

Grade 3

National Reading Vocabulary

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The 1000+ words in this 3rd Grade Reading Vocabulary List have been carefully selected as words which students need to master by the end of Grade 3. Students who achieve this goal will be reading slightly above grade level and will typically score in the top 25% on Grade 3 national reading tests (such as the CTBS and SAT).

A total of 1008 words are used in the 3rd Grade Reading List
and arranged as follows:

1st nine weeks - 252 words
2nd nine weeks - 252 words
3rd nine weeks - 252 words
4th nine weeks - 252 words
TOTAL = 1008 words

Words are introduced at a steady rate of 7 words per day - 28 words per week with Friday being used as a review day. The 7 daily words include 6 which follow a specific phonics sound or reading rule while the last word is a non-phonics (more difficult to learn) word which we call - "The Word of the Day." You'll find that teaching vocabulary words together which share the same vowel sound (and in small groups such as this) enables a student to memorize new reading words at a rate that is far above what is normally achieved using conventional methods alone.

Another special feature incorporated into this list is the effective use of review words. As we've stated in our earlier vocabulary lists - Not all reading words are created equal. Some words literally require 5-10 times more practice to commit to memory than other words. Because of this reality, we've intentionally repeated certain words several times throughout the 36 week list. Therefore, of the 1008 words listed in the Grade 3 list, approximately 800 are new words and 200 are review words selected from the most difficult 2nd Grade words or difficult words repeated from the 3rd Grade list. During the first 9 weeks of this 3rd Grade program we provide a concentrated review of the most difficult 2nd grade words. This is important since much of

the vocabulary introduced during the final 9 weeks of 2nd grade is considerably more difficult than the earlier 2nd grade words, and therefore, requires additional practice to commit to memorization. Of the 7 words introduced daily during the first nine weeks of the 3rd Grade program - 5 words are review words and 2 words are uniquely new 3rd grade words. Therefore, during the 1st nine weeks only - 180 of the most difficult 2nd grade words are reviewed and 72 new 3rd grade words are introduced. For every other nine week period, approximately 250 new 3rd grade words are introduced.

Words are also arranged from the "most common" words in the beginning weeks to the "lesser common" words toward the end of the year. This provides you the most logical and efficient order for instruction.

Students advancing at the scheduled pace of 28 words per week will typically score in the top 25% on 3rd grade standardized reading tests such as the CTB-Terinova or SAT. Students who have mastered all of the words in this list (along with all words in our previous lists) will be reading at approximately a 4.0 Grade Level !

Special Emphasis on the “Word of the Day”



The last word in each daily list is what we call our “Word of the Day.” It is separated from the main phonics words and located next to the “Word of the Day” graphic as seen above. The Word of the Day is placed here because it 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 its letters are not consistent with typical phonics rules (i.e. does – what). The Word of the Day must be given significantly more practice to insure its complete memorization.

Thank you and Happy Reading

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Week 1 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 1st Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short o - u
1. nap	1. bet	1. dim	1. hog
2. rag	2. tent	2. ink	2. cross
3. act	3. west	3. ship	3. strong
4. pack	4. spell	4. lift	4. hug
5. passed	5. letter	5. swim	5. sum
6. wrap	6. length	6. wrist	6. hung
 want	 twelve	 busy	 front

Week 2

1st Quarter

MONDAY final-e	TUESDAY ai-ee-ie-oa-ea	WEDNESDAY 1 cons. rule	THURSDAY 2 cons. rule
1. pipe	1. pail	1. tiger	1. coffee
2. mule	2. mail	2. motor	2. pepper
3. bathe	3. asleep	3. over	3. hopped
4. page	4. tea	4. used	4. summer
5. spoke	5. cried	5. paper	5. problem
6. awake	6. float	6. writer	6. distance
 sure	 read	 animal	 collect

Week 3

1st Quarter

MONDAY ar or	TUESDAY er	WEDNESDAY ir	THURSDAY ur
1. tar	1. sooner	1. first	1. curl
2. part	2. rubber	2. chirp	2. nurse
3. smart	3. later	3. birth	3. hurry
4. sore	4. ever	4. third	4. curtain
5. score	5. enter	5. thirty	5. further
6. morning	6. exercise	6. thirteen	6. church
 share	 dollar	 fire	 fourth

Week 4

GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary

1st Quarter

MONDAY ou	TUESDAY oo (2)	WEDNESDAY ow (2)	THURSDAY oi - oy
1. ouch	1. scooter	1. elbow	1. spoil
2. mouth	2. loose	2. owner	2. noise
3. about	3. choose	3. window	3. point
4. county	4. crook	4. towel	4. oyster
5. thousand	5. wood	5. town	5. Roy
6. ourselves	6. stood	6. crowd	6. enjoy
 young	 lose	 known	 poison

Week 5

1st Quarter

MONDAY ing	TUESDAY ly ry ty zy	WEDNESDAY au aw	THURSDAY “c” – “g” rule
1. acting	1. lazy	1. haul	1. city
2. choosing	2. grocery	2. caught	2. recess
3. giving	3. carry	3. August	3. certain
4. spring	4. safety	4. paw	4. strange
5. finger	5. truly	5. law	5. giant
6. interesting	6. hardly	6. awful	6. huge
 evening	 July	 thought	 special

Week 6

1st Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short o - u
1. crash	1. dent	1. sink	1. crop
2. trash	2. sled	2. cliff	2. lock
3. grass	3. felt	3. chin	3. song
4. catch	4. tenth	4. skin	4. bud
5. camp	5. held	5. trick	5. rush
6. drag	6. shell	6. wrist	6. luck
 calf	 sweater	 pint	 another

Week 7 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 1st Quarter

MONDAY final-e	TUESDAY ai	WEDNESDAY ee ea	THURSDAY ea (2)
1. dine	1. jail	1. sweep	1. seal
2. cute	2. waist	2. creek	2. dream
3. chose	3. claim	3. sweet	3. increase
4. phone	4. raise	4. speak	4. thread
5. continue	5. afraid	5. peace	5. health
6. include	6. explain	6. beneath	6. heaven
 noise	 again	 receive	 measure

Week 8

1st Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY “g” - rule	THURSDAY “c” - rule
1. fever	1. ribbon	1. bridge	1. office
2. student	2. umbrella	2. danger	2. circus
3. used	3. common	3. dangerous	3. science
4. using	4. sandwich	4. message	4. certain
5. super	5. absent	5. biology	5. excited
6. behind	6. expect	6. passenger	6. necessary
 desert	 dessert	 anger	 chance

Week 9

1st Quarter

MONDAY “le” ending	TUESDAY dy ly ty zy	WEDNESDAY ur ar or er	THURSDAY tion ture
1. kettle	1. salty	1. curve	1. addition
2. whistle	2. freely	2. blur	2. action
3. uncle	3. crazy	3. apart	3. vacation
4. middle	4. safety	4. important	4. future
5. simple	5. plenty	5. several	5. nature
6. example	6. study	6. neither	6. adventure
 final	 finally	 bury	 television

Week 10 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 2nd Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short o - u
1. damp	1. slept	1. tin	1. rob
2. match	2. rent	2. bid	2. pond
3. track	3. mend	3. ditch	3. chop
4. trap	4. melt	4. drill	4. hut
5. flask	5. bless	5. trim	5. mud
6. fact	6. sled	6. witch	6. struck
 travel	 exit	 build	 calm

Week 11

2nd Quarter

MONDAY final-e	TUESDAY ai	WEDNESDAY ee oa	THURSDAY ee ea
1. dine	1. aim	1. reef	1. speed
2. cute	2. gain	2. agree	2. geese
3. cane	3. pain	3. Halloween	3. queen
4. cape	4. paint	4. oats	4. beach
5. stove	5. bail	5. toast	5. leave
6. prize	6. rainwater	6. coast	6. real
 favorite	 straight	 folks	 learn

Week 12

2nd Quarter

MONDAY cy ly ry my ty	TUESDAY “le” ending	WEDNESDAY oo ew	THURSDAY ow (2)
1. jolly	1. turtle	1. rooster	1. elbow
2. ferry	2. battle	2. foolish	2. arrow
3. lonely	3. pickle	3. woolen	3. narrow
4. fancy	4. saddle	4. wooden	4. towel
5. mighty	5. puzzle	5. screw	5. allow
6. enemy	6. vegetable	6. newspaper	6. power
 supply	 hospital	 view	 know

Week 13 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 2nd Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY 2 cons. rule	THURSDAY final-e rule
1. bacon	1. rabbit	1. wedding	1. wipe
2. hotel	2. cotton	2. thunder	2. hike
3. grapes	3. gallon	3. donkey	3. dove
4. frozen	4. lettuce	4. pocket	4. rise
5. sizes	5. pumpkin	5. member	5. value
6. hero	6. picnic	6. chapter	6. continue
 business	 respect	 secret	 glove

Week 14

2nd Quarter

MONDAY ar	TUESDAY er ur	WEDNESDAY or	THURSDAY ar-or "endings"
1. cart	1. border	1. fort	1. collar
2. carpet	2. burst	2. pork	2. motor
3. garden	3. turkey	3. bore	3. doctor
4. carve	4. theater	4. forest	4. harbor
5. scarf	5. sweeter	5. porch	5. parlor
6. market	6. cover	6. organ	6. sailor
 narrow	 worth	 reward	 poor

Week 15

2nd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ou	WEDNESDAY ee	THURSDAY au aw
1. case	1. outfit	1. weed	1. fault
2. pole	2. scout	2. deer	2. laundry
3. file	3. wound	3. creek	3. naughty
4. frame	4. bound	4. sleeve	4. raw
5. dare	5. fountain	5. cheese	5. hawk
6. airplane	6. surround	6. freeze	6. straw
 gasoline	 group	 indeed	 drawer

Week 16 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 2nd Quarter

MONDAY final-e	TUESDAY ai	WEDNESDAY ea	THURSDAY oa
1. vine	1. nail	1. bead	1. toad
2. dove	2. trail	2. seal	2. loaf
3. rose	3. main	3. least	3. soak
4. cave	4. faint	4. tear	4. roam
5. scare	5. grain	5. wheat	5. boast
6. scale	6. maid	6. disappear	6. croak
 prove	 diamond	 search	 board

Week 17

2nd Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short e	WEDNESDAY short i	THURSDAY short o - u
1. tax	1. nest	1. sin	1. rod
2. ranch	2. gem	2. tin	2. toss
3. blast	3. crept	3. mist	3. fond
4. tramp	4. stretch	4. rich	4. gun
5. hatch	5. theft	5. snip	5. lump
6. branch	6. excellent	6. twist	6. pump
 cabin	 metal	 quilt	 bull

Week 18

2nd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY “c” rule	THURSDAY ly ny py ry ty
1. hike	1. bitter	1. notice	1. copy
2. pine	2. skipper	2. ceiling	2. pony
3. ripe	3. slipper	3. raced	3. duty
4. stage	4. whisper	4. scissors	4. slippery
5. trade	5. buffalo	5. success	5. strawberry
6. froze	6. listening	6. celebrate	6. sincerely
 ache	 pollution	 medicine	 deny

Week 19

GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary

3rd Quarter

MONDAY short a	TUESDAY short i	WEDNESDAY short o	THURSDAY short u
1. ax	1. rid	1. rot	1. dull
2. brass	2. limp	2. boss	2. hunt
3. scrap	3. swift	3. toss	3. bulb
4. strap	4. drift	4. knot	4. club
5. grand	5. ticket	5. flop	5. plum
6. fasten	6. sickness	6. flock	6. stuff
 lamb	 pint	 broad	 shovel

Week 20

3rd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 1-cons. rule	WEDNESDAY 2 cons. rule	THURSDAY “le” ending
1. eve	1. belong	1. attic	1. rattle
2. brave	2. elect	2. offer	2. handle
3. paste	3. protect	3. suffer	3. bundle
4. cube	4. develop	4. valley	4. cradle
5. snake	5. homesick	5. dentist	5. rifle
6. flame	6. sidewalk	6. blossom	6. possible
 private	 topic	 library	 mammal

Week 21

3rd Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY ee ea	WEDNESDAY ee ea	THURSDAY ea (short e)
1. hire	1. steel	1. seek	1. feather
2. grave	2. deed	2. seems	2. weather
3. pride	3. fear	3. pioneer	3. breast
4. tribe	4. peas	4. neat	4. spread
5. stare	5. peach	5. tease	5. pleasure
6. behave	6. stream	6. weave	6. pleasant
 rinse	 bread	 breath	 area

Week 22 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 3rd Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY ow (2)	THURSDAY dy gy ny ry ty
1. junior	1. tunnel	1. sow	1. buggy
2. museum	2. rocket	2. narrow	2. dandy
3. climate	3. upset	3. sparrow	3. history
4. repeat	4. public	4. plow	4. century
5. remove	5. language	5. crown	5. company
6. prepare	6. principal	6. frown	6. electricity
 planet	 dessert	 ghost	 supply

Week 23

3rd Quarter

MONDAY g-rule	TUESDAY final-e rule	WEDNESDAY ee	THURSDAY ie (long e)
1. gentle	1. pave	1. beef	1. field
2. general	2. cure	2. beet	2. chief
3. strange	3. strike	3. peep	3. thief
4. package	4. parade	4. sheet	4. niece
5. imagine	5. sunshine	5. speech	5. brief
6. emergency	6. complete	6. agreeable	6. relief
 eager	 purpose	 received	 ugliest

Week 24

3rd Quarter

MONDAY ly ry	TUESDAY ou (exceptions)	WEDNESDAY est	THURSDAY 1 cons. rule
1. marry	1. soup	1. latest	1. ruler
2. lonely	2. rough	2. slowest	2. pupil
3. factory	3. tough	3. quickest	3. spider
4. carelessly	4. court	4. happiest	4. record (2)
5. secretary	5. course	5. nearest	5. grapes
6. especially	6. throughout	6. toughest	6. alive
 deny	 route	 suggest	 potatoes

Week 25 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 3rd Quarter

MONDAY ar or er	TUESDAY er ur	WEDNESDAY ar-or (ending)	THURSDAY 2 cons. rule
1. marble	1. prayer	1. beggar	1. banner
2. darling	2. eraser	2. similar	2. rotten
3. harvest	3. discover	3. popular	3. rather
4. order	4. turnip	4. mirror	4. gather
5. tender	5. surface	5. honor	5. subject
6. traveler	6. hamburger	6. favor	6. insects
 arrest	 southern	 poor	 English

Week 26

3rd Quarter

MONDAY c-rule	TUESDAY final-a rule	WEDNESDAY ea (2)	THURSDAY silent letters
1. dancer	1. banana	1. beast	1. comb
2. sincere	2. sofa	2. reason	2. palm
3. difference	3. gorilla	3. reach	3. chalk
4. emergency	4. Florida	4. death	4. stalk
5. reduce	5. Tampa	5. meant	5. guest
6. accident	6. Canada	6. treasure	6. crumb
 chemical	 sea	 idea	 cough

Week 27

3rd Quarter

MONDAY g-rule	TUESDAY ful	WEDNESDAY less ness	THURSDAY tion ture
1. garage	1. hopeful	1. careless	1. subtraction
2. damage	2. harmful	2. hopeless	2. multiplication
3. average	3. truthful	3. fearless	3. pollution
4. energy	4. powerful	4. sadness	4. capture
5. energetic	5. forgetful	5. hardness	5. temperature
6. imagine	6. thoughtful	6. kindness	6. adventure
 pledge	 fuel	 carelessness	 division

Week 28 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 4th Quarter

MONDAY f-sound letters	TUESDAY c-rule	WEDNESDAY ar er or	THURSDAY short vow. mix
1. telephone	1. lace	1. harm	1. fist
2. graph	2. officer	2. folder	2. risk
3. elephant	3. receive	3. terrific	3. skill
4. rough	4. accident	4. report	4. split
5. tough	5. scene	5. scoring	5. swell
6. enough	6. experience	6. horseback	6. crust
 dough	 delicious	 worried	 limb

Week 29

4th Quarter

MONDAY ai	TUESDAY ea	WEDNESDAY au oi oy	THURSDAY ar-or (ending)
1. maid	1. feast	1. aunt (2)	1. solar
2. hail	2. heap	2. author	2. calendar
3. braid	3. deal	3. faucet	3. grammar
4. repair	4. repeat	4. caution	4. mayor
5. contains	5. release	5. toilet	5. honor
6. straighter	6. underneath	6. enjoyable	6. refrigerator
 captain	 earliest	 lion	 afterward

Week 30

4th Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY short vowels	THURSDAY short vowels
1. sometime	1. copper	1. snap	1. gasp
2. figure	2. lantern	2. brand	2. stack
3. escape	3. lumber	3. matter	3. grand
4. arrange	4. signal	4. melt	4. split
5. produce	5. bonnet	5. club	5. hunt
6. graduate	6. inches	6. dull	6. stuff
 improve	 bookshelf	 pint	 comb

Week 31 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 4th Quarter

MONDAY final-e rule	TUESDAY 1 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY 1 cons. rule	THURSDAY short I
1. wade	1. obey	1. usual	1. silk
2. lame	2. useless	2. miles	2. hidden
3. invite	3. deposit	3. human	3. pitch
4. provide	4. deserve	4. saving	4. hitch
5. severe	5. design	5. relax	5. stitch
6. decorate	6. famous	6. salesman	6. switch
 manage	 tomato	 liter	 hind

Week 32

4th Quarter

MONDAY 2 cons. rule	TUESDAY g-rule	WEDNESDAY er ir ur	THURSDAY or
1. college	1. engine	1. herd	1. ore
2. village	2. dodge	2. clerk	2. port
3. pasture	3. gentle	3. exercise	3. sort
4. flipped	4. bandage	4. curve	4. force
5. discuss	5. engineer	5. burnt	5. explore
6. contest	6. gymnasium	6. squirrel	6. foreign
 soldier	 hunger	 errand	 worm

Week 33

4th Quarter

MONDAY final-e	TUESDAY 2 cons. rule	WEDNESDAY er	THURSDAY er
1. tame	1. scatter	1. dryer	1. adverb
2. daze	2. tablet	2. mineral	2. prisoner
3. blaze	3. invent	3. whoever	3. overalls
4. waste	4. master	4. whatever	4. shepherd
5. recite	5. billion	5. wherever	5. perfume
6. valentine	6. industry	6. government	6. furniture
 magazine	 apron	 zero	 error

Week 34 GRADE 3 National Reading Vocabulary 4th Quarter

MONDAY ies ending	TUESDAY ai ee	WEDNESDAY er	THURSDAY tion
1. babies	1. waiter	1. serve	1. nation
2. parties	2. daisy	2. timber	2. national
3. studies	3. faith	3. clover	3. position
4. duties	4. bleed	4. blender	4. invitation
5. enemies	5. steer	5. meter	5. education
6. companies	6. squeeze	6. millimeter	6. constitution
 butterflies	 bargain	 cashier	 mention

Week 35

4th Quarter

MONDAY ea	TUESDAY “dis” prefix	WEDNESDAY 1 cons. rule	THURSDAY “le” ending
1. spear	1. dislike	1. pilot	1. settle
2. cheating	2. discuss	2. humid	2. castle
3. stealing	3. distance	3. refund	3. eagle
4. sneakers	4. disappear	4. report	4. sample
5. beard	5. disapprove	5. pronoun	5. struggle
6. teaspoon	6. disappoint	6. typewriter	6. sprinkle
 earn	 disease	 quotient	 valuable

Week 36

4th Quarter

MONDAY 1 cons. except.	TUESDAY “r” exceptions	WEDNESDAY long v. except.	THURSDAY 1 cons. except.
1. cabinet	1. carrot	1. colt	1. melon
2. unusual	2. caring	2. blind	2. prison
3. modern	3. scared	3. hind	3. radish
4. president	4. parent	4. program	4. travel
5. exit	5. period	5. barrel	5. adult
6. promise	6. worried	6. island	6. product
 select	 ferry	 stroll	 graduate