

## *Alpha-Phonics Word Analysis*

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6, 832 Total Words - 2,722 Different Words

a Abby Abe able absent ace ache act action ad add aft after again against age aid ail aim  
air airplane Al ale all always am ample an and annoy ant any apart ape apple apt arc are  
ark arm around art as ash ask asp assure at ate atrocious aunt away awe ax

babble babe babies baby back bad badge bag baggy bail bait bake bald bale ball  
ball-point ban band bang bangle bank bar barb bard bare bark barn Barry base bash  
bashful bask basket bat bath bathmat battle batty bawl bay be beach bead beagle beak  
beam bean bear beast beat beck bed bee beef been beep beer beet beg beige bell belt Ben  
bench bend Benny bent berries berry Bert Bess best bet Beth better Betty bib bic bid bide  
big bigger bike bile Bill Billy bin bing bird birth birthday bit blab black blade blame  
bland blank blast bleak bled blend bless blew blink bliss block blond Blondie blop blot  
blouse blow blown blue blunt blush board boast boat Bob Bob's bobcat bod bog boil bold  
bomb bombed bombing bond bone bong bonnet boo boob book boom boor boot booth  
booze bore boss botch bottle bough bought bounce bound bout bow bower bowl bowling  
box boxes boxes boxtop boy boyish brace brain brake bran brand brash brass brat brave  
brawl brawn bread break breakfast bred breed breeze brew bribe brick bride bridge brig  
bright brim brine bring brink brittle broad broil broiling broke brood brook broom broth  
brother brought brown browse Bruce bruise brunt brush brute bubble bud Bud's budge  
bug bulb bulk bull bum bumble bump bun bungle bunk bunnies bunny bunt burn bus  
bush bus-stop bust bustle busy but butter by

cab cable cactus cad caddy cage Cain cake Cal Cal's calf call calling Calvin came camel  
camp can can't candid candies candle candy cane cap cape capture car card care carp  
carry cart case cash cask cast castle cat cat's catch catnip cats cattle catty caught cause  
cave cease cell cent cents chain chair chap chapel character charm chart chase chased  
chat chatter cheat check cheer cheese chemist chemistry cherries cherry chess chest Chet  
chew chex chick chide chief chill chilly chime chin chip chips chive chlorine choice  
choke choose chop chopstick choral chord chore chorus chose Christ Christian Christmas  
chronic chronicle Chuck chug chum chute cities city civil claim Clair clamp clan clap  
Clark clasp class claw clay clean clear clerk clew click cliff climb climbed climbing  
clime clip cloak clob clock clod clop close cloud clout clove clown club cluck clue clump  
coal coast coat cob code cog coil coin coins Coke cold comb combat combed combing  
come comet complain conduct cone confusion Connie conscious consent contest coo  
cook cookie cookies cool coop coot cop cope core cost couch could couldn't count cove  
cow cower cowl coy crab crack cram crane crank crass crate crave crawl craze crazy  
cream crease creed creep crest crew crib crime crisp crook crop crowd crown  
crucial crud crude cruise crumb crush crutch crux cry cub cube cue cuke cull cult cup cur  
cure curl curse curve cut cute cylinder Cyril cyst

dab dad dad's daddy daffy daily dale dam dame damp Dan dance Dane dang dangle  
Danny dare dark darn dart dash date daughter Dave dawn day daze dazzle dead deaf deal  
dean dear Deb Debbie Debby debt deck deed deem deep deer dell den Denny dense dent  
dental dentist desk deuce dew dice Dick did didn't die dig digging dike dill dim dime  
dimple din dine ding ding-dong dip dire dirt dish ditch dive Dix dizzy do dock dog dogs  
doll dome Don Don's done dong doom door dope dot doubt douse dove down doze drab  
draft drag drain drank drape draught draw drawl drawn dredge dress drew drift drill  
drink drip drive drizzle drop drought drove drown drudge drug drum dry duck duct dud  
dude due dug duke dull dumb dump dunce dune dunk dupe dusk dust dustpan Dutch duz  
dwell

each eagle ear earn earth ease east easy eat eave Ed edge eel egg eggnog eggs eight  
eighth elf elm embrace emphasis emphatic end engage enough enslave etch Eve exit  
expert explain eye eyes

Fab fable face facial fact fad faddle fade fail fair fake fall falling fame fan fanning Fanny  
far fare farm fast fat fate father fatty fault fawn Fay fear feast feat fed fee feed feel feels  
feet fell felt fen fence fend fern ferocious fetch feud few fib fiddle field fiend fierce fig  
fight fights file fill film fin find fine finish fink fir fire firm fish fishing fission fissure  
fist fit five fix fixing fizz fizzle flab flack flag flake flame flap flash flat flaw flax flea  
fleas fled flee fleece flesh flew flight flint flip flirt flit float floats flock flog floor flop  
flour flow flower flown flub flue flunk flush flute fly foam fog foggy foil foist fold fond  
food fool foot for fore fought found fount four fowl fox foxes fraction fracture frail  
frame Fran France Frank fraud Fred free freeze freight French fresh fret friend fright frill  
frog from frost froth frown froze fruit fry fudge full fumble fume fun fund funny fur furry  
fuse fusion fuss fussy fuzz fuzzy

gab gag Gail gain gal gale gall gallon gallop game gang gap gape Gary gas gasp gate  
gaunt gave gay gear gee geese geld gem gene gent germ get getting ghastly ghetto  
ghost ghou! gift gig gill gird girl gist give glad gland glass glen glib gloat glob gloss  
glove glue glum glut go goal goat gob goblin God gold golf gone gong good goof gosh  
got gown grab grace grad grade gram grand grant grape graphic grapple grass grate  
grateful grave gray graze greasy Greece greed Greek green greet Greg grew grey grid  
grief grim grime grin gripe ground grove grow growl grown grub grudge gulf gull gulp  
gum gun Gus gush, gut Gwen gym gymnasium gymnast

habit hack had haha hail hair Hal hale half hall ham hand handle hands handy hang  
hanging Hank happy hard hare hark harm harp Harry has hasn't hasten hat hatbox hatch  
hate hatrack haul haunt have having hawk hay hazy he head heal heap hear heard heat  
heave heck hedge heed heel heir held helm helmet help hem hen hence hens hep her here  
hex hey hick hid hide high hike hill hilly hilt him hint hip hire his hiss hit hitch hive  
hoard hock hodge hog hoist hold hole home homework honest Hong-Kong honk honor  
hood hoof hook hoop hoot hop hope hose host hot hotdog hotdogs hound hour house how  
howl hub huck hue hug huge hugs hull hum humble hump hung hunk hunt hunter hurl  
hurries hurry hurt husband hush hustle hut hutch hymn hypnosis

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jab Jack Jack's jacket Jackie jail Jake jam Jan Jane Japan jar jaunt jaw Jay jazz Jean jeep jeer Jeff jell Jen Jenny jerk Jerry jest jet Jif jiffy jig Jill Jill's jilt Jim Jim's Jimmy jingle jive Joan join joint joke jowl joy Joyce joyful Jude jug juggle juice juke jump June jungle junk just jute

Karen Kate Kay keep keg Ken Kenneth Kenny Kent kept kettle Kevin key kick kicking kid kidding kidnap Kim king kink kip kiss kisses kite knack knee kneel kneeling knelt knew knickers knife knight knit knitted knitting knob knock know knowing knowledge known knuckle

lab lace lack lad lag laid lain lake lamb lame lamp land lane lank lap lard lark lash Lassie last latch late laugh laughing laughter launch law lawn lay lazy lead leaf leak lean leap learn lease leave led ledge Lee Lee's leek left leg leisure lemon Len lend lender Lenny lent lentil less lesson lest let let's lets letter letting Lew Libby lice lick licking lid lie life lift light lights like likes lime limit limp line linen link lip liquid lisp list listen listener lit little live Liz load loaf lobbies lobby lock locket lodge log loin lone long look loom loop loose loot loss lost lot lots loud louse lout love loves low lube luck lug Luke lump lunch lung lurk lute lux Lynn lyric

ma Mack mad made Madge magic maid mail mailman maim main make male mall mama mammy man mane many map mar mare mark Mark marries marry mart mascot mash mask mast mat match mate math Maud maul Max may maze me meal mean measure meat meek meet Meg meld mell melt men mend mending mere merry mesh mess messy met mew mice Mick mid miff Mig might Mike mile milk mill mime mince mine mink Minnie mire mirth miss mission mist mix moat mob mock mod mode moist moisten mold mole Molly mom mommy money moo mood moor moose mop more moss most motion mount mouse mouth move mow much mud muddy mug muggy mule mum mummy muse mush musician muss must mute mutt my mystery mystic mystical myth

nab nag nail nails name nap napkin napping Nat nation nay near nears neat neck Ned need nerve nest nestle net never new next nice Nick niece night Nile nimble nip nit nitwit nix Nixon no nock nod noise none nook noose nose not note notion noun now nude numb nun nurse nut nutty nymph

o'clock oak oar oatmeal obey object obnoxious obtain ode of off often oh oil oily old on once one only ooze or ore ouch ought ounce our out owl own oz pa

pace pack packet packing pack-sack pact pad paddle paddy padlock page paid pain pair pal pale pall Pam Pam's pan pane panel pang pans pant papa pappy par park part pass passing pat patch path patience patient Patrick Patrick's Paul pause pave paw pawn pay payday pea peace peach peak peal pear peat pebble peck peel peep peer peg Peg's Peggy pelt pen pencil pennies penny pent pep peppy Perry pert pet Pete Pete's pets petty pew pharmacy phase Phi Philadelphia Philip philosopher Phoenix phone phonics phony photo photograph phrase Phyllis physic physical physician physics pick picking picnic picture

pie piece pier pierce pig pigs pike pile pill pills pimple pin pinch pine ping ping-pong  
pink pins pip pipe pit pitch pity pix place plain plan plane plank plant plate play please  
pleasure plop plot plough pluck plug plum plumber plumbing plume plus pock pocket  
podge point poise poison poke pole polish Polly pom pom-pom pond pong pool poop  
poor pop pope poppy pose post pot potion pots pouch pounce pound pout pow power  
prance preach prep pretty price prick prig prim prime prince print prize prod prom  
prompt proud prude prune psyche psychic pub public puck puffy puke pull pulp pump  
pun punch punish punt pup puppet puppies puppy pure purse pus push put

quack quake quart queen queer question queue quick quill quilt quip quirk quit quiz quo  
quote

rabbi rabbit race racial rack radish raffle raft rag raid railway rain raining rake Ralph ram  
ran ranch rang rank rant rap rapid rapture rare rascal rash rat rate ration raw ray reach  
read real ream reap rear receive red reed reef reel reign rein relish rend rent rest retch Rex  
Rex's rhyme rhythm rib ribbon rice rich Rick rid riddle ride ridge rife rifle rig right rill  
rim rime rimes ring ringing rink rinse rip ripe rise risk rivet Rix road roam roar roast rob  
robbing robe robin rock rocket rod rode role Rome romp Ron Ronnie roof room root  
rope rose rot rough round rove row Roy Royce rub rubbing rubbish Rube rude ruffle rug  
rule run rung running runt rush rushing rust rustle rut

sack sad saddle safe sag sage saggy said sake Sal sale Sally Sam same Sammy sample  
sand sandwich sandy sane sang sap sash sat satin Saul save saw say scab scale scalp  
scan scat scene schedule scheme scholar scholastic school scrape scratch screen scrod  
scrub scrunch scuff sea seal seam sear search seat see seed seek seem seen seep self  
selfish sell selling send sender sense sent serve set setting settle sew shack shade shake  
share shark she shed sheet shell shield shin shine ship shipping shirt shock shook shop  
shoplift shopping shore shot shouldn't shout shove show shown shrank shred shrimp  
shrine shrink shrug shrunk shun shut sick Sid side siege sigh sight signal silk sill silly  
simple sin since sing singing single sink sip sir sire sis sissy sister sit sitting six size  
sketch skid skill skim skin skip skit skunk slab slack slag slain slam slant slap slash slat  
slate slaughter slave slaw slay sled sleep sleepy sleeve sleigh slice slick slid slight slim  
slime sling slink slip slob sloop slop slope slosh slot slow slum slump slung slush smack  
small smart smash smell smells smile smirk smog smoke smooth smug snap snick snip  
snoop snooze snow so soak soar sob sock socket sod soften softener soil sold sole some  
something son song soon soot sore sorry sought soul sound sour sow sox soy space  
spaceship spade Spain spam span spank spark spat speak special speck sped spell spend  
spent spice spike spill spin spine spire spit splurge spoil spoke spook spool spot sprang  
spring sprung spud spun spy squirt stab stable stack stag stage stain stake stale Stan stand  
stank star stare stark start station staunch stay steak steal steel steep steer stem step Steve  
stew stick stiff stifle still sting stink stint stock stoke stomp stone stood stoop stop store  
stove strain strand strangle strap straw stray streak stream street strep strife strike string  
strip stripe strive stroke struggle strut stub stuck studies study stuffy sub such sudden Sue  
sulk sum summer sun Sundays sung sunny sunset suntan sure surge swam swamp swan  
sway swear sweat sweater sweep sweet swell swift swim swine swipe swish switch swore  
syllable symbol sympathy symptom synonym syntax synthetic syrup system

tab Tabby table tablet tack tact Tad taffy tag tail take tale talk tall tame tan tank tap tape  
tart task tattle taught taut tax taxes tea teach teacher team tear tease Ted Teddy teem teen  
telegraph telephone tell temple ten tend tender tennis tense tent term Terry terse test Tex  
text than that thaw the their them then there these they thief thigh thimble thin thine thirst  
thirsty this though thrall thrash threat three thresh threw thrift thrill thrive throb throng  
thrush thrust thumb tick ticket tidbit tide tie tier tiff tight tile till tilt Tim time Timmy tin  
tint tip tire tissue title tittle to toad toast tock Tod toil told Tom tomb tomcat Tommy ton  
tone tonic too took toot tooth top tore toss tot touch tough tow tower town toy trace track  
traction trade traffic trail train trait tram trance trap trash tray treasure treat tree trees trek  
trend tribe trick trifle trim trimming trip trod trot trounce trout truck trudge true trunk  
trust try tub tube tuck tug tumble tummy tune tunnel Turk turkey turn turnip turtle TV  
twang tweet twelve twice twig Twiggly twin twine twist twit twitch two typical tyranny

unfit until up upon upset urge urn us use

vail vain Val vale van vane vanish vast vat vault veal veil vein velvet vent verse very vest  
vet vex vice view vile vim Vinnie visit vivid void vomit vote vouch vow

wade wag wage wagon wait waiting waitress wake walk wall wand want wants ware was  
wash washing Washington watch wave wax way we weal wear weave web wed wedge  
weed week weep weigh weight well wend went were west wet whale what wheat wheel  
when where which while whim whip whistle whistler who whole why wick wide wife  
wig wiggle wigs will Willy win wine wing wing-ding wing-song wink winter wipe wire  
wise wish wishing wit witch with within woe woke won wood wool word words wore  
work worm worry worst worth would wouldn't wound wove wow wrack wrap wrath  
wreath wreck wrench wrestle wrestled wrestler wrestling wretch wretched wriggle wring  
wrist write writer writing written wrong wrote wrought wry

yack yall yam yap yard yarn yawn Yaz year yeast yell yelling yelp yen yes yet yield yore  
you young your youth yo-yo yule yum

Zack zag zeal Zen zest zig zinc zing zip ziz-zag zone zoo zoom zoot

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## Word Counts

1. A total of 6,832 words were counted in *Alpha-Phonics* not including the nonsense syllables or phonograms. These are the words from the word lists and sentences.
2. A total of 2,722 **separate words** were counted. Inflected forms of the same word were counted as different words. Homographs such as bow/bow and wind/wind were counted as one word. The process of eliminating duplicates and putting the words in alphabetical order was very tedious. It is as free of errors as I was able to make it. The words were counted using Microsoft Word's "Word Count" feature.

## Dolch Sight-Word List Comparison

Mr. Potter did **not** find the following 29 *Dolch Sight-Word List* words: about, because, both, buy, don't, every, first, goes, going, kind, myself, open, over, seven, shall, thank, think, today, together, under, warm, white, yellow. Even though the sight-words were not directly taught, students who have mastered *Alpha-Phonics* will be able to read all these word easily because all the phonics skills necessary to decode them are taught in *Alpha-Phonics*.

Of the 220 *Dolch Sight-Words List* words, the remaining 191 words are taught in *Alpha-Phonics* using phonics-first instructional methods.

### Concluding Observations

Teaching beginning students to read with *Alpha-Phonics* will go a long way toward **preventing** the development of whole-word dyslexia. For more information on whole-word dyslexia, be sure and visit the "Education Page" of the [www.donpotter.net](http://www.donpotter.net) web site where you can read Dr. Sam Blumenfeld's ground-breaking article, "Can Dyslexia be Artificially Induced in School? Yes, Says Veteran Researcher Edward Miller."

The *Alpha-Phonics* reading program can be purchased from the author, Dr. Blumenfeld, at [www.howtotutor.com](http://www.howtotutor.com). Although quite inexpensive, *Alpha-Phonics* is far more effective than many of its expensive rivals. I do not know of a program anywhere that is easier to learn to teach.

I (Donald Potter) am qualified to testify first-hand to the effectiveness of *Alpha-Phonics* because I taught it successfully for over seven years to elementary public school classes. I also taught *Alpha-Phonics Workshops* for the teachers of the Ector County Independent School District. Several teachers I trained have praised the effectiveness of the program in their classrooms. I have even published one year's *Lesson Plans* for an second-grade bilingual class that I taught here in Odessa.

For a penetrating insight into the psychology of reading, be sure and read the articles by Miss Geraldine Rodgers on my web site: [www.donpotter.net](http://www.donpotter.net). Miss Rodgers, a highly experienced teacher and researcher, explains why that reading programs that teach children to read from the "sounds" produce far better readers than whole-word (Whole Language) programs that teach reading from the "meaning."