



THE LAST TASK

- SCOPE AND SEQUENCE -

This is an informal guide to support the use and integration of Simple Words Books in class curriculum, to help parents and educators determine whether the book is the appropriate reading level based on the reader's knowledge, and to be used as a preparation tool to practice the words before reading the story with the reader.

We realize that some words in English can be included in various categories depending on the approach. In addition, words may also be pronounced differently based on region.

We respect everyone's opinion and hope you enjoy this resource.

– *Simple Words Books Team*

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Short Vowel Word is where the vowel within a word is pronounced in its short length (form). The vowel length is the perceived length of a vowel sound. For example, the vowel "a" in the word "cap" is short vs. in "cape" vowel "a" is long. The short vowel sounds cannot occur at the end of a syllable; a consonant must follow the vowel.

Digraph is when two letters represent and spell one sound (phoneme). Examples of **consonant digraphs** are ch, sh, and ck.

Trigraph is when three letters represent and spell one sound. Examples of **consonant trigraphs** are tch and sch.

Blend is when two consonants come together, and they both keep their sounds. Each sound is clearly heard. There are several groups of blends. Some are only found at the beginning of words, some are only at the end of words, and some can be found in either place. They include:

l-blends – bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, & sl

r-blends – br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, & tr

s-blends – sc, sk, sl, sm, sn, sp, st, & sw

t-blends – tr, tw

ending blends – ft, lk, ld, lt, mp, nd, & nt

Double Consonants / FLOSS Rule is when a one-syllable word ends in f, l, or s, double the final f, l, or s. Examples are sniff, fall, and mess.

Welded (Glued) Sounds are letters that do not say their normal sounds when they are together but rather create a slightly different sound.

Long Vowel – Closed Syllable Exceptions follow a similar pattern to closed syllables but have a long vowel sound instead of the expected short vowel sound. Examples are ild, ind, old, olt, and ost.

Vowel Team is when two vowels that work together to make one sound. Examples are ou, ow, ew, ay, ey, ee, and oo.

Consonants can be divided into two types: **Voiced and Unvoiced Consonants**. Voiced consonants require the use of the vocal cords to produce their signature sounds; voiceless consonants do not. Examples of voiced consonants are b, d, g, j, l, m, n, r, sz, th (as in "then"), v, w, y, and z. Examples of unvoiced consonants are ch, f, k, p, s, sh, t and th (as in "thing").

R-controlled word (or syllable) has a vowel followed by an r where the r changes the vowel's sound. It is also called **bossy r** because the r bosses the vowel to make a new sound. Examples are the /ar/ sound, as in barn; the /or/ sound, as in corn; and the /er/ sound, as in fern, bird, and curl.

Silent e, also called **magic e**, rule is when the letter 'e' at the end of a word is silent and makes the other vowel (with no more than one letter in between) in the word say its name. In other words, silent e changes the short vowel into a long vowel. Examples are cap vs. cape, mad vs. made, and fin vs. fine.

Permanent sight words, also called irregular or red words, are words that cannot be sounded out and don't follow the rules of phonics. Permanent sight words need to be memorized, so they are recalled by sight.

Temporary sight words are words where one or more of the sounds or spellings in the word has not yet been introduced, and the reader lacks sufficient letter/sound knowledge to decode the word.

Prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a word that changes the word's meaning.

Suffix is a word part added to the end of a word that changes the word's meaning.

Compound word is when two words are used together to make a new word with a new meaning. Compound words can be written in three ways: Open compound words, closed compound words, or hyphenated compound words.

Hyphenated word is when two or more words are joined or divided with a hyphen. These are compound words.

Pre-teach word is a category we created to practice words such as Mr., VP, a.m., USA.

Onomatopoeia is the naming of a thing or action by a vocal imitation of the sound associated with it. Examples are bammm, psst, shh.

Syllable is a unit of pronunciation having one vowel sound, with or without surrounding consonants, forming the whole or a part of a word.

There are seven **syllable types**: Closed (VC), open (V), long vowel sound (or magic e) (Ve), vowel teams (VV), r-controlled (Vr), diphthongs (VV), and consonant le (cle).

SINGLE SYLLABLE WORDS										Total Words:		6001	
SHORT VOWELS										1742	Words	-	29.03%
/a/										481	Words	-	8.02%
am	10	an	6	as	47	at	47	bad	2	bag	10		
cab	9	can	39	cap	1	cat	8	dad	57	gap	1		
had	22	ham	7	has	24	lap	4	mad	4	map	17		
pad	3	pal	9	Pam	137	ran	1	sad	6	sat	2		
tag	6	tap	1	van	1								
/e/										125	Words	-	2.08%
bed	4	beg	1	bet	4	Deb	1	den	6	get	23		
led	1	let	12	men	2	met	7	net	8	pen	3		
pet	4	red	9	sec	2	set	10	ten	1	vet	5		
wet	1	yes	13	yet	8								
/i/										589	Words	-	9.82%
if	14	in	119	is	165	it	96	big	13	bit	12		
did	29	dig	1	fit	1	him	26	his	78	kid	3		
lid	5	Liz	3	min	2	pic	1	Sid	1	sit	10		
six	2	tin	5	win	1	quit	2						
/o/										383	Words	-	6.38%
on	70	box	13	got	21	hot	1	job	21	lot	12		
mom	84	nod	1	not	81	pot	5	son	1	Tom	67		
top	6												
/u/										164	Words	-	2.73%
up	51	us	20	bus	26	but	29	cut	1	fun	9		
hug	1	jug	10	pub	3	pup	2	rug	4	run	5		
sun	3												
CONSONANT DIGRAPH / TRIGRAPH										1171	Words	-	19.51%
ch										63	Words	-	1.05%
chat	4	chin	4	much	11	such	1	bench	4	chest	12		
chips	1	chomp	2	hunch	1	lunch	12	brunch	9	chestnuts	2		
ck										111	Words	-	1.85%
back	45	lick	1	lock	5	luck	3	pick	1	rock	3		
sack	4	sick	7	tick	2	tock	2	black	5	block	1		
clock	3	crack	6	quick	7	snack	2	stack	2	track	2		
trick	1	truck	7	unlock	1	ziplock	1						
cks										28	Words	-	0.47%
kicks	1	licks	3	packs	1	picks	13	blocks	1	clicks	3		
snacks	1	sticks	3	unlocks	1	unpacks	1						
sh										166	Words	-	2.77%
she	85	dish	4	fish	6	hash	2	hush	1	rush	4		
ship	2	shot	4	shut	6	wish	18	flash	1	shelf	4		
shift	3	shrub	1	shrug	1	shuts	2	finish	10	shrill	3		
shrugs	5	shrinks	1	Spanish	2	shifting	1						
sh Middle										1	Words	-	0.02%
fishing	1												

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th										676	Words	-	11.26%
the	330	bath	1	math	1	that	45	them	11	then	30		
they	46	this	46	with	76	thank	3	their	8	there	21		
thing	8	think	24	thanks	2	things	6	thinks	16	thrill	1		
thinking	1												
wh										81	Words	-	1.35%
who	1	why	7	what	32	when	35	where	6				
ch / ck										24	Words	-	0.40%
check	21	check-up	1	checking	1	check-ups	1						
ch / cks										13	Words	-	0.22%
checks	13												
ck / ck										3	Words	-	0.05%
backpack	3												
sh / ck										3	Words	-	0.05%
shock	3												
wh / ch										2	Words	-	0.03%
which	2												
BLENDS										1609	Words	-	26.81%
Two Consonants in the Beginning										600	Words	-	10.00%
club	14	drop	1	flag	3	from	20	glad	20	glum	1		
grab	4	gran	17	grin	6	plan	7	plus	1	Prim	55		
skip	1	slip	1	spot	7	stan	230	stay	7	stop	28		
trip	1	black	5	block	1	bring	7	class	18	Cliff	8		
clock	3	crack	6	drink	6	flash	1	Fluff	41	glass	4		
grass	3	grill	6	shrub	1	shrug	1	snack	2	spell	2		
stack	2	staff	1	still	20	stuff	4	swing	4	track	2		
trick	1	truck	7	trunk	1	brings	10	drinks	4	shrill	3		
thrill	1	shrinks	1										
Two Consonants in the End										732	Words	-	12.20%
ads	1	and	132	ask	2	Elm	2	end	3	adds	13		
bags	4	beds	1	belt	1	best	24	cuts	1	dads	1		
desk	11	dips	1	dust	1	eggs	8	fact	1	fast	4		
felt	3	fist	1	gets	12	gift	8	guts	1	half	2		
hand	13	held	2	help	12	hint	22	hops	2	hugs	10		
hums	1	hunt	2	jobs	4	jots	2	jump	2	just	32		
Kest	1	kids	9	lamp	1	last	15	left	17	legs	1		
lets	4	lift	2	list	2	lots	3	maps	3	moms	1		
must	26	naps	1	next	44	nods	14	nuts	1	pals	8		
past	3	pats	4	pets	2	pond	4	pots	2	rest	4		
rips	2	rods	1	rubs	2	runs	20	sags	1	send	1		
sent	3	sets	6	sits	15	sobs	1	taps	2	task	6		
text	2	tips	2	went	1	West	30	bench	4	bills	1		
butts	1	calls	1	chest	12	chips	1	chomp	2	fills	1		
hunch	1	kicks	1	Kitts	7	licks	3	lunch	12	packs	1		
picks	13	puffs	1	quilt	5	shelf	4	shift	3	shuts	2		
tells	19	yells	15	checks	13								

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Two Consonants in the Beginning and End										156	Words	-	2.60%
claps	3	drops	2	flips	2	front	5	grabs	7	grand	9		
grins	12	plans	1	plant	11	plugs	1	preps	1	print	2		
prods	1	snaps	2	spins	1	spots	5	stamp	4	stand	4		
steps	14	stops	9	Trent	30	trots	4	blocks	1	brunch	9		
clicks	3	shrugs	5	smells	1	snacks	1	sniffs	2	sticks	3		
stuffs	1												
Three Consonants in the Beginning										5	Words	-	0.08%
spring	3	string	2										
Three Consonants in the End										94	Words	-	1.57%
asks	43	ends	3	bends	2	bumps	2	desks	2	funks	1		
gulps	1	hands	12	helps	5	hints	3	jumps	12	lifts	5		
rests	1	tilts	1	yelps	1								
Three Consonants in the Beginning and End										4	Words	-	0.07%
sprints	4												
Two and Three Consonants										18	Words	-	0.30%
blasts	1	grunts	4	prints	2	splits	1	sprint	2	stands	6		
squints	2												
DOUBLE Consonants / FLOSS RULE										305	Words	-	5.08%
-dd										4	Words	-	0.07%
add	3	odd	1										
-dds										13	Words	-	0.22%
adds	13												
-ff										63	Words	-	1.05%
off	9	Cliff	8	Fluff	41	staff	1	stuff	4				
-ffs										4	Words	-	0.07%
puffs	1	sniffs	2	stuffs	1								
-gg										1	Words	-	0.02%
egg	1												
-ggs										8	Words	-	0.13%
eggs	8												
-ll										118	Words	-	1.97%
ill	1	bell	5	tell	20	well	22	will	40	grill	6		
spell	2	still	20	thrill	1	grilling	1						
-lls										37	Words	-	0.62%
bills	1	fills	1	tells	19	yells	15	smells	1				
-nn										9	Words	-	0.15%
Ann	1	Jenn	8										
-ss										40	Words	-	0.67%
miss	14	pass	1	class	18	glass	4	grass	3				
-tts										8	Words	-	0.13%
butts	1	Kitts	7										
-ALL										43	Words	-	0.72%
-all										42	Words	-	0.70%
all	26	call	3	fall	2	hall	3	wall	8				
-alls										1	Words	-	0.02%
calls	1												

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WELDED (GLUED) SOUNDS										139	Words	-	2.32%
-ang										7	Words	-	0.12%
gang	3	hang	4										
-angs										2	Words	-	0.03%
hangs	2												
-ank										3	Words	-	0.05%
thank	3												
-anks										3	Words	-	0.05%
yanks	1	thanks	2										
-ing										43	Words	-	0.72%
bring	7	swing	4	thing	8	asking	1	having	3	living	2		
spring	3	string	2	fishing	1	getting	1	helping	1	hugging	1		
letting	1	running	1	sitting	1	checking	1	dripping	1	grilling	1		
grinning	1	shifting	1	swimming	1								
-ings										23	Words	-	0.38%
rings	5	sings	1	brings	10	things	6	helpings	1				
-ink										31	Words	-	0.52%
pink	1	drink	6	think	24								
-inks										24	Words	-	0.40%
winks	3	drinks	4	thinks	16	shrinks	1						
-unk										1	Words	-	0.02%
trunk	1												
ang / ing										1	Words	-	0.02%
hanging	1												
ink / ing										1	Words	-	0.02%
thinking	1												
LONG VOWEL - VC EXCEPTIONS (ild / ind / old / olt / ost)										9	Words	-	0.15%
-ost										9	Words	-	0.15%
lost	9												
VOWEL TEAMS										199	Words	-	3.32%
-ay										34	Words	-	0.57%
day	10	may	3	pay	3	say	3	way	5	stay	7		
Monday	1	Sunday	2										
-ays										64	Words	-	1.07%
says	64												
-ey										46	Words	-	0.77%
they	46												
-ou										38	Words	-	0.63%
out	38												
-ow										17	Words	-	0.28%
how	4	down	13										

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VOICED / UNVOICED CONSONANTS										637	Words	-	10.61%
/s/ - /z/										637	Words	-	10.61%
as	47	is	165	ads	1	has	24	his	78	was	33		
adds	13	bags	4	beds	1	dads	1	eggs	8	ends	3		
hugs	10	hums	1	jobs	4	kids	9	legs	1	moms	1		
nods	14	pals	8	rods	1	rubs	2	runs	20	sags	1		
says	64	sobs	1	bends	2	bills	1	calls	1	fills	1		
funds	1	grabs	7	grins	12	hands	12	hangs	2	plans	1		
plugs	1	prods	1	rings	5	sings	1	spins	1	tells	19		
visit	10	yells	15	brings	10	shrugs	5	smells	1	stands	6		
things	6	helpings	1										
CONTROLLED -R										107	Words	-	1.78%
or	3	for	45	her	59								
SILENT E										9	Words	-	0.15%
like	9												
SIGHT WORDS (Temporary and Permanent Irregular Words)										728	Words	-	12.13%
do	33	go	24	of	52	are	24	the	330	was	33		
who	1	why	7	you	97	does	12	have	28	were	6		
what	32	your	14	their	8	there	21	where	6				
SUFFIX -S										558	Words	-	9.30%
ads	1	adds	13	asks	43	bags	4	beds	1	cuts	1		
dads	1	dips	1	eggs	8	ends	3	gets	12	guts	1		
hops	2	hugs	10	hums	1	jobs	4	jots	2	kids	9		
legs	1	lets	4	lots	3	maps	3	moms	1	naps	1		
nods	14	nuts	1	pals	8	pats	4	pets	2	pots	2		
rips	2	rods	1	rubs	2	runs	20	sags	1	says	64		
sets	6	sits	15	sobs	1	taps	2	tips	2	bends	2		
bills	1	bumps	2	butts	1	calls	1	chips	1	claps	3		
desks	2	drops	2	fills	1	flips	2	funds	1	grabs	7		
grins	12	gulps	1	hands	12	hangs	2	helps	5	hints	3		
jumps	12	kicks	1	licks	3	lifts	5	packs	1	picks	13		
plans	1	plugs	1	preps	1	prods	1	puffs	1	rests	1		
rings	5	shuts	2	sings	1	snaps	2	spins	1	spots	5		
steps	14	stops	9	tells	19	tilts	1	trots	4	winks	3		
yanks	1	yells	15	yelps	1	blasts	1	blocks	1	brings	10		
checks	13	clicks	3	drinks	4	grunts	4	prints	2	shrugs	5		
smells	1	snacks	1	sniffs	2	splits	1	stands	6	sticks	3		
stuffs	1	thanks	2	things	6	thinks	16	visits	2	insists	1		
shrinks	1	sprints	4	squints	2	helpings	1	check-ups	1	chestnuts	2		
SUFFIX -ING										13	Words	-	0.22%
asking	1	having	3	living	2	fishing	1	hanging	1	helping	1		
checking	1	grilling	1	shifting	1	thinking	1						
SUFFIX -ING DOUBLE										8	Words	-	0.13%
getting	1	hugging	1	letting	1	running	1	sitting	1	dripping	1		
grinning	1	swimming	1										
SUFFIX -SELF										2	Words	-	0.03%
himself	2												

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PREFIX UN-										1	Words	-	0.02%
unlock	1												
PREFIX UN- / SUFFIX -S										2	Words	-	0.03%
unlocks	1	unpacks	1										
COMPOUND WORDS										23	Words	-	0.38%
into	2	cannot	9	laptop	5	sitcom	1	handbag	1	ziplock	1		
backpack	3	grandkid	1										
HYPHENATED WORDS										2	Words	-	0.03%
add-on	1	check-up	1										
SYLLABLE COUNT													
PRE-TEACH										79	Words	-	1.32%
H	11	X	4	TV	4	a.m.	3	Mrs.	50	O.K.	5		
p.m.	2												
ONOMATOPOEIA										3	Words	-	0.05%
oh	3												
SINGLE SYLLABLE TYPE (For Single Syllable Words Only)										5791	Words	-	96.50%
Closed Syllable: VC										4031	Words	-	67.17%
am	10	an	6	as	47	at	47	if	14	in	119		
is	165	it	96	on	70	up	51	us	20	add	3		
ads	1	all	26	and	132	Ann	1	ask	2	bad	2		
bag	10	bed	4	beg	1	bet	4	big	13	bit	12		
box	13	bus	26	but	29	cab	9	can	39	cap	1		
cat	8	cut	1	dad	57	Deb	1	den	6	did	29		
dig	1	egg	1	Elm	2	end	3	fit	1	fun	9		
gap	1	get	23	got	21	had	22	ham	7	has	24		
him	26	his	78	hot	1	hug	1	ill	1	job	21		
jug	10	kid	3	lap	4	led	1	let	12	lid	5		
Liz	3	lot	12	mad	4	map	17	men	2	met	7		
min	2	mom	84	net	8	nod	1	not	81	odd	1		
off	9	pad	3	pal	9	Pam	137	pen	3	pet	4		
pic	1	pot	5	pub	3	pup	2	ran	1	red	9		
rug	4	run	5	sad	6	sat	2	sec	2	set	10		
Sid	1	sit	10	six	2	son	1	sun	3	tag	6		
tap	1	ten	1	tin	5	Tom	67	top	6	van	1		
vet	5	wet	1	win	1	yes	13	yet	8	adds	13		
asks	43	back	45	bags	4	bath	1	beds	1	bell	5		
belt	1	best	24	call	3	chat	4	chin	4	club	14		
cuts	1	dads	1	desk	11	dips	1	dish	4	down	13		
drop	1	dust	1	eggs	8	ends	3	fact	1	fall	2		
fast	4	felt	3	fish	6	fist	1	flag	3	from	20		
gang	3	gets	12	gift	8	glad	20	glum	1	grab	4		
gran	17	grin	6	guts	1	half	2	hall	3	hand	13		
hang	4	hash	2	held	2	help	12	hint	22	hops	2		
hugs	10	hums	1	hunt	2	hush	1	Jenn	8	jobs	4		
jots	2	jump	2	just	32	Kest	1	kids	9	lamp	1		
last	15	left	17	legs	1	lets	4	lick	1	lift	2		

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list	2	lock	5	lost	9	lots	3	luck	3	maps	3
math	1	miss	14	moms	1	much	11	must	26	naps	1
next	44	nods	14	nuts	1	pals	8	pass	1	past	3
pats	4	pets	2	pick	1	pink	1	plan	7	plus	1
pond	4	pots	2	Prim	55	quit	2	rest	4	rips	2
rock	3	rods	1	rubs	2	runs	20	rush	4	sack	4
sags	1	send	1	sent	3	sets	6	ship	2	shot	4
shut	6	sick	7	sits	15	skip	1	slip	1	sobs	1
spot	7	stan	230	stop	28	such	1	taps	2	task	6
tell	20	text	2	that	45	them	11	then	30	this	46
tick	2	tips	2	tock	2	trip	1	wall	8	well	22
went	1	West	30	when	35	will	40	wish	18	with	76
bench	4	bends	2	bills	1	black	5	block	1	bring	7
bumps	2	butts	1	calls	1	check	21	chest	12	chips	1
chomp	2	claps	3	class	18	Cliff	8	clock	3	crack	6
desks	2	drink	6	drops	2	fills	1	flash	1	flips	2
Fluff	41	front	5	funds	1	glass	4	grabs	7	grand	9
grass	3	grill	6	grins	12	gulps	1	hands	12	hangs	2
helps	5	hints	3	hunch	1	jumps	12	kicks	1	Kitts	7
licks	3	lifts	5	lunch	12	packs	1	picks	13	plans	1
plant	11	plugs	1	preps	1	print	2	prods	1	puffs	1
quick	7	quilt	5	rests	1	rings	5	shelf	4	shift	3
shock	3	shrub	1	shrug	1	shuts	2	sings	1	snack	2
snaps	2	spell	2	spins	1	spots	5	stack	2	staff	1
stamp	4	stand	4	steps	14	still	20	stops	9	stuff	4
swing	4	tells	19	thank	3	thing	8	think	24	tilts	1
track	2	Trent	30	trick	1	trots	4	truck	7	trunk	1
which	2	winks	3	yanks	1	yells	15	yelps	1	blasts	1
blocks	1	brings	10	brunch	9	checks	13	clicks	3	drinks	4
grunts	4	prints	2	shrill	3	shrugs	5	smells	1	snacks	1
sniffs	2	splits	1	spring	3	sprint	2	stands	6	sticks	3
string	2	stuffs	1	thanks	2	things	6	thinks	16	thrill	1
shrinks	1	sprints	4	squints	2						

Open Syllable: V **765** **Words** - **12.75%**

a	166	l	87	be	33	by	11	go	24	he	114
me	13	my	8	no	15	so	7	to	157	we	37
she	85	who	1	why	7						

Vowel Team Syllable: VV **183** **Words** - **3.05%**

day	10	how	4	may	3	out	38	pay	3	say	3
way	5	says	64	stay	7	they	46				

R Control Syllable: CVr **107** **Words** - **1.78%**

or	3	for	45	her	59						
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Silent E: CVe **9** **Words** - **0.15%**

like	9										
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NA **696** **Words** - **11.60%**

do	33	of	52	are	24	the	330	was	33	you	97
does	12	have	28	were	6	what	32	your	14	their	8
there	21	where	6								

THE LAST TASK

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

TWO SYLLABLE				127	Words	-	2.12%				
epic	1	Eric	2	into	2	admit	1	panic	1	until	3
upset	2	visit	10	add-on	1	asking	1	cannot	9	clinic	7
expect	2	finish	10	having	3	laptop	5	living	2	Madrid	5
Monday	1	napkin	5	sitcom	1	Sunday	2	tennis	11	unlock	1
visits	2	fishing	1	getting	1	handbag	1	hanging	1	helping	1
himself	2	hugging	1	insists	1	letting	1	plastic	2	running	1
sitting	1	Spanish	2	traffic	1	unlocks	1	unpacks	1	ziplock	1
backpack	3	check-up	1	checking	1	distract	1	dripping	1	grandkid	1
grilling	1	grinning	1	helpings	1	shifting	1	swimming	1	thinking	1
check-ups	1	chestnuts	2								
THREE SYLLABLE				1	Words	-	0.02%				
Atlantic	1										