

# Grade 2

## National Reading Vocabulary

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The following 2nd Grade Reading Vocabulary List contains the 800+ reading vocabulary words which students need to master by the end of Grade 2. Students who achieve this goal will be reading slightly above grade level and will typically score in the top 25% on national reading tests (such as the CTBS and SAT).

A total of 939 words are used in the 2nd Grade List  
and arranged as follows:

1st nine weeks – 219 words  
2nd nine weeks - 216 words  
3rd nine weeks - 252 words  
4th nine weeks - 252 words  
TOTAL = 939 words

Although there are 939 words used in the list, we've taken 72 of the most difficult 1<sup>st</sup> grade words and included these in the "Week 1" Review and as word #5 for Weeks 2-9. Therefore, after subtracting the 70 review words, there are approximately 860 new vocabulary words introduced in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Vocabulary List.

Words are arranged from the "most common" words at the beginning of the list to the "lesser common" words toward the end of the year. This provides you the most logical and efficient order for instruction. To further increase memorization efficiency we have organized words into similar vowel sound and reading-rule categories. This strategy alone can dramatically increase the rate in which a student learns new words by giving a common sound or rule to use while decoding the words.

Students advancing at the recommended pace of one "Level" per week will typically score in the top 25% on 2nd grade national standardized tests such as the CTBS or SAT. Upon completing this list and mastering 95% of the words - students will be reading at approximately a 3.0 Grade Level !

## Important Coding of Vocabulary Words

The last word in each daily list is what we call our "Word of the Day." It is located in the "grayscale" background to separate it from the main list words.

The "Word of the Day" is far more difficult to learn than the other phonics based words. This difficulty occurs because it is either visually similar to other words (i.e. went – want) or is not consistent with typical phonics rules (i.e. does – what). The "Word of the Day" must be given extra practice to insure its complete memorization as it is also a high priority reading word.

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## GRADE 2 National Reading Vocabulary

### Week 1

#### Review Primary Grade 1 Vowel Sounds

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short vowels	TUESDAY long vowels	WEDNESDAY digraphs	THURSDAY r-controlled	FRIDAY other sounds
1. short a	1. long a	1. ai	1. ar	1. ou
2. short e	2. long e	2. ee	2. or	2. ow (2)
3. short i	3. long i	3. ie (2)	3. er	3. oo (2)
4. short o	4. long o	4. oa	4. ir	4. oy
5. short u	5. long u	5. ea (2)	5. ur	5. ay
6. has	6. name	6. rain	6. far	6. out
7. hen	7. here	7. green	7. for	7. low now
8. hip	8. side	8. tie	8. her	8. too took
9. hop	9. home	9. road	9. girl	9. boy
10. hug	10. use	10. read	10. turn	10. day

### Week 2

#### Review Grade 1 Reading Vocabulary

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short vowels	TUESDAY long vowels	WEDNESDAY digraphs	THURSDAY r-controlled
1. fast	1. came	1. chain	1. dark
2. went	2. three	2. seed	2. more
3. still	3. while	3. year	3. other
4. drop	4. told	4. bread	4. first
5. such	5. blue	5. tied	5. during
WD from	WD why	WD been	WD orange

### Week 3

#### Begin Grade 2 Reading Vocabulary

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short o - u
1. ask	1. bell	1. fill	1. doll
2. sad	2. fell	2. hid	2. cross
3. hat	3. sell	3. lift	3. drum
4. bath	4. spell	4. swim	4. truck
5. have	5. when	5. drink	5. drop
WD wash	WD twelve	WD busy	WD son

# Week 4

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ai ee ie oa ea	WEDNESDAY ay (long a)	THURSDAY ar or
1. ate	1. tail	1. stay	1. hard
2. bite	2. feet	2. away	2. large
3. kite	3. lie	3. today	3. horse
4. close	4. boat	4. always	4. short
5. late	5. year	5. say - says	5. before
WD eye	WD read	WD yesterday	WD door

# Week 5

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ai	TUESDAY ee ea	WEDNESDAY ie	THURSDAY oa
1. fair	1. seed	1. tie	1. coat
2. hair	2. three	2. pie	2. road
3. train	3. each	3. tied	3. toad
4. stairs	4. teach	4. cried	4. throat
5. again	5. mean	5. lie	5. boat
WD great	WD knee	WD quiet	WD toe

# Week 6

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ow	TUESDAY ow ou	WEDNESDAY oo (2)	THURSDAY by ny ry sy
1. own	1. owl	1. room	1. baby
2. slow	2. cow	2. school	2. funny
3. crow	3. cloud	3. book	3. story
4. grow	4. about	4. cook	4. every
5. know	5. our	5. foot	5. easy
WD two	WD your	WD who	WD fly

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# Week 7

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ing	WEDNESDAY ight	THURSDAY dy py ry ny
1. wave	1. sing	1. right	1. body
2. cake	2. king	2. light	2. happy
3. bone	3. bring	3. night	3. carry
4. rope	4. swing	4. tight	4. penny
5. wide	5. thing	5. eight	5. ready
WD sure	WD giving	WD high	WD cry

# Week 8

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ew	TUESDAY c-rule	WEDNESDAY ful	THURSDAY "le" ending
1. new	1. ice	1. full	1. table
2. blew	2. face	2. helpful	2. purple
3. knew	3. nice	3. thankful	3. bottle
4. drew	4. twice	4. hopeful	4. people
5. you	5. once	5. pull	5. little
WD few	WD city	WD beautiful	WD nickel

# Week 9

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short o
1. add	1. send	1. miss	1. soft
2. hand	2. sent	2. print	2. shop
3. glad	3. self	3. thin	3. socks
4. glass	4. step	4. thick	4. block
5. shall	5. head	5. which	5. wrong
WD half	WD seventh	WD find	WD knock

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# Week 10

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short u	THURSDAY dy ry ny ty
1. sand	1. felt	1. sum	1. any
2. lamp	2. west	2. bump	2. many
3. grass	3. rest	3. luck	3. very
4. wrap	4. held	4. stuck	4. study
5. basket	5. letter	5. hung	5. pretty
WD salt	WD question	WD thumb	WD dry

# Week 11

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ar	TUESDAY or	WEDNESDAY er	THURSDAY ir ur
1. barn	1. corn	1. ever	1. first
2. card	2. store	2. person	2. third
3. park	3. forget	3. number	3. hurt
4. part	4. forgot	4. later	4. curl
5. farmer	5. morning	5. reader	5. burn
WD dollar	WD floor	WD work	WD fourth

# Week 12

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ea	WEDNESDAY ly dy ty	THURSDAY ee
1. rake	1. ear	1. only	1. seen
2. wife	2. east	2. lady	2. teeth
3. smile	3. seat	3. early	3. heel
4. stone	4. leaf	4. twenty	4. free
5. care	5. leave	5. lately	5. asleep
WD else	WD breakfast	WD sky	WD believe

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# Week 13

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY all aw	WEDNESDAY 2 cons. rule	THURSDAY ai ee
1. pile	1. wall	1. better	1. nail
2. wise	2. hall	2. dinner	2. sail
3. slide	3. small	3. different	3. street
4. shade	4. draw	4. listen	4. wheel
5. stole	5. crawl	5. until	5. cheek
WD sentence	WD almost	WD month	WD again

# Week 14

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY c-rule	TUESDAY ar	WEDNESDAY er	THURSDAY ir ur
1. rice	1. arm	1. under	1. dirt
2. cent	2. art	2. silver	2. shirt
3. since	3. bark	3. teacher	3. thirteen
4. circle	4. yard	4. answer	4. hurry
5. center	5. start	5. another	5. further
WD city	WD quart	WD brother	WD word

# Week 15

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ou	WEDNESDAY oo (2)	THURSDAY ea oa
1. care	1. loud	1. cool	1. ear
2. hose	2. count	2. stool	2. fear
3. size	3. sound	3. afternoon	3. soak
4. these	4. pound	4. wood	4. load
5. those	5. shout	5. football	5. float
WD minute	WD fourteen	WD whose	WD clothes

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# Week 16

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY "le" ending	WEDNESDAY au aw	THURSDAY oi oy
1. gate	1. able	1. caught	1. oil
2. sale	2. candle	2. taught	2. coil
3. date	3. handle	3. law	3. soil
4. hide	4. bicycle	4. lawn	4. Roy
5. plane	5. example	5. crawl	5. enjoy
WD above	WD double	WD thought	WD poison

# Week 17

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ly ny ry ty	TUESDAY 1 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY 2 cons. rule	THURSDAY ou
1. jelly	1. used	1. dinner	1. sour
2. sunny	2. idea	2. happen	2. mouse
3. angry	3. broken	3. follow	3. ground
4. party	4. chosen	4. dropped	4. hour
5. family	5. writer	5. hopped	5. around
WD fry	WD second	WD across	WD bought

# Week 18

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY dy ny vy ty	TUESDAY short i	WEDNESDAY final-e rule	THURSDAY ay (long a)
1. windy	1. ship	1. age	1. pay
2. rainy	2. whip	2. lake	2. hay
3. heavy	3. gift	3. life	3. maybe
4. twenty	4. different	4. outside	4. crayon
5. already	5. written	5. inside	5. birthday
WD o'clock	WD build	WD shoe	WD eighth

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# Week 19

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short a – o – u
1. cash	1. pen	1. bill	1. bank
2. sack	2. bend	2. kiss	2. hang
3. catch	3. bent	3. lick	3. song
4. pass	4. dress	4. chin	4. spot
5. passed	5. shell	5. stick	5. bunch
6. past	6. tenth	6. winter	6. stuck
WD woman	WD women	WD built	WD front

# Week 20

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY ea	WEDNESDAY final-e rule	THURSDAY ai
1. used	1. team	1. line	1. bait
2. idea	2. weak	2. shape	2. wait
3. paper	3. please	3. true	3. mail
4. eleven	4. bread	4. live	4. maid
5. broken	5. measure	5. alike	5. chain
6. fever	6. ahead	6. alone	6. chair
WD animal	WD heard	WD roll	WD against

# Week 21

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY 2 cons. rule	TUESDAY final-e rule	WEDNESDAY or	THURSDAY short a – o – u
1. kitten	1. fine	1. fork	1. pants
2. children	2. mine	2. wore	2. crack
3. problem	3. brake	3. worn	3. lock
4. without	4. change	4. corner	4. strong
5. hundred	5. grade	5. sport	5. bunch
6. whether	6. wrote	6. north	6. hunt
WD across	WD break	WD work	WD truth

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# Week 22

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY oo	TUESDAY oo (2)	WEDNESDAY oo ew	THURSDAY final-e - oi
1. cool	1. boot	1. root	1. nose
2. fool	2. noon	2. broom	2. save
3. tooth	3. balloon	3. goose	3. phone
4. spoon	4. hook	4. grew	4. boil
5. choose	5. brook	5. flew	5. noise
6. smooth	6. stood	6. threw	6. noisy
WD lose	WD loose	WD through	WD none

# Week 23

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ty (ending)	TUESDAY ight	WEDNESDAY ow (long o)	THURSDAY ow ou
1. forty	1. sight	1. owner	1. town
2. sixty	2. fight	2. blow	2. clown
3. seventy	3. bright	3. grown	3. flower
4. fifty	4. flight	4. throw	4. found
5. ninety	5. frighten	5. thrown	5. thousand
6. thirty	6. tonight	6. window	6. county
WD eighty	WD knight	WD known	WD country

# Week 24

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY ee ing	THURSDAY ry ty ly
1. begin	1. supper	1. feed	1. hungry
2. began	2. matter	2. deep	2. empty
3. begun	3. husband	3. cheek	3. ugly
4. taken	4. costume	4. ring	4. library
5. super	5. address	5. lying	5. worry
6. potato	6. distance	6. nothing	6. probably
WD water	WD closet	WD agree	WD beauty

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## Week 25

## Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ou ow	TUESDAY short vowels	WEDNESDAY c-rule	THURSDAY er ir ur
1. louder	1. gas	1. place	1. sir
2. mountain	2. spend	2. price	2. stir
3. ourselves	3. spent	3. pencil	3. burn
4. bow	4. drag	4. distance	4. return
5. crowd	5. drug	5. receive	5. either
6. shower	6. drunk	6. practice	6. certain
WD young	WD quit	WD chance	WD danger

## Week 26

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY final-e rule	THURSDAY final-e rule
1. over	1. butter	1. note	1. state
2. open	2. button	2. taste	2. wake
3. below	3. ladder	3. chase	3. woke
4. driving	4. summer	4. chose	4. rule
5. using	5. hammer	5. drive	5. wire
6. chasing	6. sandwich	6. safe	6. separate
WD desert	WD dessert	WD quite	WD dance

## Week 27

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ai	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY ee ea	THURSDAY ful "le" (ending)
1. air	1. hollow	1. creek	1. useful
2. brain	2. sudden	2. creep	2. careful
3. paid	3. silver	3. sweet	3. wonderful
4. raise	4. fifth	4. meal	4. needle
5. claim	5. mistake	5. weak	5. single
6. explain	6. discover	6. dream	6. trouble
WD weigh	WD control	WD earth	WD couple

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## Week 28

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ar or	WEDNESDAY er	THURSDAY final-e rule
1. case	1. smart	1. perfect	1. mile
2. spoke	2. sharp	2. perhaps	2. base
3. shine	3. apart	3. chapter	3. cage
4. whole	4. storm	4. interest	4. bathe
5. square	5. score	5. interesting	5. shake
6. awhile	6. northern	6. understand	6. blame
WD piece	WD correct	WD period	WD fence

## Week 29

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short u
1. act	1. lend	1. ill	1. rush
2. pack	2. chest	2. skin	2. crush
3. sack	3. fresh	3. brick	3. crust
4. slap	4. check	4. spill	4. dust
5. camp	5. egg	5. trick	5. buzz
6. blanket	6. length	6. wrist	6. muddy
WD whom	WD seventh	WD mild	WD among

## Week 30

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ea	TUESDAY ea (2)	WEDNESDAY dy ny py ty zy	THURSDAY "le" (ending)
1. meal	1. clear	1. candy	1. middle
2. lead	2. cheap	2. tiny	2. simple
3. lean	3. cheat	3. puppy	3. uncle
4. scream	4. pear	4. plenty	4. jungle
5. peace	5. health	5. crazy	5. terrible
6. beneath	6. heaven	6. safety	6. unable
WD ocean	WD fought	WD finally	WD title

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# Week 31

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ow (long o)	TUESDAY c-rule	WEDNESDAY ar er ir ur or	THURSDAY ly ry
1. row	1. mice	1. heart	1. silly
2. bow	2. race	2. river	2. merry
3. snow	3. space	3. pour	3. sorry
4. pillow	4. circus	4. power	4. truly
5. arrow	5. saucer	5. thirsty	5. hardly
6. fellow	6. office	6. mirror	6. cherry
WD won	WD special	WD bury	WD laundry

# Week 32

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY ea	WEDNESDAY oo (2)	THURSDAY final-e rule
1. behind	1. meat	1. tool	1. rode
2. moment	2. treat	2. shoot	2. share
3. locate	3. steal	3. choose	3. chose
4. remember	4. steam	4. wool	4. awake
5. silent	5. breathe	5. hood	5. suppose
6. silence	6. leader	6. wooden	6. include
WD river	WD breath	WD poor	WD love

# Week 33

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY short a – ay	THURSDAY r-controlled v.
1. nap	1. common	1. pack	1. charm
2. rang	2. manner	2. rack	2. sore
3. path	3. million	3. lamb	3. enter
4. plant	4. message	4. clay	4. exercise
5. patch	5. absent	5. pray	5. driver
6. scratch	6. expect	6. holiday	6. church
WD capital	WD visit	WD bear	WD wherever

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# Week 34

# Grade 2 National Reading Vocabulary

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ar er ir	TUESDAY ing	WEDNESDAY oi ou	THURSDAY ar/or endng=er
1. army	1. wing	1. join	1. dollar
2. farther	2. sting	2. point	2. collar
3. skirt	3. string	3. voice	3. sugar
4. bother	4. finger	4. flour	4. motor
5. several	5. spring	5. proud	5. visitor
6. neither	6. evening	6. amount	6. neighbor
WD parents	WD sign	WD brought	WD world

# Week 35

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY ai ea	TUESDAY "ge" "gi" (j)	WEDNESDAY Difficult Except.	THURSDAY Difficult Except.
1. pair	1. cage	1. wagon	1. ton
2. plain	2. giant	2. barrel	2. parents
3. afraid	3. bridge	3. monkey	3. earn
4. bean	4. danger	4. wild	4. present
5. cream	5. dangerous	5. brother	5. worse
6. season	6. geography	6. continue	6. worst
WD curtain	WD guess	WD fold	WD post

# Week 36

# 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

MONDAY short a – e - i	TUESDAY or	WEDNESDAY c-rule	THURSDAY tion – ture
1. stamp	1. born	1. rice	1. action
2. shed	2. sore	2. certain	2. direction
3. shelf	3. cord	3. science	3. vacation
4. pill	4. horn	4. exercise	4. nature
5. spin	5. shore	5. necessary	5. furniture
6. grip	6. important	6. excited	6. adventure
WD mind	WD toward	WD climb	WD honest

COMMENTS: