



Objective

The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading words.

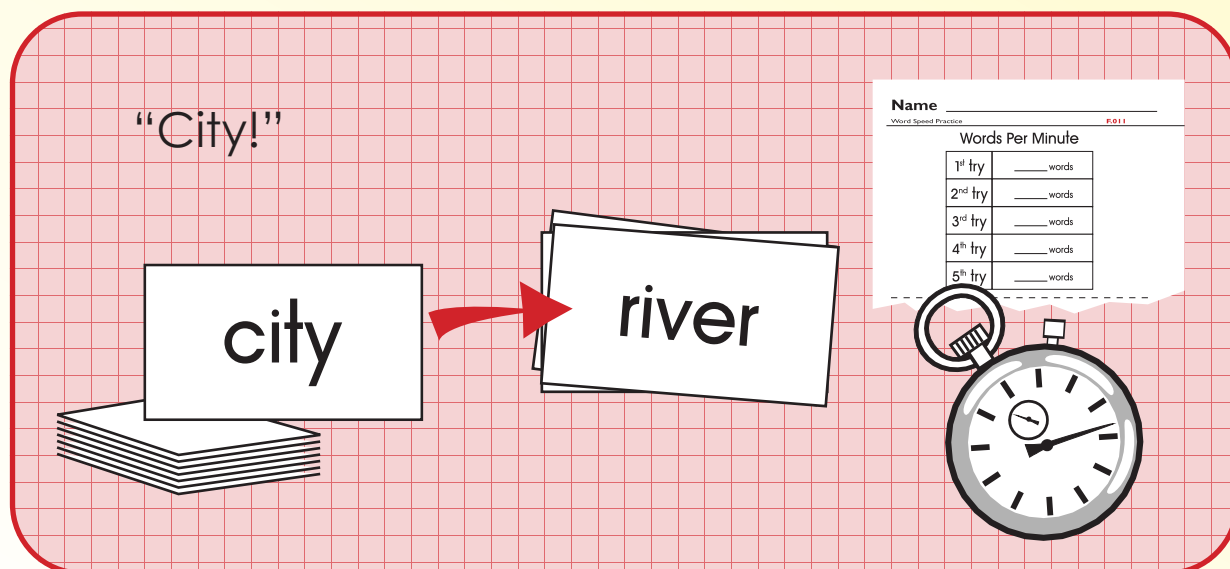
Materials

- ▶ High frequency word cards
Choose 60 or more words depending on the skill level of the students.
- ▶ Timer (e.g., digital)
- ▶ Words correct per minute record
- ▶ Pencils

Activity

Students take turns reading word cards in a timed group activity.

1. Stack the word cards face down and place the timer at the center. Provide each group of students with a words correct per minute record.
2. Taking turns, student one sets the timer for one minute, picks up the first word card from the stack, reads it, and places it in the discard pile. If unable to read the card, makes attempts while another student counts to five. If still unable to read it, places it under the stack.
3. As soon as the card is placed in the discard pile, the next student quickly picks up a word card from the stack and reads it.
4. Students continue to pick up cards and read the words until the timer goes off.
5. Student one counts and records the number of words read correctly on the words correct per minute record.
6. Repeat the activity, attempting to increase speed and accuracy.
7. Peer evaluation



“City!”

city → river

Name _____

Word Speed Practice F.011

Words Per Minute	
1 st try	_____ words
2 nd try	_____ words
3 rd try	_____ words
4 th try	_____ words
5 th try	_____ words

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use other high frequency word cards.
- ▶ Use phrases and sentences.
- ▶ Time how long it takes to read all word cards.

Words Correct Per Minute

60					
59					
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32					
31					
30					
	1 st try	2 nd try	3 rd try	4 th try	5 th try

The first 300 words in this list make up over 60% of all written material. The remaining 55 are additional Dolch words that were not included in the first 300.

Following this listing, the words are presented in card format.

Blank cards can be found at the end of this section. These cards can be copied to make additional word cards.

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. the | 35. were |
| 2. of | 36. we |
| 3. and | 37. when |
| 4. a | 38. your |
| 5. to | 39. can |
| 6. in | 40. said |
| 7. is | 41. there |
| 8. you | 42. use |
| 9. that | 43. an |
| 10. it | 44. each |
| 11. he | 45. which |
| 12. was | 46. she |
| 13. for | 47. do |
| 14. on | 48. how |
| 15. are | 49. their |
| 16. as | 50. if |
| 17. with | 51. will |
| 18. his | 52. up |
| 19. they | 53. other |
| 20. I | 54. about |
| 21. at | 55. out |
| 22. be | 56. many |
| 23. this | 57. then |
| 24. have | 58. them |
| 25. from | 59. these |
| 26. or | 60. so |
| 27. one | 61. some |
| 28. had | 62. her |
| 29. by | 63. would |
| 30. word | 64. make |
| 31. but | 65. like |
| 32. not | 66. him |
| 33. what | 67. into |
| 34. all | 68. time |

Fluency

Pass the Word

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|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 69. has | 103. sound | 137. old |
| 70. look | 104. take | 138. any |
| 71. two | 105. only | 139. same |
| 72. more | 106. little | 140. tell |
| 73. write | 107. work | 141. boy |
| 74. go | 108. know | 142. follow |
| 75. see | 109. place | 143. came |
| 76. number | 110. year | 144. want |
| 77. no | 111. live | 145. show |
| 78. way | 112. me | 146. also |
| 79. could | 113. back | 147. around |
| 80. people | 114. give | 148. form |
| 81. my | 115. most | 149. three |
| 82. than | 116. very | 150. small |
| 83. first | 117. after | 151. set |
| 84. water | 118. thing | 152. put |
| 85. been | 119. our | 153. end |
| 86. call | 120. just | 154. does |
| 87. who | 121. name | 155. another |
| 88. oil | 122. good | 156. well |
| 89. its | 123. sentence | 157. large |
| 90. now | 124. man | 158. must |
| 91. find | 125. think | 159. big |
| 92. long | 126. say | 160. even |
| 93. down | 127. great | 161. such |
| 94. day | 128. where | 162. because |
| 95. did | 129. help | 163. turn |
| 96. get | 130. through | 164. here |
| 97. come | 131. much | 165. why |
| 98. made | 132. before | 166. ask |
| 99. may | 133. line | 167. went |
| 100. part | 134. right | 168. men |
| 101. over | 135. too | 169. read |
| 102. new | 136. mean | 170. need |

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| 171. land | 205. food | 239. example |
| 172. different | 206. between | 240. begin |
| 173. home | 207. own | 241. life |
| 174. us | 208. below | 242. always |
| 175. move | 209. country | 243. those |
| 176. try | 210. plant | 244. both |
| 177. kind | 211. last | 245. paper |
| 178. hand | 212. school | 246. together |
| 179. picture | 213. father | 247. got |
| 180. again | 214. keep | 248. group |
| 181. change | 215. tree | 249. often |
| 182. off | 216. never | 250. run |
| 183. play | 217. start | 251. important |
| 184. spell | 218. city | 252. until |
| 185. air | 219. earth | 253. children |
| 186. away | 220. eye | 254. side |
| 187. animal | 221. light | 255. feet |
| 188. house | 222. thought | 256. car |
| 189. point | 223. head | 257. mile |
| 190. page | 224. under | 258. night |
| 191. letter | 225. story | 259. walk |
| 192. mother | 226. saw | 260. white |
| 193. answer | 227. left | 261. sea |
| 194. found | 228. don't | 262. began |
| 195. study | 229. few | 263. grow |
| 196. still | 230. while | 264. took |
| 197. learn | 231. along | 265. river |
| 198. should | 232. might | 266. four |
| 199. America | 233. close | 267. carry |
| 200. world | 234. something | 268. state |
| 201. high | 235. seem | 269. once |
| 202. every | 236. next | 270. book |
| 203. near | 237. hard | 271. hear |
| 204. add | 238. open | 272. stop |

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 273. without | 307. bring | 341. shall |
| 274. second | 308. brown | 342. sing |
| 275. later | 309. buy | 343. sit |
| 276. miss | 310. clean | 344. six |
| 277. idea | 311. cold | 345. sleep |
| 278. enough | 312. done | 346. ten |
| 279. eat | 313. draw | 347. thank |
| 280. face | 314. drink | 348. today |
| 281. watch | 315. eight | 349. upon |
| 282. far | 316. fall | 350. warm |
| 283. Indian | 317. fast | 351. wash |
| 284. really | 318. five | 352. wish |
| 285. almost | 319. fly | 353. yellow |
| 286. let | 320. full | 354. yes |
| 287. above | 321. funny | 355. ran |
| 288. girl | 322. gave | |
| 289. sometimes | 323. goes | |
| 290. mountain | 324. going | |
| 291. cut | 325. green | |
| 292. young | 326. hers | |
| 293. talk | 327. hold | |
| 294. soon | 328. hot | |
| 295. list | 329. hurt | |
| 296. song | 330. jump | |
| 297. being | 331. laugh | |
| 298. leave | 332. myself | |
| 299. family | 333. pick | |
| 300. it's | 334. please | |
| 301. am | 335. pretty | |
| 302. ate | 336. pull | |
| 303. best | 337. red | |
| 304. better | 338. ride | |
| 305. black | 339. round | |
| 306. blue | 340. seven | |

is

that

of

the

and

you



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Pass the Word

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to	it	he
d	in	was



as	his	with
for	on	are



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this

at

have

they

be

I



from	or	had	word
one	boy		



were

what

we

but

not

all



when	your
said	can
there	use



an	she
each	do
which	how



first

water

been

their

if

will



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Pass the Word

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oil

about

who

call

up

other



made

may

come

its

get

part



did

long

find

down

now

day



over	only
take	sound
new	little



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Pass the Word

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know	out
work	year
place	many



her

make

into

like

him

would



time

them

then

these

some

so



has

write

more

look

two

go



number	could	no
see	people	way



my

than

live

me

back

give



thing

just

our

most

after

very



name

good

sentence

man

think

say



through	great
much	where
before	help



line

right

too

mean

old

any



Fluency

Pass the Word

F. 009

follow

came

want

same

tell

boy



form

show

three

also

small

around



Fluency

Pass the Word

F. 009

well

end

put

does

set

another



big

must

because

even

large

such



Fluency

Pass the Word

F. 009

turn	went
ask	men
here	why



need	read
land	home
us	different



try	hand	picture
move	kind	again



change	spell
away	air
play	off



letter

mother

page

animal

house

point



near

answer

found

every

add

study



learn

America

world

still

should

high



food

between

own

below

country

plant



school

tree

never

last

father

keep



city

eye

thought

start

earth

light



head

don't

under

story

saw

left



few

while

along

might

close

something



open

next

hard

seem

begin

example



life	always
those	both
paper	together



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Pass the Word

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group	got
often	run
until	important



side

car

night

children

feet

mile



white

took

began

walk

grow

seed



four

state

book

river

carry

once



stop

second

miss

hear

without

later



face

watch

far

idea

enough

eat



really	let	girl
Indian	almost	abooove



mountain

talk

young

sometimes

soon

cut



list

song

family

leave

it's

being



am

ate

best

better

black

blue



bring	brown	buy
clean	cold	done



draw

drink

eight

fall

fast

five



fly

full

funny

gave

goes

going



green

hers

hold

hot

hurt

jump



laugh

myself

pick

please

pretty

pull



red

ride

round

seven

shall

sing



sit

six

sleep

ten

thank

today



wish

upon

yellow

warm

yes

wash



Fluency

Pass the Word

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ran





Blank cards to copy and make additional word cards.