

Unit Word List

The words in the *Unit Word Lists* meet several of the specific criteria listed below. The words are:

- words children need to learn in elementary school from research-based lists
- academic words that aid understanding across subject areas
- words frequently misspelled by elementary students
- words that contain useful morphemes (prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots) that children can apply to words beyond the *Unit Word Lists*
- words that exemplify broadly applicable syllable or spelling patterns
- words of interest to children to spur further engagement with vocabulary.

Most Spelling and Challenge Words are Tier Two words – words that are useful, less common words but also are not specialized words specific to an academic domain (as these are best taught as a part of science, mathematics, civics, etc.) Tier Two words are more sophisticated words found across subject matter that children need to learn. These categories come from researcher Isabel Beck and her colleagues who are frequently cited in text on teaching vocabulary especially in elementary grades. By learning to read, spell, and understand these advanced words, children are empowered to learn new information more effectively and write more clearly and cogently in all their academic subjects and personal areas of interest.

Unit	Word Study Cards G - Graphemes S - Syllables M - Morphemes		Review Words	Spelling Words		Vocabulary Words	Challenge Words
1	G	Short Vowels ă, ě, ĭ, ǒ, ŭ		felt drop grump camp drink	upset napkin insult contest until	stump chest stamp brush trip	bear log
	S	Syllables, Closed Syllables, Syllable Division: vccv					
	Multi-meaning Words						
2	G	Schwa ə , Digraphs	felt drink insult contest napkin	win when think which shock	gallon hundred pumpkin distant dolphin	blush gasp shrug grasp stretch	hectic accomplish
	S	Syllable Division: vccc					
3	G	o/ŭ/	drop until hundred dolphin distant	months across nothing lunches front	flosses along tons among crushes	exist extinct fossils cause effect	hunch evidence
	M	Suffixes -s, -es					
4	G	Long Vowels a, e, i, o, u	when pumpkin among months lunches	even talent legally honest finally	equally product panic focus totally	locally frequently profit model slogan	original timid
	S	Open Syllable, Division vcv					
	M	Suffix -ly					
5	M	a_e, i_e, e_e	equally honest totally front across	state life wave delete polite	fade escape alive alike complete	theme describe concrete locate revise	demonstrate strive
	S	Magic e Syllable					
	Multi-meaning Words						

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6	G	o_e, u_e, Drop e rule	fade escape polite talent product	stove close closed hole whole	clothes rude invited impress excused	included inhale inspired inflate infer	increase inquire
	M	Suffix -ed					
	M	Prefix in- (in)					
7	G	Soft c, Soft g, Drop e rule	close clothes excused alive complete	age cage face place placing	race racing decide space magic	volcanic gigantic tragic toxic frantic	scientific historic
	M	Suffix: -ing, -ic					
8	G	ee, ea, e_e	cage racing decide whole hole	compete scene feeling teeth sunscreen	leave please misreading mistreat reason	mistake misplaced misbehaving mischief mislead	misdirect conceal
	S	Vowel Team Syllable					
	M	Prefix mis- (bad, wrong)					
9	G	ai, ay	teeth mistreat reason magic placing	plain plane painting Sunday afraid	delay chain maybe explained trail	unsafe unequal uneasy unfair unwilling	democracy citizen
	M	Prefix un- (not)					
10	G	Consonant doubling 1-1-1 rule	plain delay afraid compete scene	grinned peeking winked gripped slogging	sloping beginning gulped stunning spotted	gazing skimming brimming moping snagged	surface scheming
	M	Suffixes -ed, ing					
11	G	igh oa, ow	sloping spotted beginning trail maybe	write right bright coast goal	shadows midnight unknown glow slight	coal design boasted hollow narrow	experiment results
12	G	ew, oo, o_e, ou, ough /oo/	write unknown slight stunning grinned	grew knew move choose group	smooth lose chew viewed through	groom soothing spooof natural proof	species traits
13	G	Spelling y/ē/, Changing y to i	through choose viewed shadows midnight	city cities study studies studying	copy copied reply replying replied	chilly blustery cheery fluffy cozy	migrate forecast
	M	Suffix -y					
14	G	ou, ow	cities copied relying smooth group	frown mouth crowd sound aloud	bounce grouchy crown allowed ground	doubt willpower announced comedy improvise	accompany composed

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15	G	au, aw, augh, ough /aw/	bounce power allow city studied	bought caught because fault thought	sauce awesome awful taught brought	wealthy audience recipe success launched	generous literacy
16	G	ar, or, ore /or/	taught thought awesome awful fault	parking large before sports charge	morning chore apartment chart organize	council category landmark citizen mayor	architect coordinate
	S	R-controlled					
17	G	ar /ar/ or, ore /or/	chart organize before taught fault	actor walker biker banker doctor	sailor plumber teacher elevator computer	counselor career soldier pioneer engineer	ancestor narrator
	M	Suffixes -er, -or					
18	G	ur, ir, er, ear /er/	computer doctor sailor apartment sports	stirred early disturb answer heard	earth learned different survive purpose	predator horizontal vertical currently average	circulate social
19	G	air, are /air/ ear /ear/	stirred survive purpose answer heard	airplane beware clear appear disappear	compare share beard disrepair repair	distract retract extract attract subtract	traction despair
	M	Prefix dis- (not, away from) Root tract (pull, drag)					
20	G	Burnt out e	airplane appear compare share disappear	twelve minute office promise improve	imagine private solve passage opposite	manage negative positive weightless advantage	motive immense
21	M	Prefix in- (not) Suffix -tion	imagine minute office solve promise	addition subtraction question action fiction	location caution condition attention completion	incomplete impatient illegal independent immature	infinite illusion
22	M	Prefixes pre- (before) re- (again)	action fiction addition subtraction question	preschool remember rebuild prevent rewrite	retell replace prefix preview predict	prevention prediction recover respond prepare	catastrophe impact
23	G	Contractions Possessive Pronouns Root rupt (break, burst)	retell replace rebuild prevent rewrite	its you're your they're their	there it's who's contraction whose	erupt disrupt interrupt population scenic	abrupt ruptured

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24	G	ie/ē/, ei/ē/, ei, eigh/ā/	there their your you're whose	brief ceiling eighth receive neighbor	niece believe weigh relieved receipt	inspect suspect expect spectator respectful	spectacular speculate
	M	Root spect (to see)					
25	S	Consonant- le Syllable	niece believe receive neighbor receipt	able possible gentle tackle movable	people lovable flexible title muscle	adaptable responsibility manageable predictable possibilities	capability accessibility
	M	Suffix -able, -ible					
26	M	Roots port (carry) form (shape) Prefix trans- (across)	possible able lovable gentle people	form perform inform ports seaport	airport transport imported reporter important	export transportation transformed formal informal	supportive opportunity
27	M	Prefix non- (not) Suffix -ous	perform reporter important people transport	nonfiction serious nervous dangerous poisonous	enormous nonsense nonliving tremendous delicious	nonpoisonous suspicious thrive anxious generous	curious tenacious
28	M	Prefix en-, em- (put into) Suffixes -ment, -ness	nonsense serious nervous dangerous generous	excitement amazement loudness enlarge fitness	instrument embraced employed alertness encircled	fondness engaged announcement encouragement achievement	emulate vastness
29	M	Prefixes uni- (one) bi- (two) tri- (three)	excitement embraced loudness encircled amazement	unicycle bicycle tricycle uniform triangle	unison unicorn biceps biannual tripod	universe unique binoculars biped university	bilingual triceratops
30	M	Roots meter (measure) photo (light) graph (write, draw) Prefix cent- (hundred)	unicycle bicycle tricycle biceps triangle	photographs graph autograph centimeters meters	thermometer kilometers centipede photography biography	speedometer photogenic autograph century percent	diameter perimeter