LITTLE SPROUTS

Decodable Books for Beginning Readers in Grades K-1



Decoding Skills and Readability Features

Set 1 is 100% decodable, with no sight words. This helps new readers learn to rely on decoding unfamiliar words using phonics, rather than guessing or remembering sight words by shape. Set 1 introduces decodable words of two to four letters, with sentences of three or four words. These use short vowels and single consonants (*sad*, *get*, *hid*, *on*); Consonant /z/ sound spelled s (*has*, *is*); initial and final consonant blends (slip, bump); inflectional ending -s (*taps*, *yams*, *pals*); two-consonant blends. The maximum number of words per book is 35.

Set 2 slightly increases word length, sentence length, and book length. Text is 90% decodable and introduces the irregular high-frequency words *a, I, said, the,* and *to.* No more than three different sight words appear in any one book. Set 2 adds in final double consonants (*bass, will*) and increases sentence length to a maximum of seven words. It also introduces the irregular high-frequency sight words (*a, I, the, to, and said*). The maximum number of words per book is 38.

Set 3 increases sentence length, sentences per page, and book length and continues with only short vowels. At least 75% of the text is decodable, with previously learned sight words also used. Ten new sight words are introduced (*are, do, find, go, have, of, see, want, was, and you*) and appear at least four times in the set. The maximum number of words per book is 110.

Set 4 increases sentence length and complexity and number of sentences per page. Text is at least 75% decodable and contains previously learned sight words. Ten additional sight words are introduced (*be, for, he, look, me, my, she, that, this,* and *with*) along with the digraph *ck*. Each sight word appears at least four times in the set. The maximum number of words per book is 140

Vocabulary Usage: Little Sprouts is based on the Dolch 220 Words by Grade, and Fry's First 100 Words list. sightwords.com/dolch and sightwords.com/sight-words/fry/

Lexiles: Sets 1 and 2 are lexiled at BR110–160. Set 3 and 4 are lexiled at BR90–380



Set 1, Book 8



Set 2, Book 6



Set 3, Book 7



Set 4, Book 6

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