

Dolphin Readers Word Lists

Below are lists of the most common words that appear at each level of Dolphin Readers. The words are from the main text, but may also appear in the activity pages. Students should be able to 'see and say' these words instantly (on sight). It is recommended that students are introduced to these 'sight' words before they start reading the books at that level. This will help them read more smoothly, and increase their confidence and motivation to read independently.

Teaching suggestion

Write each word on a blank card with a marker. Show the students a word card and get them to 'listen and repeat'. Do this with each of the words until they can say the words on sight. It is not important for the students to know the meaning of each word at this stage. Teach about five words at a time, and regularly revise them to help students remember the words.

Starter Level (each word appears at least 3 times)

a	he	let's	the
an	head	look	they
are	hello	my	this
at	here	name	too
baby	house	new	two
cat	hurts	no	what
doctor	I	our	you
dog	in	see	your
finds	is	she	
has	it	that	

Level 3 (each word appears at least 10 times)

a	he	mine	to
and	his	not	want
are	home	of	we
asks	I'm	on	went
at	in	rainforest	what
can	is	said	why
do	it	says	you
don't	it's	see	
father	just	that	
fly	let's	the	
for	like	they	
go	look	this	

Level 1 (each word appears at least 4 times)

a	help	look	this
am	helps	mice	three
and	her	my	to
are	here	no	two
at	his	of	watch
bird	show's	okay	weather
can	I	on	where
do	in	out	you
door	is	thank	
hat	it	the	
he	like	they	

Level 4 (each word appears at least 15 times)

a	gorillas	my	the
all	have	not	their
and	he	of	there
are	his	old	they
asks	home	on	this
at	house	out	tiger
because	how	people	to
big	I	play	very
boy	in	said	was
but	is	says	we
can	it	she	will
do	it's	so	with
family	like	soccer	you
for	live	some	your
go	look	that	

Level 2 (each word appears at least 7 times)

a	for	my	this
all	go	need	to
am	have	no	very
and	I	not	want
are	in	number	we
at	is	on	what
breakfast	it	says	yes
can	let's	see	you
cannot	like	she	your
cream	look	some	
do	mom	the	
draw	mommy	there	