

**Vocabulary of 2,685 Words (including various inflections of base words) in
Why Johnny Can't Read and what you can do about it
In Alphabetical Order**

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able accident ace active actor actors acts added addition address advice afternoon age
agreement aided aim aimed air Alice all alphabet always amazing American amuse amusing
and angle angling ankle Ann annoy answer answers anxious ape aping appearance apple arch
arc hark arm armies around art ash ask asks asparagus at ate attention attentive attractive
auction August autograph away awful awkward awkwardly awning ax

babies baby back badge badly bag bait bake baked bald balked ball balm banana band
bangle bangs banisters banjo bank bar bare bark barn base bashful basket bat bathe
bathtub bats bawl bay be beach bead beak beam bear bears beast become bed bedding
beds beef beer bees beets beg begging beginning belief believe believes bell bellhop belt
Ben bench bend bent berries berry Bert best bet better betting Betty bib Bible big bigger
biggest bike Bill bills Billy bin bind birch bird birth birthday bit bite bitter blacker
blade blame blare blaze blend blessed blew blind blink blinker blister block bloom blow
blue blueberries boast boat Bob Bobby bodies boil boiled bold bolt bond bone book
booklet boom boost boot booth born borrow boss both bother bottle bought bouncing
bound bowl box boxed boxer boy braces brag braid brain branch brand brat brave
brawl bray bread break breakfast breaks breath breathe breed brew bride bridge brief
bright brim brimming bring brink brisk bristles brittle broil broke brood broom broth
brother brought brown brownie Bruce bruise brush brute buck bucket buckskin bud
budding budging bug buggies buggy bugs bulb bulge bulging bulk bull bullet bump bun
bunch bunnies bunny buns burn burr burst bus bush bustle but butcher butterfly buzz
buzzed buzzer by

cab cabbage cage Cain cake call called calm came camp camps can candies candle
candy cane canned canning cap cape captive car card care careful caring Carl carried
carries carry cart cartoons case cash castle casual cat catch catnip cats cattle caught
cautious cave cell cent center cents chain chair chalk chance chances change changed
chap charge charged charging Charlie charm charmed chart chase chat cheap cheat check
cheek cheerful cheerfully cheese cherries chest chew chick chicken chief child chill
chillier chilly chime chin chink chipmunk chirp choice choke choose chop chore christen
christened chum chunk church churn cider cigar cigarette cigars cinch cinder Cinderella
cinders circle circus citizen city clamp clap classroom claw clay clear clerk clew click
climb climber clinch clip clipping clock close closed closing cloth cloud clown cloy club
clump clutch coach coal coast coat cob cobbler cod coil coin coke cold colt Columbus
comb coming committee complain concert conductor cone confess confidence conversation
coo cook cool coop cop cope cops copy cord core cork corn correction cot couch cough
coughing coughs count counted counter countries country couple couples courage cousin
cousins cow coy cozy crab crack cracked crackers crackle cramp crash crashed crashing
crate crawl crawled crazy cream creep crest crew crib cries crime cripple crippling croak
crook crossing crossings crouch crow crown crude crumb crumbs crunch crust crutch cry
cub cube cuddle cue cuff cuffs cup cups curb cure curious curl cushion cut cute cuts
cutting

dabbing dad daddy daily daisy damage damaged damp Dan danced dancer dances dancing dandy danger dangerous dangling dare dark darn dart dash date daughter Dave dawn day daze dead deaf deal death debt December decision deck deed deep deer delicious democracy den dentist desk detective dew Dick dictionary did die died difficulty dig digging digs dike dim dime dine dining dinner dip dipper dipping dirt dirtiest discover dish dishpan ditch dive dizzy dock doctor dodge doe dog doll dome Don dose dot dote double doubt down doze drab drain drank drape draw drawn dreaded dream dreamy dress dresser drew dried drift drill drink drip drive drizzle drizzly drool droop dropped dropper drove drown drug drum drummer drumming drunk dry duck ducks due duke dull dumb dumbest dump dunk dusk dust dustpan dusts

each ear earth east Easter easy eat Ed edge edgy education egg eight eighteen eighty electric elephant elevator elf Elizabeth elms emergency emperor empty end energy engine engineer enjoyment enormous enough entertain Eskimo Eve exception exchanging exciting exclaiming excuse exit expensive expression expressions

face faces fact facts fad fade fading fail faint fair fairies fairy faith fake fall family famous fan fancy far fare farm farmer fashionable fast fasten fat fate father fault favor favorite fear feather featured February feed feel feet felt fences fencing fern fetch fib fibbing fiction fiddle fidget fidgety field fiend fierce fifth fifty fig fight file files filing fill filled filling find fine fins fir fire firing firm first fish fished fishpond fishy fist fit fitting five fix fixed fixtures fizzle flag flake flame flap flare flash flavor flavors flow flea flee fleet flew flicker flies flight flint flip float flock flop flour flow flowers fluke flute fly foam foe foggy foil foist fold folk followed follower fond food fool foot for force forced forge fork form fort forty ought foul found fowl fox fraction fractions frail frame Fran France frank fraud Fred free freight fresh fried fright frightened frill frills fringe fringes frock frog frosting frown froze fruit fruitful fry fudge full fully fumble fun funnier funniest funnily funny fur furl furry fuse fuses fuss fussed fussy future fuzz

gadget gadgets gain gale game gang gap gape garbage gardener gas gash gate gathered gave gaze gazing gear gem Gene generous gentle gentleman gently George germ German Germans germs get ghost gift gifts ginger girl glad glade gladly glance glanced glances glare glide glimmer glint globe glow glue gnarled gnash gnashing gnat gnaw gnome gnomes gnu go goal goat goblin God gold good goodness gorgeous gorilla got gown grabbing grace gracious grade grain grand grape grate grateful gratefully grating grave gravy gray great greatness green greeted grief grill grin grind grip gripe gristle groan grocer groceries grocers grope grouch ground grove grow growl grown growth grudge grumble grunt gulp gulps gum gun guns Gus gush guzzle gym gypsy

hack had hag hail hair half hall halt ham hamburger hamster handbag handful handily handle hands handsome handsomely handy hang happier happiest happily happy hard hardly hare harm harp hash haste hasten hat hatbox hatched hate hatrack hats haul hawk hay haze he head heal health healthy heap hear heard heat heaven heavier heavy hedge height help helped helper helpful helpfully helps hen hens her Herbert herd here hers herself hide high highest hike hill hills him hinges hint hints hip hire hissed hit hitch hitched hive hobble hoe hog hoist hold hole holiday honest honor hood hoof hook hoop hop hope hoping hopping hops horn hose hot hound hour hours how howl hue huff huffed hug huge hugging hum humble hump hums hunch hungrier hungrily hunt hurl hurried hurries hurry hurt hush hushed hustle hut hymns hyphen

ice icing impatience importance impossible income independence influence ink innocence instead instructor invitation itch ivy

Jack jail jam Jane janitor January jar jaw jay jazz jealous Jean Jefferson jelly jerk jerked jet Jew jeweler Jill Jim Jimmy jingle job Joe John Johnny join joint joke jolt jostle joy judge juggler juice juicy jump jumped jumper jumps June jungle junkjuries jury just

Kate keel keen keep keg kept kettle kick kicking kill kind kindly king kiss kissed kisses kit kitchen kite kitty knack knave knaves knee kneel knelt knew knife knight knights knit knitting knob knock knocking knot knots know known knuckles

lace lack lacy lad ladder ladies ladle lady lair lake lamb lame lamp land lane lantern lap lapdog lard large larger lark lash last latch late lather laugh laughing laughter launch law lawn lay lazily leaf lean leap leaped leapfrog learn learned leather lecturer ledge left leg lemon lend lent less let letter letting liberty lick licking lid lie lies life lift lifts light lighting lightning like liked likely liking limb lime limp line lining link lip lips lipstick lisp lisps list listen live load loaf loan loathe lobe lobster lock locket lodge log loin lonesome long longest look loop lord lot loud low luck luckier Luke lump lumps lunch lungs lute

ma mad made magic maid mail mailbox main make male malt man manager mane mangle mansion map march marched mare Marge mark married marsh marvelous Mary mash masks mass mastiff mat match matched mate mats matted matting Max may me mean meant measure measured meat meddle meddling medicine meek meet melt melts men mend mends mention mentioned merchandise mercy mess messy Mexico mice midget midnight might mighty Mike mild mile milk milks mill mince mincing mind mine mink mint miserable miss missing Mississippi mist mistress mix mixed mixture moist mole Monday monk moo mood moon mop mope more moss moth mother motor mouth mow much mud muddle muddy muff mug mule murderer mush musician must mustang mustard mute mutt my mysterious nagged nagging name naming Nancy nap napkin napping Nat nation native natural naturally nature naughty navy near nearly neat neck Ned need needed needle neighbor nephew nervous nest nestle nests net new New York news newspaper next Nick niece nieces night nip no nod noise noisy noodles nook noon north nose not notch note notice November now nude nudge nudges nudging nuisance numb numbers nun nutty

oak oar oath oatmeal oats occasion office often oil old or orange orphan other ouch
ought ounce ounces our out outcome owl ox

pa pace pack package packages padded padding padlock page paid pail pain pair palm
palms Pam pamphlet pan pane pansy pants parcel pardon paring park parked parking
part parties party pass passage passengers passive past paste pat patch patched patience
patient Paul pause pave paw pay peace peach peak peal pear pearl pearls pears peas
peddler peek peel peevisly peg Peggy pen pencil penny pension pepper perch perfection
performance permanent permission pest pet Pete pew pharmacy Phil Philip phone phoned
phonies phonograph phony photo photograph phrase pick picture pictures pie piece pieces
pier pierce pig pigeon pigs pike pile pill pills pin pinch pinched pine pink pinned pipe
pit pitch place plain plane planned plate platter play played please pleased pleasure
pleasures pledge plight plot plum plumber plump point pointed pointer poise poke pole
pond ponds pony pool poor pop porch pork port positive positively pot pouch pounce
pounced pound pout practical praise prank prattle pray preach preached preacher precious
preference president press pride priest prince princess print privet prize prompt prophet
proud providence prune pudding puff puffed puffy pull pulling pump pumps punch
punishment pup puppies pure purr purring push pushing pussy put putting puzzle puzzles

quack quail quaint quake quality quantity quarter queen queer quench question questions
quick quicksand quill quilt quit quite quitting quiz quizzical

rabbit raced races racing rack rag rage raid rail railroad rain raincoat raise rake Ralph
ramp ranch rank rap rare rash rat rate rather rating raving raw ray razor reah reaching
ready reap red redskin reed refreshments repeat reply residence rest restaurant rested rests
return reward rib ribs rice rich rid riddle ride ridge right rim rime rind ring ringlet rink
rip ripe rips rise roach road roam roar roast rob robbed robe robed robin rock rocker rode
roll rolled Rome roof room roomier root rope rose roses rosy rough roughly round
rouse row Roy rub rubber rubbing Rube rude rug rugged rule run rung running ruse rush
rust rustle rye

sack sad sadder saddle sadly safe sagging sail sailed sailor saint sale Sally salt Sam same sand sandy sane sash Saturday save saw say scamp scar scare scarf scarlet scat school scold scoop scope scorch score scorn scout scraping scrapping scrappy scratched scream screen screw scroll scrub scuffed scurried seagull seal seam seaport search seat seated secretary see seed seek seem seen seethe seething self selfishly sell sells send September serious service set setting settle shade shadow shady shake shame share sharing shark sharp shave shawl she sheep sheepish sheer sheet shield shin shine shipping shirk shirt shook shoot shopper shopping shore short shortly shortness shout shouted show showers shriek shrieked shrieks shrimp shrub shrug shutters shutting shy sick sickle sickly side siege sift sigh sight silk silliest silly simple sin since sing singe single sink sip sipping sips sir Sis site sitting six sixty size sizzle skate sketch skimming skip skipped skipper skipping skirt sky slack slammed slap slate slaughter slave slay sled sledding sledge sleep sleepily sleigh slew slice sliced slicing slick slide slight slink slip slipper slipping slope slot slow sly small smart smartest smile smith smock smoke smoked smooth smudge smudgy smug snack snag snail snake snap snapped snappy snare snatch sneezed snicker sniffed snip snoop snore snort snout snow snowball snuggle so soak soaked soap soar sob sobbing social sock soften soil sold sole somehow someone something sometimes song soon soot soothing sore sort sought sound sour south space spaced spaces spade span spare spark speak spear special speech speed speedily spelling spice spick spicy spike spill spin spine spinning spire spirit spit spite splash splashed splint spoil spoke spook spool spoon sport spotted spout sprawl spray spread spreading spring sprout spruce spur spy squall squander square squash squeak squeal squeezed squint squirm squirt stab stabbing stacked stage stain stairs stale stalk stall stamped star starch stare staring start state station stay steady steak steal steam steamboat steel steep steer stem step stepped stern Steve stew stick stile stingy stir stirring stitch stitched stocking stole stone stood stool stoop stop stopped stopper store stories stork storm story stout stove straight straighten strain strange stranger strangers strangest strap straw stray stream street stretch strew strewn stride strike string strip stripe stroke stroll strong stub stuffed stunning such suck suddenly Sue suit sulk sulks sum summer sun sunbeam Sunday sunk sunnier sunniest sunset supper suppose supposing surf surprising surrounded suspicious swallow swamp swan sway swear swears sweat sweater sweaters sweating sweep sweet swell swept swig swim swine swipe switch sword swords sworn

table tables tack tackle tackles tag tail tailor take tale talk tall tame tan tangle tank tap tape taping tar taste taught taunt tax tea teach team tear tease teasing teaspoon Ted teem teething telegraph television tell tempest tense tent test tested thank Thanksgiving that thaw them then these thick thief thieves thigh thin thing think third thirst thirsty thirty this thistle thistles Thomas thorn those though thought thrash thread threads threatening threw thrift thrill throat throne throw thrush thumb thump thundering thunderstorm Thursday tick tide tie tied tile Tim time tinge tinsmith tip tipped tipping tire tiresome toad toaster toe together toil told toll Tom tomcat tomorrow tone too took tool tooth top topnotch topping tops torch torn touch touches touchy tough tougher tow tower town toys traced trade trail trailed train traitor tramp transportation trap trapped trapper tray tread treads treasure treat tree trench trick tried trigger trimming trip tripped triumph troop trophy trot trouble troubles trout truce truck true trust try tub tube tub stuck Tuesday tug tumbler tune turn twenty twice twig twin twine twirl

uglier ugliest ugly uncle understand unfit unhappiness unties untrue upper upset urge
urgent us use usual usually

vacation vacations vain Valentine van vanilla vanish varied varies vase veal vest vice
vicious vine vinegar vision visitor visitors vivid voice vote

wade wag wage wages wail wait wake walk wall Walt wander wandering want war
warden warm warmer warn warning wars wash washing Washington waste wasteful watch
watches watchful water watery wave wax way we weak wealth wealthy wear weather
web wedge weed weeds week weep weigh weight welcome well went wept west western
wet whack whale what wheat wheel wheeled when whether which whiff while whim
whine whip whipped whipping whirl whisk whiskers whistle white whittle whoa why
wicked wide wife wig wigs wild will win window wine wing winks winner winter
wiped wiping wire wise wish wished witch with wither wittily witty woe woke wonderful
wood wool word words wore work worker world worm worms worn worries worry
worse worship worst worth wrap wraps wreath wreck wrench wrest wrestle wretch
wretched wring wrist write written wrong wrote

yard yarn yawn year yeast yell yellow yesterday yet yield yolk young younger

zeal zest zip zipper zoo

This study was done on April 2, 2003 by Donald L. Potter of Odessa, TX. It has been on my computer hard drive since then. This year I am using Flesch's Exercises in my tutoring more than I have the last few years. In the light of the tremendous success I have had helping students plagued with artificially induced whole-word dyslexia, I decided at long last that it was propitious time to publish this study for those interested in the vocabulary used in Flesch's method. September 28, 2010.

Note: All the words in Rudolf Flesch's *Why Johnny Can't Read and what you can do about it* (1955) were typed into a *Word* document and then sorted into alphabetical order. Mr. Potter read through the alphabetical list of words deleting all duplicates. Finally, using word count feature in *Microsoft Word* he counted the remaining words. There are a total of 6,226 words in Flesch's program, but only 2,755 different words counting inflected words as separate words. This is a very high number compared with typical look-and-say/whole language programs. The fact that tens of thousands of parents taught their children to read with this program before they went to school demonstrates its vast superiority over other methods.

Flesch's program is a pure phonics-first, single-letter phonics approach to teaching beginning reading. It is, also, the approach of choice for the remediation of students who failed to learn to read with the whole-word method.

For more information on the harmful effects of the whole-word method of teaching beginning reading, and the overwhelming advantages of phonics-first, visit the Education page of the www.donpotter.net website.