

Fry Phrases and Short sentences

Fry Instant Word List (1980) 100 words

These phrases contain the first 100 words from the Fry Instant Word list (1980), which represent 50 percent of all the words children encounter in elementary school reading.

The people	Look for some people.
Write it down.	I like him.
By the water	So there you are.
Who will make it?	Out of the water
You and I	A long time
What will they do?	We were here
He called me.	Have you seen it?
We had their dog.	Could you go?
What did they say?	One more time
When would you go?	We like to write.
No way	All day long
A number of people	Into the water
One or two	It's about time.
How long are they?	The other people
More than the other	Up in the air
Come and get it.	She said to go.
How many words?	Which way?
Part of the time	Each of us
This is a good day.	He has it.
Can you see?	What are these?
Sit down.	If we were older
Now and then	There was an old man.
But not me	It's no use.
Go find her.	It may fall down.
Not now	With his mom
At your house	See the water
From my room	As big as the first
It's been a long time.	But not for me
Will you be good?	When will we go?
Give them to me.	How did they get it?
Then we will go.	From here to there
Now is the time.	Number two
An angry cat	More people
May I go first?	Look up.
Write your name.	Go down.
This is my cat.	All or some
That dog is big.	Did you like it?
Get on the bus.	A long way to go
Two of us	When did they go?

Did you see it?
The first word

For some of your people

Second 100 Words

These phrases contain the second 100 words from the Fry Instant Word list (1980) , which represent some of the most common words students encounter in their reading.

Over the river
My new place
Another great sound
Take a little.
Give it back.
Only a little
It's only me.
I know why.
Three years ago
Live and play.
I need help.
I work too much.
Any old time
Through the line
Right now
Mother means it.
Same time tomorrow
Tell the truth.
A little boy
The following day
We came home
We want to go
Show us around.
Form two lines.
A small house also
Another old picture
Write one sentence.
Set it up.
Put it there.
Where does it end?
I don't feel well.
My home is large.
It turned out well.
Read the sentence.
This must be it.
Hand it over.
Such a big house

A good man
After the game
Most of the animals
Our best things
Just the same
My last name
That's very good
Think before you act
Mother says to now.
Where are you?
Try your best.
Move over.
We found it here.
Study and learn
Kind of nice
Spell your name.
The good American
Change your clothes
Play it again.
Back off.
Give it away
Answer the phone.
Turn the page.
The air is warm.
Read my letters.
It's still here.
Where in the world
We need more.
I study in school.
I'm an American.
Such a mess
Point it out.
Right now
It's a small world.
Big and small
Home sweet home
Around the clock

The men asked for help.
A different land
They went here.
Get to the point.
Because we should
Even the animals
It's your place.
Good things

Show and tell
You must be right.
Tell the truth.
Good and plenty
Help me out.
It turned out well.
I think so.
Read the book.

Third 100 Words

These phrases contain the third 100 words from the Fry Instant Word List (1980), which represent some of the most common words student encounter in their reading. The complete list of 300 words contain approximately two-thirds of all the words students encounter in their reading.

Near the car
Between the lines
My own father
In the country
Add it up.
Read every story.
Below the water
Pants and flowers
Will it last?
Keep it up.
Plant the trees.
Light the fire.
The light in your eyes
In my head
Under the earth
We saw the food.
Close the door.
The big city
We started the fire.
It never happened.
A good thought
Do it often.
We walked four miles.
Until the end
A second later
Stop the music
Read your book.

Stay a while.
A few good men
Don't open the door.
You might be right.
It seemed too good.
Along the way
Next time
It's hard to open.
Something good
For example
In the beginning
Those other people
A group of friends
We got together.
We left it here.
Both children
It's my life.
Always be kind.
Read the paper.
Run for miles.
Once upon a time
Is it really true?
It's time to eat.
Let me carry it.
Near the sea
Talk to my father.
The young face

Sing your song.
State your case.
I miss you.
A very important person
On my side
I took the car.
So far so good.
The young girl
My feet hurt.
The dark night
A good idea
It began to grow.
Watch the river.
White clouds
Too soon
Leave it to me.
I hear the waves.
Almost enough

The long list
My family
I cut myself.
Above the clouds
Watch the game.
The peaceful Indians
Without a care
I like being on the team.
The tall mountains
Next to me
A few children
A long life
A group of Indians
He started to cry.
I hear the sea.
An important idea
The first day of school
Almost four miles