

WISD High Frequency Word Lists by Grade Level

Kindergarten	First Grade				
Word List	Word List 1 (from Kindergarten)	Word List 2	Word List 3	Word List 4	Word List 5
a	a	all	as	are	after
am	am	am	back	away	because
an	an	be	by	been	before
and	and	big	came	but	could
at	at	can	come	from	going
can	can	has	did	here	just
do	do	how	get	into	mother
go	go	if	had	little	over
he	he	like	have	man	then
I	I	me	her	our	there
in	in	my	him	play	they
is	is	not	his	put	this
it	it	on	look	said	too
like	like	see	make	saw	two
me	me	she	now	that	went
my	my	so	of	us	were
no	no	the	one	very	when
on	on	up	or	what	where
see	see	we	out	who	will
so	so	you	was	your	with
the	the				
to	to				
up	up				
we	we				
you	you				

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Second Grade

In addition to the words listed below, second grade students are responsible for words from Kindergarten and First Grade

Word List 1			Word List 2		
able	city	funny	just	school	together
above	close	game	knew	sea	top
across	dad	gave	know	second	try
again	dark	give	last	seen	under
almost	deep	goes	let	should	until
always	does	gone	light	sit	use
any	dog	good	live	sky	view
anything	door	got	love	sleep	wait
ask	down	grade	much	snow	walk
bad	during	great	must	something	wall
ball	each	grew	name	start	want
become	eat	grow	new	stay	watch
begin	end	happy	night	stop	way
behind	enough	help	outside	story	week
between	even	hid	paper	street	why
books	every	hide	part	take	winter
both	fast	hill	party	teach	work
boy	father	home	pick	tell	world
brother	feel	house	place	ten	worn
bus	find	inside	rain	than	write
can't	first	jump	ran	their	wrong
car	fish		right	them	wrote
carry	five		room	things	year
cat	food		run	third	you're
catch	four		same	through	
change	friend		sat	time	
children	fun		say	today	

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Third Grade			Fourth Grade		
Word List			Word List		
add	fell	mind	among	heart	passed
air	few	miss	animal	high	stand
along	fire	more	around	himself	state
also	free	move	asked	hurt	still
baby	full	near	became	idea	such
being	goes	need	began	inside	talk
below	great	nice	bring	instead	teach
best	hand	old	build	keep	teacher
better	hard	own	couldn't	kids	than
boat	head	pair	cried	killed	that's
body	hear	park	dinner	kind	think
oot	hold	past	doing	knew	those
buy	hope	plan	draw	learn	throw
care	I'd	real	dream	leave	told
check	job	rest	early	letter	took
circle	land	room	earth	listen	true
class	left	save	easy	lived	trying
clean	less	seen	everyone	lives	turned
cold	life	set	everything	long	wanted
dark	line	ship	filled	looking	warm
died	list	show	front	making	wasn't
dry	lost	sick	getting	mean	watch
fact	lot	side	group	money	wish
fair	lots	small	having	next	myself
feet	love	soon	heard	nothing	yourself

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Fourth and Fifth Grade Academic English – Greek Roots

Root	Meaning	Example
aero	air	aerobics
auto (4 th)	self	autograph
bio (4 th)	life	biology
chron	time	chronological
cycl	time	cycle
gen	race	gender
geo	earth	geography
graph (5 th)	write	autograph
homo	same	homophone
hydr	water	hydroplane
ism (5 th)	system, manner	capitalism
ist (5 th)	one who, that which	dentist
log	word	logo
mech	machine	mechanic
meter (4 th)	measuring	centimeter
nym	name	antonym
-ology (4 th)	study of	biology
path	feeling	pathetic
phobia (4 th)	fear	claustrophobia
phone	sound	telephone
photo (5 th)	light	photograph
poli	city	metropolis
phys	nature	physical
psych	mind	psychiatrist
soph	wise	sophisticated
therm	heat	thermostat
tele (4 th)	distance	telegraph

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Fourth and Fifth Grade Academic English – Latin Roots

Root	Meaning	Example	Root	Meaning	Example
able/ible (4th)	able	capable, edible	sect	cut	section
ance/ence (5th)	quality/action	conference	sens	feel	sense
audi (4th)	hear	audible	sign	mark	signature
agri	field	agriculture	spect (5th)	see	spectacles
aqua	water	aquarium	temp	time	temporary
cap	head	capital	terr	land	territory
dent	tooth	dentist	tract	pull	tractor
dict (4th)	speak	dictate	urb	city	urban
form	shape	formula	vac	empty	vacate
grat	please	grateful	vid/vis (4th)	see	video/vision
ject (5th)	throw	eject	volv	roll	evolve
liber	free	liberate			
loc	place	location			
lum	light	illuminate			
man	hand	manual			
mar	ocean	marina			
min	small	minimal			
miss	send	amiss			
mob	move	mobile			
mort	death	mortician			
multi	many	multitude			
nat	born	natural			
nov	new	novel			
opt	best	option			
ped	foot	pedal			
port (5th)	carry	transport			
rupt (5th)	break	rupture			
	know	science			

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