



SPRING MESS

- 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 bamm, 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: 2247			
SHORT VOWELS														709	Words	-	31.55%
/a/														104	Words	-	4.63%
am	2	as	27	at	7	bad	9	can	17	fat	1	had	4	has	12		
jam	1	mad	1	pal	1	pan	1	pat	1	rag	1	rat	11	sad	4		
zap	4																
/e/														48	Words	-	2.14%
bed	2	get	23	leg	1	let	1	set	5	ten	3	yes	8	yet	5		
/i/														225	Words	-	10.01%
if	7	in	46	is	58	it	26	big	24	bit	4	did	5	dig	2		
fix	1	him	3	his	27	hit	1	kid	10	kit	2	mix	1	pit	3		
rid	2	sit	1	six	1	win	1										
/o/														271	Words	-	12.06%
on	33	fox	62	got	5	hog	11	hop	1	hot	8	job	5	log	13		
lot	18	mom	1	not	27	Rox	62	sod	5	Sog	14	top	6				
/u/														61	Words	-	2.71%
up	20	us	1	bug	4	but	16	cup	4	fun	1	gut	1	hug	1		
run	2	sun	11														
CONSONANT DIGRAPH / TRIGRAPH														561	Words	-	24.97%
ch														37	Words	-	1.65%
chat	1	chin	1	much	3	such	2	bench	1	bunch	1	chant	1	chats	3		
lunch	2	mulch	1	munch	1	punch	1	ranch	14	branch	3	chomps	2				
ck														51	Words	-	2.27%
back	16	buck	1	deck	7	luck	2	pack	1	pick	8	sick	2	block	2		
crack	2	snuck	2	speck	1	stick	1	stock	1	trick	2	truck	3				
cks														14	Words	-	0.62%
kicks	2	locks	1	picks	2	sucks	1	cracks	2	sticks	3	tracks	1	trucks	2		
sh														43	Words	-	1.91%
cash	1	dash	1	mesh	1	rush	1	shed	5	shop	11	shot	1	wish	2		
brush	1	flash	1	fresh	1	shelf	2	shrub	2	shrubs	11	shrugs	2				
th														397	Words	-	17.67%
the	281	path	1	that	20	them	12	then	11	they	16	thin	1	this	23		
with	18	think	2	things	3	thinks	9										
wh														10	Words	-	0.45%
when	9	whip	1														
ch / ck														6	Words	-	0.27%
check	6																
ch / cks														2	Words	-	0.09%
checks	2																
sh / ck														1	Words	-	0.04%
shock	1																

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BLENDS										627	Words	-	27.90%		
Two Consonants in the Beginning										102	Words	-	4.54%		
brag	1	clap	1	drop	4	flat	1	from	12	glad	5	glum	1	grin	1
grit	1	plan	2	plus	2	skip	1	slap	1	spin	1	spot	5	step	1
stop	5	blink	1	block	2	bring	5	brush	1	class	1	cliff	1	crack	2
drink	1	dwell	1	flash	1	flung	1	fresh	1	grass	8	grill	1	press	6
shrub	2	small	1	snuck	2	speck	1	spill	1	stick	1	stiff	1	still	5
stock	1	swing	1	trick	2	truck	3	trunk	1	brings	1	swings	1		
Two Consonants in the End										315	Words	-	14.02%		
and	45	ask	1	end	2	its	1	adds	7	beds	2	bend	2	best	22
bits	1	buds	2	bugs	3	cans	1	cuts	1	dads	1	dust	1	fans	12
fast	6	fest	1	gaps	1	gets	15	gift	9	gust	1	half	2	help	7
hits	2	hops	1	hugs	1	jugs	1	jump	1	just	15	kids	17	last	6
left	3	lift	1	list	4	lots	5	moms	1	must	8	nest	1	nets	2
next	12	nods	3	pals	1	past	1	pits	2	pots	5	rats	1	rest	4
rods	2	runs	3	sags	1	sets	3	sits	2	taps	2	task	1	tend	1
tugs	1	vans	2	vast	3	west	1	wilt	1	bench	1	bunch	1	chant	1
chats	3	fills	3	kicks	2	kills	1	locks	1	lunch	2	mulch	1	munch	1
picks	2	punch	1	ranch	14	sells	1	shelf	2	sucks	1	tells	8	checks	2
Two Consonants in the Beginning and End										146	Words	-	6.50%		
bland	1	claps	3	crops	1	frets	1	grins	4	plans	3	plant	27	skips	1
snaps	1	spend	1	spent	1	spots	2	stand	2	stems	4	steps	4	stops	1
swift	1	traps	2	trims	1	twigs	1	branch	3	cracks	2	plants	59	shrubs	11
shrugs	2	spills	1	sticks	3	tracks	1	trucks	2						
Three Consonants in the Beginning										25	Words	-	1.11%		
spring	24	sprung	1												
Three Consonants in the End										34	Words	-	1.51%		
ants	4	asks	5	fest	1	gasps	2	gusts	1	hands	2	helps	4	jumps	1
pants	2	pests	7	tasks	2	tends	1	chomps	2						
Two and Three Consonants										5	Words	-	0.22%		
clumps	1	grunts	1	splits	1	stomps	1	squints	1						
DOUBLE Consonants / FLOSS RULE										128	Words	-	5.70%		
-all										1	Words	-	0.04%		
small	1														
-dd										1	Words	-	0.04%		
add	1														
-dds										7	Words	-	0.31%		
adds	7														
-ff										8	Words	-	0.36%		
off	6	cliff	1	stiff	1										
-ll										58	Words	-	2.58%		
dull	1	fell	1	fill	1	hill	19	kill	1	tell	2	well	8	will	16
yell	1	dwell	1	grill	1	spill	1	still	5						
-lls										13	Words	-	0.58%		
fills	3	kills	1	tells	8	spills	1								
-nn										19	Words	-	0.85%		
Dunn	19														
-ss										20	Words	-	0.89%		
mess	5	class	1	grass	8	press	6								

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WELDED (GLUED) SOUNDS												54	Words	-	2.40%
-ang												2	Words	-	0.09%
bang	2														
-ing												30	Words	-	1.34%
bring	5	swing	1	spring	24										
-ings												5	Words	-	0.22%
brings	1	swings	1	things	3										
-ink												5	Words	-	0.22%
wink	1	blink	1	drink	1	think	2								
-inks												9	Words	-	0.40%
thinks	9														
-ung												2	Words	-	0.09%
flung	1	sprung	1												
-unk												1	Words	-	0.04%
trunk	1														
LONG VOWEL - VC EXCEPTIONS (ost / old / ild / ind / olt)												8	Words	-	0.36%
-ind / inds												8	Words	-	0.36%
wind	3	winds	5												
VOWEL TEAMS												16	Words	-	0.71%
-ey												16	Words	-	0.71%
they	16														
VOICED / UNVOICED CONSONANTS												241	Words	-	10.73%
/s/ - /z/												241	Words	-	10.73%
as	27	is	58	has	12	his	27	was	3	adds	7	beds	2	buds	2
bugs	3	cans	1	dads	1	fans	12	hugs	1	jugs	1	kids	17	moms	1
nods	3	pals	1	rods	2	runs	3	sags	1	tugs	1	vans	2	fills	3
grins	4	hands	2	kills	1	plans	3	sells	1	stems	4	tells	8	tends	1
trims	1	twigs	1	winds	5	brings	1	shrubs	11	shrugs	2	spills	1	swings	1
things	3														
CONTROLLED -R												31	Words	-	1.38%
for	31														
SIGHT WORDS (Temporary and Permanent Irregular Words)												370	Words	-	16.47%
do	10	go	2	of	41	are	14	the	281	was	3	you	16	your	3
SUFFIX -S												298	Words	-	13.26%
its	1	adds	7	ants	4	asks	5	beds	2	bits	1	buds	2	bugs	3
cans	1	cuts	1	dads	1	fans	12	gaps	1	gets	15	hits	2	hops	1
hugs	1	jugs	1	kids	17	lots	5	moms	1	nets	2	nods	3	pals	1
pits	2	pots	5	rats	1	rods	2	runs	3	sags	1	sets	3	sits	2
taps	2	tugs	1	vans	2	wilt	1	chats	3	claps	3	crops	1	dwelt	1
fest	1	fills	3	frets	1	gasps	2	grins	4	gusts	1	hands	2	helps	4
jumps	1	kicks	2	kills	1	locks	1	pants	2	pests	7	picks	2	plans	3
sells	1	skips	1	snaps	1	spots	2	stems	4	steps	4	stops	1	sucks	1
tasks	2	tells	8	tends	1	traps	2	trims	1	winds	5	brings	1	checks	2
chomps	2	clumps	1	cracks	2	grunts	1	plants	59	shrubs	11	shrugs	2	spills	1
splits	1	sticks	3	stomps	1	swings	1	things	3	thinks	9	tracks	1	trucks	2
squints	1														

SYLLABLE COUNT

SINGLE SYLLABLE TYPE (For Single Syllable Words Only)														2247	Words	-	100%		
Closed Syllable: VC														1612	Words	-	71.74%		
am	2	as	27	at	7	if	7	in	46	is	58	it	26	on	33				
up	20	us	1	add	1	and	45	ask	1	bad	9	bed	2	big	24				
bit	4	bug	4	but	16	can	17	cup	4	did	5	dig	2	end	2				
fat	1	fix	1	fox	62	fun	1	get	23	got	5	gut	1	had	4				
has	12	him	3	his	27	hit	1	hog	11	hop	1	hot	8	hug	1				
its	1	jam	1	job	5	kid	10	kit	2	leg	1	let	1	log	13				
lot	18	mad	1	mix	1	mom	1	not	27	off	6	pal	1	pan	1				
pat	1	pit	3	rag	1	rat	11	rid	2	Rox	62	run	2	sad	4				
set	5	sit	1	six	1	sod	5	Sog	14	sun	11	ten	3	top	6				
win	1	yes	8	yet	5	zap	4	adds	7	ants	4	asks	5	back	16				
bang	2	beds	2	bend	2	best	22	bits	1	brag	1	buck	1	buds	2				
bugs	3	cans	1	cash	1	chat	1	chin	1	clap	1	cuts	1	dads	1				
dash	1	deck	7	drop	4	dull	1	Dunn	19	dust	1	fans	12	fast	6				
fell	1	fest	1	fill	1	flat	1	from	12	gaps	1	gets	15	gift	9				
glad	5	glum	1	grin	1	grit	1	gust	1	half	2	help	7	hill	19				
hits	2	hops	1	hugs	1	jugs	1	jump	1	just	15	kids	17	kill	1				
last	6	left	3	lift	1	list	4	lots	5	luck	2	mesh	1	mess	5				
moms	1	much	3	must	8	nest	1	nets	2	next	12	nods	3	pack	1				
pals	1	past	1	path	1	pick	8	pits	2	plan	2	plus	2	pots	5				
rats	1	rest	4	rods	2	runs	3	rush	1	sags	1	sets	3	shed	5				
shop	11	shot	1	sick	2	sits	2	skip	1	slap	1	spin	1	spot	5				
step	1	stop	5	such	2	taps	2	task	1	tell	2	tend	1	that	20				
them	12	then	11	thin	1	this	23	tugs	1	vans	2	vast	3	well	8				
west	1	when	9	whip	1	will	16	wilt	1	wind	3	wink	1	wish	2				
with	18	yell	1	bench	1	bland	1	blink	1	block	2	bring	5	brush	1				
bunch	1	chant	1	chats	3	check	6	claps	3	class	1	cliff	1	crack	2				
crops	1	drink	1	dwel	1	fest	1	fills	3	flash	1	flung	1	fresh	1				
frets	1	gasps	2	grass	8	grill	1	grins	4	gusts	1	hands	2	helps	4				
jumps	1	kicks	2	kills	1	locks	1	lunch	2	mulch	1	munch	1	pants	2				
pests	7	picks	2	plans	3	plant	27	press	6	punch	1	ranch	14	sells	1				
shelf	2	shock	1	shrub	2	skips	1	small	1	snaps	1	snuck	2	speck	1				
spend	1	spent	1	spill	1	spots	2	stand	2	stems	4	steps	4	stick	1				
stiff	1	still	5	stock	1	stops	1	sucks	1	swift	1	swing	1	tasks	2				
tells	8	tends	1	think	2	traps	2	trick	2	trims	1	truck	3	trunk	1				
twigs	1	winds	5	branch	3	brings	1	checks	2	chomps	2	clumps	1	cracks	2				
grunts	1	plants	59	shrubs	11	shrugs	2	spills	1	splits	1	spring	24	sprung	1				
sticks	3	stomps	1	swings	1	things	3	thinks	9	tracks	1	trucks	2	squints	1				
Open Syllable: V														220	Words	-	9.79%		
a	81		17	go	2	he	73	to	47										
Vowel Team Syllable: VV														16	Words	-	0.71%		
they	16																		
R Control Syllable: CVr														31	Words	-	1.38%		
for	31																		
NA														368	Words	-	16.38%		
do	10		of	41		are	14		the	281		was	3		you	16			

All words in this book are single syllable.