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The Dolch high frequency list was published by Edward William Dolch, Ph.D. in his book, Problems in Reading, 1948. The Dolch list of high frequency words comprises the 220 words (excluding nouns), which were common to the words used in beginning reading programs in the 1940's. The Dolch List has held up over time as a reliable high frequency word list that is used in beginning reading programs. Some words are out of date. For instance, the word "shall," found on list 11, is not a frequently used word today. Many of the 220 words in the Dolch list, cannot be "sounded out", and hence must be learned by sight. Therefore the list is often referred to as "Dolch Sight Word List".

Many students do not need extra practice with the Dolch words, as they learn them by reading them repeatedly in context. The learning of the Dolch words in isolation does not make a "reader." Sometimes a student can read the words from a list and then not recognize the same word in a book or story. Having said that, please consider the Dolch Kit activities to be a **supplement** to strong balanced reading program. The Dolch Sight Word activities I offer can certainly help to boost a child's motivation and confidence in both Reading and Writing.

In order of Frequency:

List 1: the, to, and, he, a, I, you, it, of, in, was, said, his, that, she, for, on, they, but, had

List 2: at, him, up, with, all, look, is, her, there, some, out, as, be, have, go, we, am, then, little, down

List 3: do, can, could, when, did, what, so, see, not, were, get, them, line, one, this, my, would, me, will, yes

List 4: big, went, are, come, if, now, long, no, came, ask, very, an, over, your, its, ride, into, just, blue, red

List 5: from, want, put, every, good, any, about, around, don't, how, know, right, too, got, take, where, pretty, jump, green, four

List 6: away, old, by, their, here, saw, call, after, well, think, ran, let, help, make, going, sleep, brown, yellow, five, six

List 7: walk, two, or, before, eat, again, play, who, been, may, stop, off, never, seven, eight, cold, today, fly, myself, round

List 8: tell, much, keep, give, work, first, try, new, must, start, black, white, ten, does, bring, goes, write, always, drink, once

List 9: soon, made, run, gave, open, has, find, only, us, three, our, better, hold, buy, funny, warm, ate, full, those, done

List 10: use, fast, say, light, pick, hurt, pull, cut, kind, both, sit, which, fall, carry, small, under, read, why, own, found

List 11: wash, show, hot, because, far, live, draw, clean, grow, best, upon, these, sing, together, please, thank, wish, many, shall, laugh