, just, blue, red, red, blue, just, into into, just, blue, red, red, blue, just, into, ride
Level 88: ride, into, just, blue, red, from ride, into, just, blue, red, from, from, red, blue, just just, blue, red, from, from, red, blue, just, into, ride ride, into, just, blue, red, from, from, red, blue, just

Level 89: into, just, blue, red, from, good into, just, blue, red, from, good, good, from, red, blue blue, red, from, good, good, from, red, blue, just, into into, just, blue, red, from, good, good, from, red, blue

Level 90: just, blue, red, from, good, any just, blue, red, from, good, any, any, good, from, red red, from, good, any, any, good, from, red, blue, just just, blue, red, from, good, any, any, good, from, red

Challenge - Read these 90 words perfectly!

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1) the | 19) but | 37) have | 55) like | 73) way |
| 2) to | 20) had | 38) go | 56) one | 74) came |
| 3) and | 21) at | 39) we | 57) this | 75) too |
| 4) he | 22) him | 40) am | 58) my | 76) ask |
| 5) a | 23) with | 41) then | 59) would | 77) very |
| 6) I | 24) up | 42) little | 60) me | 78) than |
| 7) you | 25) see | 43) down | 61) will | 79) an |
| 8) it | 26) all | 44) do | 62) yes | 80) over |
| 9) of | 27) look | 45) can | 63) big | 81) yours |
| 10) in | 28) is | 46) could | 64) more | 82) its |
| 11) was | 29) her | 47) when | 65) went | 83) ride |
| 12) said | 30) there | 48) did | 66) are | 84) into |
| 13) his | 31) some | 49) what | 67) come | 85) just |
| 14) that | 32) word | 50) so | 68) if | 86) blue |
| 15) she | 33) out | 51) not | 69) number | 87) red |
| 16) for | 34) as | 52) were | 70) now | 88) from |
| 17) on | 35) be | 53) get | 71) long | 89) good |
| 18) they | 36) each | 54) them | 72) no | 90) any |

Level 91: blue, red, from, good, any, about blue, red, from, good, any, about, about, any, good, from from, good, any, about, about, any, good, from, red, blue blue, red, from, good, any, about, about, any, good, from

Level 92: red, from, good, any, about, around red, from, good, any, about, around, around, about, any, good good, any, about, around, around, about, any, good, from, red red, from, good, any, about, around, around, about, any, good

Level 93: from, good, any, about, around, want from, good, any, about, around, want, want, around, about, any any, about, around, want, want, around, about, any, good, from from, good, any, about, around, want, want, around, about, any

Level 94: good, any, about, around, want, don’t good, any, about, around, want, don’t, don’t, want, around, about about, around, want, don’t, don’t, want, around, about, any, good good, any, about, around, want, don’t, don’t, want, around, about

Level 95: any, about, around, want, don’t, how any, about, around, want, don’t, how, how, don’t, want, around around, want, don’t, how, how, don’t, want, around, about, any any, about, around, want, don’t, how, how, don’t, want, around
Level 96: about, around, want, don’t, how, know about, around, want, don’t, how, know, how, don’t, want want, don’t, how, know, know, how, don’t, want, around about about, around, want, don’t, how, know, how, don’t, want, around, about about, around, want, don’t, how, know, how, don’t, want

Level 97: around, want, don’t, how, know, part around, want, don’t, how, know, part, part, know, how, don’t don’t, how, know, part, part, know, how, don’t, want, around around, want, don’t, how, know, part, part, know, how, don’t

Level 98: want, don’t, how, know, part, right want, don’t, how, know, part, right, right, part, know, how, don’t don’t, how, know, part, right, right, part, know, how, don’t

Level 99: don’t, how, know, part, right, put don’t, how, know, part, right, put, put, right, part, know know, part, right, put, put, right, part, know, how, don’t don’t, how, know, part, right, put, put, right, part, know

Level 100: how, know, part, right, put, sound how, know, part, right, put, sound, sound, put, right, part part, right, put, sound, sound, put, right, part, know, how how, know, part, right, put, sound, sound, put, right,

Final Challenge- Read these 100 words perfectly

| 1) the | 21) at | 41) then | 61) will | 81) yours |
| 2) to | 22) him | 42) little | 62) yes | 82) its |
| 3) and | 23) with | 43) down | 63) big | 83) ride |
| 4) he | 24) up | 44) do | 64) more | 84) into |
| 5) a | 25) see | 45) can | 65) went | 85) just |
| 6) I | 26) all | 46) could | 66) are | 86) blue |
| 7) you | 27) look | 47) when | 67) come | 87) red |
| 8) it | 28) is | 48) did | 68) if | 88) from |
| 9) of | 29) her | 49) what | 69) number | 89) good |
| 10) in | 30) there | 50) so | 70) now | 90) any |
| 11) was | 31) some | 51) not | 71) long | 91) about |
| 12) said | 32) word | 52) were | 72) no | 92) around |
| 13) his | 33) out | 53) get | 73) way | 93) want |
| 14) that | 34) as | 54) them | 74) came | 94) don’t |
| 15) she | 35) be | 55) like | 75) too | 95) how |
| 16) for | 36) each | 56) one | 76) ask | 96) know |
| 17) on | 37) have | 57) this | 77) very | 97) part |
| 18) they | 38) go | 58) my | 78) than | 98) right |
| 19) but | 39) we | 59) would | 79) an | 99) put |
| 20) had | 40) am | 60) me | 80) over | 100) sound |

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Super Speed 1000
Grades 2-3

Directions:
Make a team of two readers or take turns. Beginning at line 1 below, you read the first word and your
partner reads the second word. Keep taking turns, reading as quickly as possible for a minute. When
your team is finished, mark the last word you or your partner read. This is your team record. Play again
for a minute, trying to break this record, but this time, your partner goes first. Your partner reads the
first word, you read the second word, and so forth. At the end of a minute if your team beats your team
record give a merry cheer.

Every underlined word in italics is a nonsense word called a zinger. For example, the first two zingers are
splootz! (line 6) and zoink! (line 13.) Count the number of zingers your team reads when it sets its best
team record. Each zinger gives your team a five word bonus. So, if your team read two zingers, then the
next time you play you can begin 10 words from your previous starting place. For example, if you began
at word “the” and read through two zingers, then you can start next time 10 words further on, with the
word “was.”

1) the, to, and, he, a, I, you, it, of, in, was, said,
2) his, that, she, for, on, they, but, had, at, him,
3) with, up, see, all, look, is, her, there, some,
4) word, out, as, be, each, have, go, we, am,
5) then, little, down, do, can, could, when,
6) did, what, so, splootz!
7) not, were, get, them, like, one, this, my,
8) would, me, will, yes, big, more, went, are,
9) come, if, number, now, long, no, way, came,
10) too, ask, very, than, an, over, yours, its, ride,
11) into, just, blue, red, from, good, any, about,
12) around, want, don’t, how, know, part, right,
13) put, sound, zoink!
14) got, take, where, every, pretty, place, jump, green, four,
15) away, old, by, most, their, here, saw, call, after, well, moop!
16) think, name, ran, sentence, let, follow, help, make, going,
17) great, sleep, brown, yellow, you, through, other, walk, line,
18) since, or, before, mean, eat, same, again, home, play, who,
19) been, may, boy, aggh!
20) stop, off, never, also, seven, eight, form, set, cold, today,
21) goes, myself, round, set, tell, much, keep, give, large, work,
22) first, even, such, try, find, new, must, start, black, white,
23) turn, ten, does, bring, men, women, point, always, drink,
24) need, once, different, soon, made, move, run, gave, open,
25) has, hand, yatz!
26) only, picture, us, our, change, three, spell, air, better, hold,
27) buy, animal, house, page, write, letter, mother, father,
28) funny, warm, answer, ate, learn, full, small, those, done,
29) use, cried, say, light, pick, hurt, pull, cut, kind, both, high,
30) sit, near, add, food, between, which, below, plant, country,
31) fall, school, carry, gleep-rumple!
32) tree, under, read, why, own, found, wash, cold, hot, because,
33) far, live, draw, earth, eye, clean, grow, thought, head, best,
34) story, upon, these, sing, car, left, together, please, few, dizzle!
35) while, along, might, close, thank, wish, seem, man shall,
36) hard, laugh, example, begin, life, paper, group, often,
37) important, until, side, feet, dorf!
38) cows, it’s, your, being, sun, questions, fish, dog, mark,
39) horse, birds, area, room, door, ship, table, farm, ground,
40) town, wood, road, box, friends, stars, street, building, red,
41) black, green, wheels, ocean, island, field, fire, waves, wind,
42) rock, space, however, low, hours, complete, products,
43) happened, whole, measure, remember, early during, short
44) better, best, listen, reached, covered, fast, several, hold,
45) himself, toward, true, step, morning passed, vowel, five,
46) ten, hundred, numeral, thousands, knew, north, south,
47) money, map, since, pulled, draw, voice, seen, slow, fast,
48) plan, notice, slowly, sing, war, ever, tall, king, piece, I’ll,
49) unit, figure, certain, across, travel, told, today, upon, bap!
50) done, English, usually, half, pattern, fly, gave, didn’t, finally,
51) wait, correct, oh, quickly, person, became, shown, goinch!
52) minutes, strong, verb, easy, front, feel, fact, inches, rarlup!
53) heard, decided, contain, course, surface, produce, order,
54) sure, class, note, nothing, rest, carefully, scientists, inside,
55) become, stay top, known, problem, week, less, machine,
56) base, ago, stood, zingy-doingy!
57) plane, system, behind, ran, round, boat, game, force,
58) brought, understand, warm, common, bring, explain,
59) dry, though, language, shape, deep, against, America,
60) dear, equation, yet, government, filled, heat, full, hot,
61) check, object, am, rule, among, noun, power, cannot, able,
62) six, size, dark, ball, material, special, heavy, fine, pair,
63) circle, include, built, clickwaddle!
64) can’t, matter, square, syllables, perhaps, bill, felt, suddenly,
65) test, direction, center, farmers, ready, anything, divided,
66) general, energy, subject, Europe, moon, region, return,
believe, dance, members, picked, simple, cells, paint, mind,
love, cause, rain, exercise, eggs, train, blue, wish, kizwiddy!
drop, developed, window, difference, distance, heart, sit,
sum, summer, wall, forest, probably, tazzzz!
legs, sat, main, winter, wide, written, length, reason,
kept, interest, arms, brother, race, present, beautiful, store,
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modern, compound, mine, wasn't, fit, addition, belong,
How to Do a Word Sort

1) Take out your cards.

2) Read all of your cards.

3) Ask a question if you don't know a word.

4) Think about the sounds and spelling.

5) Sort the words into columns.

6) Read the words aloud to check.

7) Ask the teacher to check.

8) Write the words in your notebook in columns.

9) Record your sort on your progress chart in your folder.

10) Put your cards back in the envelope.
Word Sort Word Lists

Directions: Choose 1-2 different lists to sort using the Instructions above. Have students add words to the sort list. Students can write the words on their own after they sort them. Be sure to have the student read each word after they have made their lists. Feel free to teach the student the definition of unknown words.

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3-Read Fluency Routine

**Materials:** Fluency passage provided by teacher

**Script:** Today we will work on fluency and sounding like a “reader”.

*Our new passage is called __________________________ by __________________________.*

1) I will read it the first time. You will follow along and if you would like to join in with me, you can. - Read section of text out loud. Child should be following along with their eyes and can try and read some words with you.

2) Now, we will echo read it (I read a sentence, then you will read the same sentence after me). Try to sound just like me. - Read the text sentence by sentence having your child repeat after you. Make sure they are reading, not just repeating what you read.

3) Now, we will partner read. I will read a sentence, then you will read the next sentence. - Sit next to your child (not across from them). Partner A reads a sentence, Partner B reads next sentence until they reach the end of the section of text (help your child if needed).

4) Finally, you will read the passage out loud on your own. - Listen to your child read the passage and help if they get stuck on a word.

5) Ask a question about the passage. Use one of these: - What was happening in the passage? - What did the story remind you of? - Was there a problem in the story? If so, what was the problem? - If there was a problem ask: What was the solution (how was the problem solved)?
Nursery Rhymes

"Five Little Monkeys" Lyrics

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell down and bumped his head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell down and bumped his head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell down and bumped her head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Two little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell down and bumped his head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

One little monkey jumping on the bed,
She fell down and bumped her head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
Put those monkeys back to bed!

"Zoom, Zoom We’re Going to the Moon” Lyrics

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
We’re going to the moon.
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
We’re going to the moon.
If you want to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship.
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
We’re going to the moon.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1,
Blast off!
“The Fruits Song” Lyrics

I love oranges.
They're orange and round I really love them.
They're Juicy and sweet and so tasty!
Oranges are great for me!

Bananas, Bananas, Bananas!
They're scrumptious and my favorite.
They're curved and yellow with a very thick skin.
Bananas are great for me!

There are so many different kinds of fruit.
Can you name a few?
Bananas, Kiwis, Strawberries, Peaches, Apples.
So many different colors, shapes and sizes.
Cherries, Grapes, Melons, Pears, Pineapples and more!

Strawberries are really yummy.
They make me want to rub my tummy.
They're red and juicy and so tasty!
Strawberries are great for me!

Grapes, Grapes, Grapes are in bunches!
They come in different colors, Black, Red or Green!
They're very small and tasteful, An easy snack!
Grapes are great for me!

There are so many different kinds of fruit.
Can you name a few?
Bananas, Kiwis, Strawberries, Peaches, Apples.
So many different colors, shapes and sizes.
Cherries, Grapes, Melons, Pears, Pineapples and more!

I love watermelon. It's the juiciest fruit of all.
it’s green on the outside and red on the inside.
Watermelons great for me!

I love Pineapple pieces.
They're delicious and sweet I really love them.
They're yellow and unique and so tasty!
Pineapple is great for me!

There are so many different kinds of fruit.
Can you name a few?
Bananas, Kiwis, Strawberries, Peaches, Apples.
So many different colors, shapes and sizes.
Cherries, Grapes, Melons, Pears, Pineapples and more!
“Teddy Bear’s Picnic”

If you go down in the woods today
You’re sure of a big surprise
If you go down in the woods today
You’d better go in disguise!

For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain
Because today’s the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic
Picnic time for Teddy Bears

The little Teddy Bears are having
A lovely time today
Watch them, catch them unawares
And see them picnic on their holiday

See them gaily gad about
They love to play and shout
They never have any cares

At six o’clock their Mommies and Daddies
Will take them home to bed

Because they’re tired little Teddy Bears

Every Teddy Bear who’s been good
Is sure of a treat today
There’s lots of marvelous things to eat
And wonderful games to play

Beneath the trees where nobody sees
They’ll hide and seek as long as they please
‘Cause that’s the way the Teddy Bears have their picnic

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Ann and Tom

Ann was seven years old. Her brother, Tom was nine. They were both very excited. Today they were going to get a pet. They were going to get a puppy.

Ann hoped their new puppy would like to chase balls. She wanted to play with it in the yard. She thought it would be fun to play chase with the puppy. Tom hoped their new puppy would like to go for walks in the park. He wanted to take it for walks with his friends and their dogs.

Both children knew that taking care of a puppy could be a lot of work. They promised their mom they would be good pet owners. It was time to go pick out their new puppy. Ann, Tom, and their mom got in the car. They drove to the animal shelter in town.

They parked the car and went inside. Ann and her brother knew where to go. They had visited the shelter before. They came to the shelter last year. They had adopted a cat there.

Ann and Tom rushed into the main office area. They went to the part of the shelter with dogs. The words “Dog Kennel” were written on the wall. They saw two rows of metal cages.

There was a cement hall in between them. They could hear many dogs barking. The dogs were barking loudly. Ann and Tom looked at each other. They smiled big smiles. They knew they would find their new pet.
Max

Max was very proud when he learned how to write. Soon, he could not get enough of writing. He would write letters. He would write stories. He wrote all the time.

One day, Max got up early. There was no school that day. It was Sunday. He decided to write a story for his mom. Max could not decide what to write about. Maybe his mom would like a story about a bunny.

She always smiled when they watched rabbits playing at the pet store. She might prefer a story about flowers. She liked to smell them in the spring. Max knew his mom liked to ride her bike. Maybe she would like a story about a new bike.

Max sat in the kitchen and thought. He wanted to write a story his mom would really like. Then, he had a great idea. Max got a piece of paper and pens. He drew a picture of his mom. He gave her a big smile. He put pretty flowers in her hand. He drew a rabbit near her feet. He drew a bike behind her. Next to his mom, he drew a picture of himself.

Now Max was ready to write the words for his story. He wrote about a beautiful lady. He told about how much her son loved her. He wrote about the fun they had on their bikes. The story talked about her pet rabbit. It told about the flowers in her hand. He knew his mom would like this story.
Fruit Fun

Ellen’s favorite pastime was making things, so she was delighted when her aunt sent her a box of modeling clay. The clay was soft and gooey, and Ellen could press and mold it into all kinds of shapes.

Ellen started by creating different kinds of fruits—apples, bananas, oranges, pears, plums, grapefruit, peaches, and lemons. She arranged her best pieces of fruit in a fancy china bowl, and when her mother saw the bowl, she was amazed at how real the fruit looked.

That gave Ellen and her mother an idea, and together they set the pretty bowl in the center of the dining room table. That evening when Dad came home, he immediately noticed the fruit bowl. “Those peaches look so ripe and delicious!” Dad exclaimed. Ellen started laughing and she couldn’t stop. “What are you laughing at?” Dad demanded.

Dad reached out and chose the prettiest peach. Right away he realized why Ellen was laughing. “You completely fooled me,” he said. “This peach certainly looks good enough to eat.”

Sun Facts

The sun is important to everything on Earth. Light and heat from the sun give warmth and energy to all life on the planet.

But the sun is really just a star. It looks larger because it is much closer to us than other stars. Compared with other stars, the sun is just medium-sized. But compared with Earth, it is very large indeed.

If the sun were a hollow ball, it would take one million Earth-size balls to fill it up. The temperature of any place on Earth depends on the position of the sun.

Places near the equator are hot because the sun shines almost directly overhead at noon. On the other hand, places near the North Pole and the South Pole are cold. This is because the sun almost never rises above the horizon there.

Scientists know a good deal about the sun, but they still have much to learn. As they learn, they hope to find better ways to use the sun’s power on Earth.