



Read Naturally Live Key Words to Learn by Heart

Taught in the Phonics Series Levels 0.8–2.3

The high-frequency words taught in the Key Words to learn by heart step have irregular patterns or patterns that have not yet been taught at the point of presentation. In this step, students engage with a lesson and read a practice sentence. Later, they practice the words in the story and in the spelling step*.

**In 0.8, students only spell one of the two key words to learn by heart.*

PHONICS 0.8A	
What Is a Rat?	a, be
What Is Sap?	we, what
Sad, Glad, Mad	you, or
Crabs	where, has
A Fox Pup	to, give
Fog	are, the
Fun on Docks	they, do
Cod Are Fish	from, three
Fins	have, be²
A Kid	with, is
Wigs	some, are²
The Hip	of, two
PHONICS 0.8B	
Bug Hunt	for, look
A Duck	the², find
A Pug	you², good
Cubs	go, her
Red House Spiders	how, most
Hens	have², two²
A Vet	your, about
Bells	of², one
Making Jam	then, do²
Hogs Are Pigs	with², live
How a Sub Works	they², goes
Animals in Dens and Pens	some², too

PHONICS 1.3A	
What Are Apes?	look², how²
What Is a Lake?	what², people
Wild Cats With Manes	most², group
Beelines	where², move
Hikes	many, would
What Are Mimes?	why, eye
Moles	from², whole
Your Nose	goes², your²
Making Jokes	when, put
A Mule	does, work
Rules We Use	walk, break
Music	good², to²
PHONICS 1.3B	
What Are Skates?	live², people²
Rain	for², come
Seals	above, them
We Need Seeds	pull, who
Fireflies	one², find²
Lights in the Night Sky	all, many²
Toads	want, move²
What Are Loads?	that, too²
Blue Jays	they³, their
We Need Sleep	busy, our
A Rainbow	these, eye²
All About Coal	want², have³

PHONICS 1.8A	
A Shadow	front, shoe
What Are Seashells?	walk², their³
Thumb	other, work²
Lightning and Thunder	very, there
Beluga Whales	where³, among
What Am I?	want³, what³
Cheese That Crunches	kind, were
Chimps	four, come²
Wheels	though, about²
Birds Called Shoebills	give², both
Chopped Chocolate in Cookies	who², was
Great White Shark	been, month
PHONICS 1.8B	
What Are Glaciers?	very², break²
What Is Floating in the Sky?	would², climb
Falling Snow	does², hour
Braille Makes Braille	was², one³
Trolleys	great, through
Trumpets, Trombones, and Tubas	there², here
The Spitting Spider	eight, young
So Long, Snake Skin	enough, rough
A Stringed Instrument	move³, again
Wasps	guest, build
The Skunk	here², front²
Animals Called Elk	though², weigh

PHONICS 2.3A	
What Are Garter Snakes?	any, though³
A Bizarre-Looking Animal	other², their²
Tornadoes	wonder, forward
Ford's First Car	thought, four²
Kermit and the Puppet Master	friend, mother
Red Squirrels	build², here³
Fighting for Fairness	could, said
Did I Spell It Wrong?	said², learn
Celebrating Cinco de Mayo	wear, there³
Battle of the Bicyclists	buy, almost
Giants	group², prove
A Village on the Cliffs	sure, were²
PHONICS 2.3B	
An Awful Launch	thought², should
People of the Longhouse	field, mother²
A Terrible Oil Spill	toward, again²
Cowboy Hats	laugh, wear²
Owls	prey, great²
When the Twin Towers Fell	thought³, brought
The Red Kangaroo	could², hour²
The Doodles of Dr. Seuss	love, won
Jesse Owens	poor, field²
Watch Out for Hurricanes	ocean, through²
Bamboo	been², once
Mount St. Helens	learn², earth

Note: This resource lists stories first by Phonics Series level and then by the order in which they appear on the Select a Story screen. Bold font indicates the first time the word is taught in the Phonics series. A superscript indicates a repeat appearance: ² for the second time the word is taught or ³ for the third.



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Key Word	Taught In...
a ⁴	0.8a-01
about ⁵⁴	0.8b-07, 1.8a-09
above♦	1.3b-03
again♦	1.8b-09, 2.3b-03
all ³⁴	1.3b-06
almost	2.3a-10
among	1.8a-05
any ¹³⁸	2.3a-01
are ¹⁵	0.8a-06, 0.8a-11
be ²²	0.8a-01, 0.8a-09
been ⁸⁵	1.8a-12, 2.3b-11
both♦	1.8a-10
break	1.3a-11, 1.8b-01
brought	2.3b-06
build	1.8b-10, 2.3a-06
busy	1.3b-10
buy	2.3a-10
climb	1.8b-02
come ⁹⁷	1.3b-02, 1.8a-08
could ⁷⁹	2.3a-07, 2.3b-07
do ⁴⁷	0.8a-07, 0.8b-09
does♦	1.3a-10, 1.8b-03
earth	2.3b-12
eight	1.8b-07
enough	1.8b-08
eye	1.3a-06, 1.3b-11
field	2.3b-02, 2.3b-09
find ⁹¹	0.8b-02, 1.3b-05
for ¹³	0.8b-01, 0.8b-02

Key Word	Taught In...
forward	2.3a-03
four♦	1.8a-08, 2.3a-04
friend	2.3a-05
from ²⁵	0.8a-08, 1.3a-07
front	1.8a-01, 1.8b-11
give ¹¹⁴	0.8a-05, 1.8a-10
go ⁷⁴	0.8b-04
goes♦	0.8b-11, 1.3a-08
good ¹²²	0.8b-03, 1.3a-12
great ¹²⁷	1.8b-05, 2.3b-05
group♦	1.3a-03, 2.3a-11
guest	1.8b-10
has ⁶⁹	0.8a-04
have ²⁴	0.8a-09, 0.8b-06, 1.3b-12
her ⁶²	0.8b-04
here♦	1.8b-06, 1.8b-11, 2.3a-06
hour	1.8b-03, 2.3b-07
how ⁴⁸	0.8b-05, 1.3a-01
is ⁷	0.8a-10
kind♦	1.8a-07
laugh	2.3b-04
learn♦	2.3a-08, 2.3b-12
live ¹¹¹	0.8b-10, 1.3b-01
look ⁷⁰	0.8b-01, 1.3a-01
love	2.3b-08
many ⁵⁶	1.3a-05, 1.3b-06
month	1.8a-12
most ¹¹⁵	0.8b-05, 1.3a-03
mother♦	2.3a-05, 2.3b-02

Key Word	Taught In...
move♦	1.3a-04, 1.3b-07, 1.8b-09
ocean	2.3b-10
of ²	0.8a-12, 0.8b-08
once♦	2.3b-11
one ²⁷	0.8b-08, 1.3b-05, 1.8b-04
or ²⁶	0.8a-03
other ⁵³	1.8a-03, 2.3a-02
our ¹¹⁹	1.3b-10
people ⁸⁰	1.3a-02, 1.3b-01
poor	2.3b-09
prey	2.3b-05
prove	2.3a-11
pull	1.3b-04
put♦	1.3a-09
rough	1.8b-08
said ⁴⁰	2.3a-07, 2.3a-08
shoe	1.8a-01
should♦	2.3b-01
some ⁶¹	0.8a-11, 0.8b-12
sure	2.3a-12
that ⁹	1.3b-08
the ¹	0.8a-06, 0.8b-02
their ⁴⁹	1.3b-09, 1.8a-02, 2.3a-02
them ⁵⁸	1.3b-03
then ⁵⁷	0.8b-09
there ⁴¹	1.8a-04, 1.8b-06, 2.3a-09
these ⁵⁹	1.3b-11
they ¹⁹	0.8a-07, 0.8b-11, 1.3b-09
though♦	1.8a-09, 1.8b-12, 2.3a-01

Key Word	Taught In...
thought♦	2.3a-04, 2.3b-01, 2.3b-06
three ¹⁴⁹	0.8a-08
through ¹³⁰	1.8b-05, 2.3b-10
to ⁵	0.8a-05, 1.3a-12
too ¹³⁵	0.8b-12, 1.3b-08
toward	2.3b-03
two ⁷¹	0.8a-12, 0.8b-06
very ¹¹⁶	1.8a-04, 1.8b-01
walk♦	1.3a-11, 1.8a-02
want ¹⁴⁴	1.3b-07, 1.3b-12, 1.8a-06
was ¹²	1.8a-11, 1.8b-04
we ³⁶	0.8a-02
wear	2.3a-09, 2.3b-04
weigh	1.8b-12
were ³⁵	1.8a-07, 2.3a-12
what ³³	0.8a-02, 1.3a-02, 1.8a-06
when ³⁷	1.3a-09
where ¹²⁸	0.8a-04, 1.3a-04, 1.8a-05
who ⁸⁷	1.3b-04, 1.8a-11
whole	1.3a-07
why♦	1.3a-06
with ¹⁷	0.8a-10, 0.8b-10
won	2.3b-08
wonder	2.3a-03
work ¹⁰⁷	1.3a-10, 1.8a-03
would ⁶³	1.3a-05, 1.8b-02
you ⁸	0.8a-03, 0.8b-03
young♦	1.8b-07
your ³⁸	0.8b-07, 1.3a-08

Note: This resource identifies the story/stories where each key word to learn by heart is taught (labeled by level, set, and number order in which the story appears on the Select a Story screen). The superscript indicates the word's frequency rank aligned to the [250+ High-Frequency Words](#) resource (♦ = words on that document beyond the first 150).