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# Introduction

What are sight words and why are they so important? Sight words are considered to be those words that people should be able to look at and instantly identify. Many sight words are not spelled phonically, so consequently it is not possible to “sound them out.” People simply need to recognize them by “sight.” A majority of sight words are also considered to be high-frequency words—those words that make up nearly fifty-percent of the words that we use and read.

*Sight Word Stories* is a delightful book that contains twenty-five, eight-page reproducible, humorous, and predictable storybooks. These stories will introduce children to over seventy high-frequency sight words and an additional forty easy-to-phonically-read words. The words presented in *Sight Word Stories* have been researched and compiled from the following well respected high-frequency and grade level word lists:

- Dolch Basic Sight Vocabulary
- American Heritage Word Frequency Book
- Starter Words
- A Basic Vocabulary of Elementary School Children

Mastery of these important words will motivate young readers, boost their reading test scores, and increase their fluency and comprehension. Help the students you teach to become successful readers by having them master the essential sight word vocabulary contained in *Sight Word Stories!*

**Directions:** Make a copy a selected story for each child. If the children are able to use scissors, have them cut out the pages along the dashed lines. Then, staple the pages together in numerical sequence. Let the children color the pictures in their storybooks.

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