



## Level 1 Word Sorts

Read Naturally's Signs for Sounds is a research-based, systematic spelling program that builds proficiency in spelling while reinforcing reading skills. Signs for Sounds teaches the spelling of decodable words and irregular high-frequency words. These word sorts can be used as an additional activity to support the lessons in Signs for Sounds Level 1.

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## Using Word Sorts

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Word sorts can be used to reinforce and review the spelling patterns taught in Signs for Sounds Level 1 lessons. The teacher can direct the word sort activity during small group instruction or assign the word sort activity as independent work following a Signs for Sounds lesson. An RTI small group instructor, reading specialist, or special education teacher can send the word sort back to the regular classroom as appropriate independent work to reinforce a Signs for Sounds lesson the student completed during pull-out instruction.

# Suggested Directions

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After a student completes a Signs for Sounds lesson, provide the student with a copy of the word sort that corresponds to that lesson. The student should write his/her name and the date on the lines provided on the header. Direct the student to cut across the bold dotted line to separate the header from the words below and then cut apart each word along the smaller dotted lines. Demonstrate how the student should use the line-leader patterns in the heading to create columns of words with shared patterns. The student should also separate out the spell-out words and/or words that do match one of the line-leader patterns and place them in the “Out-of-Sort Words” column.

Teachers can consider several options when assigning the word sorts:

- After the student cuts the words apart and sorts the words below the line-leader patterns in the header, the teacher (or another adult) can check the student’s work. Then the words can be gathered into a plastic zip bag or envelope and used again to sort and review the words the next day.
- The student can be directed to cut the words apart, sort the words, and then glue the header and each word in the correct column on a second piece of paper. This allows the teacher to check the student’s work at a later time.
- When checking a student’s work, the teacher can extend this independent work a step further. By directing a student to read the words down each column and across each row, the teacher can confirm that the student is able to read each word within the pattern (reading down), mix the patterns (reading across), and read the “Out-of-Sort Words.”

When checking a student’s work, the teacher (or another adult) can circle comments to provide specific feedback in the Score Box at the top of the header.

# Differentiating Instruction

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Teachers can differentiate the word sort assignment by considering these modifications:

- The teacher can direct a struggling student to read each word aloud to the teacher before cutting the words apart. This will provide support in decoding the sound-out words and reading the spell-out words. The student can also be directed to pronounce the line-leader patterns.
- The word sorts are designed so the teacher can easily assign fewer words to a struggling student. Each row contains one word for each line-leader column; so, to shorten the assignment, the teacher can cut off one or more rows from the bottom of the page before giving the page to a student.
- The teacher can extend the word sort assignment for a very capable student by directing the student to cut the words apart, sort the words below the line-leader patterns in the header, and then add a specific number of additional words that also fit under each of the line-leader patterns.



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 1

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-at	-an	<b>Out of Sort Words</b>
pat	pan	a
tan	sap	fat
map	sat	fan
man	tap	mat
at	an	nap



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 2

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-an	-ap	-at	Out of Sort Words
map	I	man	pat
fan	mat	sap	a
fat	tap	mam	tan
ram	an	sat	nap
at	rap	ran	ham



# Word Sort

## Level 1, Lesson 3

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ad	-ap	-an	Out of Sort Words
ran	dad	the	map
tap	man	had	a
I	sap	fan	sad
mad	tan	hat	rap
lap	rat	lad	pan



# Word Sort

## Level 1, Lesson 4

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ax	-ap	-ag	Out of Sort Words
map	fax	a	tag
wag	I	wax	sap
tax	rag	lap	the
ham	rap	nag	ax
nap	sag	sax	lad



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 5

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-in	-it	-ig	Out of Sort Words
will	hit	fin	pig
sit	pin	wig	the
sin	fig	fix	fit
dig	six	pit	in
mix	it	win	rig



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 6

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-id	-in	-ad	Out of Sort Words
to	hid	had	pin
fin	mad	lid	will
mid	sin	the	pad
sad	fat	tin	did
him	win	lad	rid





# Word Sort

## Level 1, Lesson 7

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-og	-ot	-ag	Out of Sort Words
you	hot	log	tag
not	nag	to	dog
fog	will	sag	got
gag	hog	rot	fix
sit	wag	jog	lot



# Word Sort

## Level 1, Lesson 8

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-it	-ap	-ot	Out of Sort Words
cot	lap	fit	will
cap	to	pot	hit
you	lot	lit	map
sit	gap	can	hot
sap	pit	got	win



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 9

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-at	-ip	-op	Out of Sort Words
and	hat	tip	mop
sip	top	cat	will
hop	you	rip	mat
at	lip	tax	cop
pit	pop	pat	dip



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 10

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-en	-et	-ed	Out of Sort Words
hen	red	are	wet
and	ten	wed	get
fed	you	jet	men
pet	den	med	leg
jam	set	pen	led



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 11

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-en	-an	-ot	-et	Out of Sort Words
of	wet	can	ten	not
net	got	hen	pan	are
dot	man	and	get	men
ran	den	jet	red	lot
pen	jam	hot	pet	fan



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 12

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-it	-id	-et	-en	Out of Sort Words
did	of	jet	men	sit
lit	ten	hid	wet	are
and	get	pit	bid	hen
pen	rid	fix	fit	net
pet	hit	den	not	lid



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 13

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!      Good Job!      Much Better!      Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!      Cut More Carefully      Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!      Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-un	-ug	-ag	-et	Out of Sort Words
fun	for	rug	rag	net
mug	sun	sag	wet	of
tag	tug	set	are	run
jet	wag	up	gun	dug
cup	met	pun	hug	nag



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 14

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ub	-ob	-at	-ig	Out of Sort Words
they	jig	bat	rob	sub
big	hat	sob	tub	for
cat	cob	cub	fig	of
job	rub	bib	sat	pig
hub	but	wig	mob	fat





# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 15

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-et	-am	-ut	-op	<b>Out of Sort Words</b>
but	ham	yet	top	have
hop	cut	dam	they	get
yam	cop	hut	met	for
yes	mop	ram	nut	bet
jet	rut	can	jam	pop



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 16

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ad	-um	-ot	-ip	Out of Sort Words
have	hip	not	gum	had
dip	got	bum	bad	they
hot	hum	mad	is	sip
mum	sad	his	rip	cot
pad	has	tip	jot	yum



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 17

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-en	-an	-ug	-it	Out of Sort Words
den	fan	bug	pit	was
man	hug	fit	have	hen
rug	bit	they	ten	tan
sit	log	men	ran	tug
not	pen	can	mug	hit



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 18

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ig	-et	-ad	-ug	Out of Sort Words
pig	set	dad	one	rug
pet	lad	bug	jig	was
bad	lug	have	jet	big
dug	beg	fig	had	bet
dip	dig	let	pug	pad



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 19

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-op	-id	-ab	-ub	Out of Sort Words
rid	gab	mop	tub	or
lab	cub	did	one	top
hub	was	cab	hop	lid
dog	pop	sub	hid	jab
cop	bid	dad	nab	rub



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 20

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ast	-ust	-est	-et	Out of Sort Words
wet	or	fast	must	test
one	last	dust	best	bet
past	just	west	jet	was
gust	jest	wet	cost	mast
jest	let	lost	vast	rust



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 21

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

l-	cl-	fl-	sl-	Out of Sort Words
were	slap	flag	clap	lap
slug	flip	club	lid	or
flop	clip	lug	one	sled
clam	log	was	slam	flat
let	have	slip	flap	clod



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 22

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

tr—	dr—	br—	gr—	Out of Sort Words
trap	drum	brag	from	grin
drop	bran	grab	tram	were
brat	grip	or	drug	trip
grad	frog	trim	brim	drip
crib	trot	drag	grit	brad





# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 23

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

sn—	sp—	st—	sw—	Out of Sort Words
step	spot	snap	swim	what
swag	stop	spit	from	snag
were	swig	stem	snob	spin
snug	scat	swam	span	stub
snip	spat	smog	stab	swan



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 24

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-st	-sk	cl-	gr-	Out of Sort Words
lost	desk	club	grab	what
ask	clam	grin	from	dust
clap	grip	were	must	risk
grad	flip	best	tusk	clip
drum	cost	mask	clog	grit



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 25

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

a_e	_a_	a_e	_a_	Out of Sort Words
hate	hat	mane	when	man
mad	cave	wax	made	were
game	had	from	can	cane
bat	one	cape	sale	cap
they	tape	tap	tax	date



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 26

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

i_e	_i_	i_e	_i_	Out of Sort Words
kite	kit	dime	dim	your
fin	ride	rid	when	fine
bike	win	what	hide	hid
fit	from	ripe	rip	wife
were	pine	pin	like	six



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 27

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

_a_	a_e	_i_	i_e	Out of Sort Words
ride	there	him	mad	gave
your	map	like	name	fix
has	hate	when	pig	dive
came	win	tap	kite	what
his	nine	sale	from	sad



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 28

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

o_e	_o_	o_e	_o_	<b>Out of Sort Words</b>
note	there	not	pole	hot
hop	hope	rose	top	were
home	rob	fog	when	robe
cop	rope	what	rode	rod
was	fox	joke	job	code



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 29

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

a_e	i_e	o_e	Out of Sort Words
home	said	dime	game
there	make	joke	hide
save	kite	mix	nose
mine	rope	lake	got
bone	had	five	made



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 30

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

u_e	_u_	u_e	_u_	Out of Sort Words
sub	said	rule	tub	tube
there	cute	rug	tune	cut
use	us	your	fun	mule
dud	rude	dude	when	run
June	bus	cub	cube	each





# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 31

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

_o_	o_e	_u_	u_e	Out of Sort Words
job	which	hope	cut	mule
home	box	run	rude	each
fun	rope	use	said	got
rule	cub	five	hot	joke
same	tune	pop	nose	rug



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 32

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

_y	_e	_o	<b>Out of Sort Words</b>
my	me	no	which
be	go	each	fly
so	said	by	we
there	cry	he	go
sky	we	no	your



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 33

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!
- Good Job!
- Much Better!
- Check More Carefully!
- Nicely Done!
- Cut More Carefully
- Less Glue, Please
- Great Reading!
- Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

sl-	bl-	pl-	gl-	fl-	Out of Sort Words
slide	blame	plane	globe	flat	how
blot	plate	glad	flake	which	slave
plot	glide	flute	each	sled	blond
glob	flame	fake	slid	blade	plus
flag	save	slam	blob	plum	glade



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 34

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!
- Good Job!
- Much Better!
- Check More Carefully!
- Nicely Done!
- Cut More Carefully
- Less Glue, Please
- Great Reading!
- Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

gr—	dr—	br—	fr—	pr—	Out of Sort Words
drive	grade	broke	froze	prune	do
brave	drum	frog	prize	how	grin
frost	brat	prime	which	grape	drop
prep	frame	dive	graze	drove	bribe
game	pride	grove	drug	brag	frisk



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 35

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

str—	scr—	sc—	st—	Out of Sort Words
step	scrape	scab	all	stripe
do	scale	state	strip	scrap
strap	stop	how	scram	scat
scrub	spoke	strum	scam	stone
scope	strike	scribe	stale	smile



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 36

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!
- Good Job!
- Much Better!
- Check More Carefully!
- Nicely Done!
- Cut More Carefully
- Less Glue, Please
- Great Reading!
- Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

br—	gr—	pr—	sl—	cl—	Out of Sort Words
all	grade	slide	brave	clam	prize
slap	grin	do	clap	prune	bride
slip	how	pry	brag	grab	close
graze	skid	prep	club	sly	brake
drive	grape	clip	prime	slave	bribe



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 37

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-ay	-oy	-y	Out of Sort Words
try	about	boy	day
all	stay	fly	toy
play	joy	do	my
soy	by	say	how
dry	which	boy	clay



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 38

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

sh—	—sh	sh—	—sh	Out of Sort Words
ship	shin	fish	dash	which
she	wish	rash	about	shot
mash	cash	all	shop	sham
mush	do	shut	shy	dish
how	shed	shun	rush	gosh





# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 39

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!    Good Job!    Much Better!    Check More Carefully!  
Nicely Done!    Cut More Carefully    Less Glue, Please  
Great Reading!    Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

th—	—th	sh—	—sh	Out of Sort Words
shut	wish	about	with	that
fish	how	them	ship	path
do	then	moth	dish	shot
thin	math	shed	all	rush
bath	shop	mash	this	which



# Word Sort

Level 1, Lesson 40

Score Box (Circle comments that apply.)

- Perfect!
- Good Job!
- Much Better!
- Check More Carefully!
- Nicely Done!
- Cut More Carefully
- Less Glue, Please
- Great Reading!
- Practice Reading the Words

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

sh—	—sh	cr—	fr—	Out of Sort Words
their	flesh	shine	crust	frog
frame	about	smash	shy	cry
crime	froze	all	brush	ship
shave	crop	frost	slap	trash
wish	she	crane	fry	with