

WORD ANALYSIS

of Florence Akin's *Word Mastery* (1913)

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3,326 words when duplicates were deleted

a about above absent account ache action add adding addition adrift advance afloat afraid after afterwards age agent ago aid ail ailed aim aimed aimless airy alarm album Alice alike all alley allow almond almost alone along aloud alphabet although am amid among an anchor and angel angry animal Annie another ant appear apple arch arise arm armchair around arrange arrest art artist as ash ask asleep astray at ate attention August aunt author autumn away awkward awl awning awoke ax axes

back backward bad badge badly bag bail bait bake baked baker bakes balance bale ball balloon band bandage bang bank bar bare barefoot bark barn barrel base baseball bashful basis baste bat bath bathe bathing bating battered batting battle bay be beach bead beak beam bean bear beast beat became because bed bee beech beef beefsteak beet beetle before beg began beggar begged begging begin begun behave behind bell Bell belong below belt Ben Ben's bench bend bending beneath bent berries besides Bess Bessie best better Betty between beyond bib bicycle bid big biggest bill Bill bird birthday bit bite bites bitter black blackboard blackest blade blame blameless blaming blank blanket blast blaze blazing bled bleed blend bless blest blind blink blister block blood bloom blossom blotter blouse blow blown blue bluff blunt blur blush board boast boasted boat Bob's boil boldly bolt bone bonnet boom boost border born borough botch both bottle bottom bought bounce bound boundless bouquet bow owl box boxes boxing boyhood brace brag braid braiding brain brake bran branch brass brave bravely bread break breaker breakers breakfast breaking breaks breast breath breathed breeze breezing brick bride bridge bridle brief bright brighter brightest brilliant brim brine bring bringing brisk bristle British brittle broke broken brook brooks broom brother brought brow brown browner bruise bruised brush brushed buck buckle bud budge buff bug bugle build builder builds bulk bump bun bunch bundle bunnies Bunny bur burn burrow burst bush bushel bushes but butcher buttercups buttered butterfly button buy buyer buying buys buzz buzzing by cab

cage cake cakes calf call calm calmly calves came camel camp camphor camping can candies candle candy cane canned cannon cap cape caps captain capture car card care careful careless carelessly carelessness careworn carpet carries carry cart case cash cast cat Cat's catch cats cattle caught cause cave cease cedar ceil cell cement center century certain chafe chaff chain chalk Champlain chance change chap charge Charlotte charm chart chase chasing chat cheap cheat check checked cheek cheer cheerful cheese cherry chest chew Chicago chick chief child childhood children chill chilly chime chiming chimney chin China chip chirp chisel choice choke choked choking choose chop chores chorus chose chosen Christmas chunk church churn chute cider Cinderella cinders cipher circle circus city claim clam clamp clang clank clap

clapped Clara clasp class claw clay clean cleaned clear clerk click climate climb climbed clinch
cling clings clip cloak clock close closely closing cloth cloud clouded clove clover clown club
cluck clutch coach coal coarse coast coasted coat coats coaxed cob cobweb coin cold colder
coldest collar collection college color colored colors colt column comb combination come
comfort comfortable coming commence companion company compare complain complaint
complete concern conclude condemn condition conductor cone confess connect conquer consent
console contain content control coo cook cooking cool coop copies copy cord core cores cork
corn corner correction cost costliest cot cottage cotton couch cough coughing could count
counter counting countries country couple ncourage course court cousin cover covered cow cozy
crab crack cracked cracker crackers crackle cradle craft cramp crane crank crate craunch cream
creek creep crept crest crew crib cried crimp crisp croak crochet crock crook crooked crop
croquet cross crossest crouch croup crow crowd crowded crowed crown cruel cruise crumb
crumble crush crusty cry crystal cub cube cuckoo cuddle cue cuff cup cups cure curing curl
curly currant curtain curve cut cute cyclone

daffodil daily daisies damage damp dampest Dan Dan's dance danger dangerous Daniel dare
daring dark darkness darling darn dart dash dashed date dates daughter Dave's dawn day
daybreak daylight dead deaf dear dearest debts deceive decide deck declare deed deep deeper
deer delay delicious delight deliver den dent dentist depart depend desert desire despair dew
dewdrops diamonds Dick did die different dig digestion dim dime dimple din dine diner dingy
dinner dip dips direct direction dirt disappear disappoint discover disease disgust dish dislike
dismiss disobey display dispute distant distress ditch dive divide do doctor dodge dog doll dollar
dome done donkey door dose dot double doubt doubted doubtful doubts dough doughnut dove
down dozen draft drag drain drank drape draping draw dray dread dreadful dreads dream dredge
dress dressed drew drift drill drink drip drive driving drone droop drop dropped drove drown
drowsy drug druggist drugs drum dry duck due dug Duke dull dumb dump dusk dust dustpan
dusty Dutch duty

each eagle ear earn earth ease Easter easy eat eaves echo edge eel Egypt eight eighteen eighty
eighty-eight eighty-five eighty-six elbow electric elephant eleven elk elsewhere emerald empties
empty end endless enemy engage engine enjoy enough enter entire entirely erase ere errand
evaporate ever every exact exactly examine example excel except exchange excite excitement
excursion excuse exercise exert exhaust exist expect explain explode express extreme

face factory fad fade faded fail failing failure faint fair fairest fairy fall familiar fan far fare
farewell farm farther fast fastest fat fate father fault fear fearful fearless feast feather fed fee feed
feeds feel feelers feet fell felt fence fern fever few fie field fierce fifties fifty fig file filing fill
filling fin final find fine finest finger finish fir fire firefly fireman fireside firm first fish
fisherman fishhook fist fit fits five fix flag flake flame flaming flannel flap flare flash flat flavor
flax flea fleck flee fleet flesh flew flight float floated flock flood floor flop flounce flour flow
flower flowers flowing flown fluff fluffy flume flutter fly flyer foam foamed foe fog foggy
folded folding follow food foolish foot for forbid fore forest forget fork form forsake forth fought
found fountain four fowl fox frame framing France Frank Frank's free freely freeze freight
French fresh freshest fret fretful fretting Friday fright frightful frill frills fringe frisk frock frog
frolic from front frost frosty froth frown frowned froze frozen fruit fry full fun funny fur furnace
furnish furniture furrow further fuse fuss future fuzz

gag gage gaily gain gait gale gallop game games gang gangway gap garden gas gasp gate gates gauze gave gay gayer gaze gem gentle gentlemen gently geography German Gertrude gesture get ghost giant gift gill ginger gingerbread giraffe girl given glad gladdest glade gladly glare glaring glass glaze glee glide glisten globe gloom gloomy gloves gloss glue gnash gnashes gnat gnats gnaw go goal goat gold golden gong good good-bye goodness goose got govern gown Grace graceful grade graded grading grain grand grandest grandfather grandma grandmother grandpa grandson grant grape grapevine grass grate grateful grave gravel gravy gray graze great greater greed greedy green greet grew greyhound grief grieve grieves grill grim grin grind grinder grip grit grizzly-bear groan grocery groove ground group grouped grouse grove grow growl growled grown growth grunt grunted guess guessed guesses guest guide guides guiding gum gun Guy Gyp gypsy

habit hack had hail hair hairbrush half hall halves ham hammer hammock hand handed handle handsome hang hanger happiest happiness happy hard hardware hare harm harmless harness harvest has haste hasten hat hatch hate hateful Hattie haul hawk hay hazy he head heal health healthful healthy heap heaped hear heard heat heave heavy hedge heel heir held hello help helpful helping hem hemp hen hen's Henry her here hero hid hide hiding high hill him himself hind hinge hint hip hire hiring his hiss hit hitch hive ho hoarse hoe hog hold hole holiday Holland hollow holly holy home homeless honest honey honeycomb honor hood hoof hook hoop hoot hop hope hopeful hopeless hopes hoping hopping horn horse hospital hot hour house how howl hub hue huff hug huge hull hum hundred hung hunger hungry hunt hunting hurl hurt hush husk hut hymn

ice icicle if ill illness important impure in incline inclose include increase indeed India injure injury ink inquire inside instant instead intend intention interrupt invent invitation invite Irish is it Italian itch ivory

Jack Jack's jail jam Jane Jane's janitor Japan Japanese jar jaunt jaw jerk Jessie jet jewel jig Jill Jimmie John join joint joke jokes jolly jolt jolted Joseph joy joyful judge jug juice juicy jump jumping June just

Kate Kate's keel keeled keen keep keg kept kettle kick kicked kid kill kind kindest kindly kindness king kings kiss kissed kitchen kite kites kitten kitties kitty knack knead kneading kneads knee kneel knife knight knit knits knock knocked knocking knocks knot know known knows

lace lack lacked lad ladder ladies lady laid lain lake lamb lambkins lame lameness lamest lamp land landed lane lantern lap large lark lash last latch late lately later latest latter laugh laughing laughter launch laundry law lawn lay lead lead leader leaf league leagues leak lean leap leaped learn leather leave leaving lecture led ledge leech left leg lemon lemonade lend length less lesson lest let level lick lid lids lie life lifeless lift lifting light lighted lightest lighting lightly liked lilac limb line linen lining link lint lion lip lisp list listen live lizard Lizzie load loaf loan loaned loaning lock lodge loft log London lone loneliness lonesome look looked loop looped loose lop lope loping lopping lose loss lost lot loud loudest loudly love loveliest lovely low lowest loyal luck Lucy Luke lullaby lump lunch lye

machine mad madam made Madge magazine magic maid maiden mail mailed main make makes making man man's manager mane manger mantel map maple maps marble march marine mark market mash mask mass mast master mat match matchless mate mating matting may May's me meadow meal mean meaning meanness meant meat medal medicine meek meet meeting mellow melon melt melting memory men mend mended mending mention merry messenger met mew mice mid middle midnight might mild mile milk milked mill miller million mind minding mine mining mink mint mire mired miss missed mist mistake mistletoe mitten mix mixed mixes mixing mixture moan mob mock moist moisture mold mole moment Monday money monkey moon mop mope moping mopping more morn morning mosquito moss most mostly moth mother mother's motion motto mound mount mountain mounted mouse mouth move mow much mud muff Muffet mug mule mule's multiplication mush music musician musk muss must mute my

nail name nap napkin Nat Nat's nation navy near nearest nearly neat neatly neck necklace Ned Ned's need needed needle neigh neighbor Nell Nellie nephew nerve nest nestle net new newest New-York next nice nicely nicest niece night nine ninety no nobody nod noise noisy none noon nor north nose noses not notch note nothing notion nought November now nowhere nudge numb number nurse nursery nut nuts

oak soar oatmeal obey objection oblige occur ocean off offend offer often oil old older oldest on onion open opinion or orchard orchestra order ore orphan other others ought ounce our out oven overload owe owl own owner owners ox oyster

pack package packed packing pad paddle page paid pail pain pained painful painless paint painted painter painters pair palace pale palm pan pane pansies paper parade parasol parents park parlor parrot part partridge party pass passenger past paste pasting pasture pat patch patched path patient patter Paul pause pave pavement paw pay peach peak pear pearl pebble peel peeled peep peg pen pencil pennies penny people pepper perch perfect permission pet pets petted pheasant Philip Philippine phonics photograph physician piano pick pickle picnic picture pie piece pig pig's pike pile pilgrim piling pillow pilot pin pine pining pink pinned pinning pins pip pipe pipes pit pitch pitcher place plague plain plan plank planning plant plate play played playful playing please pleasing pledge plentiful plot plow plowed plowing plum plumbing plume plump plunge plush poach pocket pod point poison poke polar-bear pole police polish polite Polly pond pong ponies pony pool poor poorly pop porch pork position possible post postage post-office postpone pot potato pouch pound pour pouring pouted power powerful powerless praise praising pray prayed preach precious prefer prepare present preserve president press pretend prey price priceless pride priest Prince print prison prize probably produce profess promotion proof prop propel prose protect proud prove proves provide provoke prune pry public pudding puddings puddle puff puffed puffing pug pull pulled pulling pulpit pump pumpkin punch punish pup pupil puppies puppy pure purple purse push puss put putting

quack quaint quality quantity quarrel quart quarter queen quench question quick quickly quill quilt quince quite quiz

rabbit race raft rafter rag rage rail railroad rain rainbow raindrops rained raise raisin raising rake rakes raking Ralph ran rang range rank rap rare rarely rarest rat rate rats ravel ravine ray reached read read reading ready real reap reason receive recess recitation recite recover red reddest reed reef reel reign reindeer reins rejoice relation relief remain rent rented renting repair reply rest restful resting restless reward Rex Rhine rib ribbon rice rich rid riddle ride ridge riding rift right rim ring rings rip ripe ripest rise rises risk roach road roam roar roared roaring roast roasted rob robe robin rock rocker rod rode Roger roll roller rollers rolling romp roof room rooster root rope ropes rose roses rough roughest round roundest row Roy royal rub rubber rubbing rubbish rubies ruby rucking rude ruff ruffle rug rugs rule rumble run rung running rush rust rusted rustle rut Ruthrye

sack sad saddle sadly sadness safe safely safest sag sage sail sailed sailor sake salad sale salt Sam Sam's same sand sank Santa Clause sap sash sat satchel Saturday saucer savage save saves say saying scale scamp scant scar scarce scarcely scare scarecrow scarlet scat scattered scene scenery scent scheme scholar school schooner scissors scold scolding scoop scooped scorch score scorn Scotch Scotland scour scowl scrap scrape scraped scraping scratch scrawl screech screen screw scrub scum scythe sea seal sealed seam search season seat seated secure see seed seek seem seen seldom select self selfish sell send senseless sensible sent serious servant set settle seven several shabby shade shadow shady shaggy shake shall shame shameful shameless shaming shape share shared sharp sharpen shave shaving shawl shear shed sheen sheep sheet shelf shell shells shield shift shine shining ship shipped shirt shivered shock shod shoe shoemaker shone shook shoot shop shore short shot should shoulder shout shove shovel show shred shrill shrimp shrivel shrub shrug shuck shun shut shy sick sickness side sidewalk siding sift sifted sifter sigh sighed sight sign signboard silent silk silver sin since sing singer singing single sings sip sir sirup sister sisters sit sits six sixes sixties sixty size skate skated skating skein sketch skiff skill skim skin skip skipper skirt skull sky slab slack slain slam slamming slant slash slat slate slave sled sledge sleep sleeper sleeve sleigh slender slice slid slide slim slime sling slip slit slope sloping slopping slouch slowest slowly slug slung slush sly slyly smack small smash smell smelt smile smiling smith smoke smoking smooth smoothed smother smothered snag snail snake snap snare snarl snatch sneak sneeze sniff sniffs snipe snore snoring snow snowbirds snowed snowflakes snuff snug so soak soap soar sob sober socks sod soda sofa soft soften softest softly soil sold soldier sole solemn solo some somebody somebody's somehow something sometime sometimes somewhat somewhere son song songs soon soothe sop sore soreness sores sorrow sorry sort sought soul sound soup sour soured south southern sown space spade spading span Spaniard Spanish spare spark sparkle speak special speck spectacles speech speechless spell spend spending spice spicy spider spill spin spine spins spire spite spiteful splash splint split spoil spoke sponge sponges spool spoon spot spout sprain sprang spread sprig spring springs sprite sprout sprung spun spy square squarely squash squaw squeak squeal squeeze squeezing squirm squirrel stab stable stack stage stain stair staircase stairway stake stale stalk stall stamp stamped stand star starch stare starlight start startle starve state station stay steak steal steam steel steep steeple steering stem step stern stew stick stiff stiffest still stillest stillness stilt stir stirrup stitch stole stolen stomach stomp stone stoning stood stool stoop stop store stories storing stork storm stormy story stout stove stow strain strait strange stranger strap straw strawberry stray strayed streak stream street strength stretch strew strict stride strike striking string strip stripe strive stroke stroking stroll strong stronger strung stub stubborn stuck study stuff stumble stump stung style stylish subtract succeed successful such sudden sue suggest suggestion sulphur summer sun sunbeams Sunday sung sunk sunny sunrise sunset sunshine sup supper suppose surface swallow swallows swam swamp swamps swampy swan swarm sweat sweep sweet sweeten sweetest sweetness sweets swell swept swift swiftly swim swine swing switch swore swum swung

Tab table tack tacked tag tail tailor take taking tale talk tall tame tamest taming tan tangle tank tap tape taps tar tart task tassel taste tasteless taught tax taxes tea teach teacher team teams tear tear tearful tearing tease teaspoon Ted's teeth telegraph telephone tell temper ten tended tender tent tenth term test tested text than thank thankful thanking thankless that thatch thaw the their theirs them then there therefore these they thick thickest thickness thief thieves thimble thin thine thing things think third thirsty thirty this thistle thorn those though thought thousands thrash thread threadbare three threw thrift thrill thrive thriving throat throb throne throw throwing thrown thrush thrust thumb thump thunder Thursday thus thy tick ticked tide tie tier tiger tightest tile till tilt timber time times tin tine tingle tinner tint tinted tiny tip tips tire tireless tiresome to toad toast toasting tobacco today toe toil told toll Tom Tom's tomb tomorrow ton tone tongs tongue tongues too took tool tooth top tops tore torn toss tot totter touch touched tough toughen towel town toy trace track tract trade trading train tramp trap trash travel tray treat tree tremble trench trestle trick tried trill trim trio trip trod troop trot trouble troublesome trough trout truck true trumpet trunk trunks trust truth truthful try trying tub tube Tuesday tug tulip tumble tune tunes turn turtle tusk twelfth twenty twice twig twilight twill twine twinkle twins twist twisted twit twitch

umbrella uncover underneath understood undertook undone uneasy unfold union unite united unjust unknown unlike unload untie until untwist unwise up upper uproar upset urge us use useful useless

vacant vacation valise valley valuable van vane vase vat veil vein velvet venture verse vessel vest vex vine voice vote voyage

wad wade waded wades wading wads waffle waffles wag wagon waist wait wake wakes walk wall wallow walnut wand wander wandered wandering want war warble ware warm warn warning warrior was wash washboard washing washtub wasp wasps waste wasting watch watchful watchman water wave waving wax way we weak weaker weakness wealth wealthy wear wears weather weave weaving web wedge weed weeded week weigh weight welcome well went wept were west wet wetter whack whale wharf what wheat wheeled when where wherever whet they which while whim whine whining whip whirl whistle white whitewash whiz who wholly whom whoop whose why wick wicked wide widen widest widow width wield wife wig wiggle wigwam wild wilder wildest will Willie wilt win wind wind windmill window windy wine wing wings winter winters wipe wipes wire wireless wise wisest wish wishing wisp wit witch with woe wolf wolves won wonder wonderful wonderfully wondrous wood woodpile woods woodshed wool word wore work world worm worn worse worst worth would wound wove wrap wrapped wraps wreath wreck wrecked wrecks wren wrench wrenched wrenches wrestle wretched wring wringer wringing wrinkle wrist wrists write writes writing wrong wrote

Yale yard yarn yawn year yeast yell yellow yelp yes yesterday yet yield yoke yokes young younger

zero ziz-zag

Note: lead/lead, bell/Bell, bill/Bell, tear/tear, lead/lead, read/read, wind/wind are counted as separate words. Grizzly Bear and Polar Bear are counted as compound words (a dash was used to keep them together in counting, ziz-zag also. A few uncommon words like "ruching" are taught. Inclose is a variant spelling for enclose.

Study Comparing the 220 Dolch Sight-Word List¹ with *Word Mastery*

The following 33 Dolch List words are **not** taught in *Word Mastery*:

always, any, are, been, don't give (*Given* is taught.) goes, have, I, into, its, like, (*Liked, alike, dislike, unlike* are taught.), little, long (*Belong* is taught.), many, myself (*himself* and *my* are taught), never, of, once, one, only, over, pretty, said, sow (*Sown* is taught.), she, together, two, under, (*Underneath, understood, and undertook* are taught.), upon, very, you, your.

¹Edward W. Dolch, "A Basic Sight Vocabulary," *The Elementary School Journal* (February 1936), pp. 458-59. [*A Basic Sight Vocabulary of 220 Word, Comprising All Words, Except Nouns Common to the Word List of International Kindergarten Union, The Gates List, and The Wheeler-Howell List.*]

Concerning the Dolch List, "Although this list was generated more than 40 years ago, these words account for more than 50% of the words found in textbooks today." Johns, J. L., and D. W. Ellis, 1976, "Reading: Children Tell It Like It Is." *Reading World* 16.

The few Dolch List Words absent from *Word Mastery* are easily learned because of their high frequency in children's literature. Students who have mastered *Word Mastery* will have absolutely no problem learning these words. The phonograms necessary to decode most of these words are taught in *Word Mastery*. *Word Mastery* is not designed to teach every word, it is designed to teach **how to read** every word.

A first-grader who has mastered the phonics necessary to sound out the 3,326 words in *Word Mastery* will be a vastly more capable reader than a first-grader who has labored to memorize the 220 Dolch Sight-List words with the whole-word, look-and-say techniques. In fact, students that have mastered *Word Mastery* will have no need for decodable text since they will have mastered all 44 English speech sounds and their major spelling patterns necessary to read any text on their vocabulary level, i.e. grade-level material and somewhat above.

Florence Akin's *Word Mastery* has been available for FREE download from the www.donpotter.net website since January 2004.

On July 1, 2014, I published a beautiful, large print paperback with CreateSpace. My edition is not a mere PDF copy of the original, but the same book freshly retyped with extensive historical and other information at the end. You can purchase a copy from Amazon at:

<https://amzn.to/2zrpEGr>

If every first grader in America were to receive a copy of *Word Mastery* at the beginning of first-grade and study it through third, we would see a dramatic increase in literacy in America.

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