Blend Phonics Nonsense Words

For Learning to Read Without Guessing

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1. fab jag mab yad kan jad sab mag nan vad
2. kib lin zib hig rit jin tib rin mib vig
3. fod lon kog yon mog nog kod tog zod von
4. jud vug nud yug fub sug vud mun jub yun
5. zed leb dag yeg pog reg geb peb hig seg sug han nen bon ven hun yab jun sib ket
6. baft jift vamp voft zuft kemp caft gamp neft zomp kift lemp meft domp yoft timp jand vont kand bupt lant yent sapt fopt yent yesp jisp fasp fosp bosp
7. check lish shiff shen tash shan shep yash dosh pesh yosh jish yosh bish gesh
8. thock theg thap thund thant thim thun thop thint thiqt thesp thash thish thosh thod thack gath theg
9. ched choss chid choff chut chib chog chod chud cham chom chan chon chun chim chass chif chet chot chupa chaft chift chofit chund chand chid chend chept chupt chask chasp chusk chust chesh ched
10. want watch wasp wash what which whisk whack whiff whip whet whiz when
11. jang bing tong zung plong clung kang jing strang trung
12. vink jank yink vonk kunk shronk grink thrank blank slonk
13. smab claff plack brob spad blad drift
    scrad smod gluff bleff stod swuff frud
    stug cran flen plon trun plip plass
    fless gliss closs druss

14. breb plick flad strod snaff hest jish
    basp bisp rept blapt trask smesk tresp
    glipt vamp glant sland trunt zent spift
    chent saft shant spect

15. nace kibe pake fode glile vule thace
    zune crake zime shrake thrume prale swide
    scrate zote zice voke trote phripe slome
    throde skode glite snude

16. dishcat bickstep babcot cutfish disktip
    digslib lidmiss endlot flipbuck lipstuff
    natmug sendbug taptip triffick inlit
    sunsat capnot wigspin lostmit pickpack

17. old bold scold cold fold told sold mold
    hold colt volt molt bolt jolt toll roll
    post most host both mild child wild rind
    wind blind find grind kind mind

18. be he no she go me so we I the

19. dar gar har kar clar lar nar
    par blar thar

20. kor tor vor zor clor flor glor phlor

21. bird stir worm planner clerk third
    camper runner fern curb cutter sitter
    jerk curl burn chopper herd dirt
    term hurt spinner birth purr helper
    dirt never worst fir work factor
22. jain blain tay crain blay nain chay
    shay splain thrain glay claid praid slaid

23. jeed veed teel cheel neem dreep gleet
    yeet skeep dween breel sleem greep dreep

24a. beave deave sheave dreave gleave
24a. beat each reach leaf bean

24b. threat thread tread bread wealth
    weather breath dead instead sweat

24c. steak break great breaker daybreak

25a. cried lies tied cries lied tried dried
    pie dries pies spies fried lie tie

25b. priest relief believe brief chief yield grief
    field thief

26a. my ply sly try sky shy by why cry dry fly
    myself

26b. army handy sleepy candy hilly thirsty
    guppy healthy twenty silly fifty dusty
    messy funny rainy

27. boe stroe choaf moak foan cloat floak
    sloan troan stoast stroat soal throem groat

28a. low slow window bowl tow willow
    blow throw yellow crow show glow
    shown growth follow

28b. frown flower gown growl cow howl
    crowd power how crown
29a. cloud mound round found out sound
    ground our shout house mouse scout
    loud pound proud

29b. you country young soul

30. voin moy yoist broy droint joid
    moil croy ploid stoil goil stroy

31. foon zool shool voon shoon brool
droon sprool roon froon

32. book good hood shook foot cook crook wood soot hoof

33. daw baun saun glaw kause glawn nause
    praw thause traw nause blaw yawt glaw

34. jall chall zall shrall kall blaw staw

35. blew flew news flue brew threw pew
    glue chew dew stew true crew few
due drew blue hue grew clue

36. ajar around asleep about alike adrift ahead
    apart awake afar

37. careful full fullback put pull push dull
    bull bush fulfill

38a. cent brace mice rice cell chance space
    cease decide niece nice slice center dance
    pace spice civil place since cinder

38b. special ocean precious musician

39. age page badge budge bridge ridge
    plunge dodge lodge ledge smudge change
    edge cage ginger engage sage gist
    gymnast
40a. figh jight brigh glight righ yight
snight bligh jight migh

40b. rough tough laugh enough laughter

41a. knish wrad gnaph knut wrid gnit
wrop wreep gnipe knush wrip knib
gnate gnote wrate

41b. lamb limb crumb doubt listen soften
knot wreath climb known comb wren
numb write debt

42. choose noise please those nose rose wise
cheese pause rise ease pose tease because
praise

43. elephant phonograph phonics photograph
telegraph prophet telephone pamphlet
alphabet

44. battle handle circle section partition
bundle puzzle action portion bottle
scramble addition station buckle attention

45a. added ended painted waited acted
folded planted counted landed printed
crowded rested lighted graded seated

45b. aimed changed saved stayed burned filled
rained turned called named rolled sailed
peeled pinned kneeled

45c. baked backed picked packed looked locked
wished boxed hoped hopped wrecked wrapped
stamped liked knocked
The purpose of these nonsense word lists is to help students break the guessing habit. The guessing habit is the leading cause of faulty word identification, which in turn leads to reduced comprehension. It is well know among scientists in the field of reading research that faulty decoding is the leading cause of poor comprehension.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown initially developed these lists of nonsense words to use with her tutoring students. Mr. Potter has modified the list slight to go with the most recent edition of Hazel Loring’s *Reading Made Easy with Blend Phonics for First Grade*. The list numbers correspond to the Unit numbers in Hazel Loring’s program.

While the lists are especially helping for older student overcome the guessing habit, they can also be of value to beginning students as they develop automatic decoding skills. Be sure and tell them the words are just for fun.

Note that a few of the lists are real words instead of nonsense words.

You can learn more about Hazel Loring’s phonics-first program at:

www.blendphonics.org

We highly recommend Mrs. Brown’s *Syllables Spell Success* program.

https://amzn.to/2R7fdPe

Here is a link to Dr. Patrick Groff’s important article, “The Usefulness of Pseudowords. A pseudoword is the same as a nonsense word.

http://donpotter.net/pdf/groff_pseudowords.pdf

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