

*Essential List 1 (10 words; 25% of writing)*

<i>a</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>it</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>was</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>we</i>

*Essential List 2 (20 words; 15% of writing)*

<i>at</i>	<i>had</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>up</i>
<i>but</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>then</i>	<i>went</i>
<i>for</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>she</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>when</i>
<i>got</i>	<i>me</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>you</i>

*Essential List 3 (30 words; 10% of writing)*

<i>about</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>go</i>	<i>into</i>	<i>our</i>
<i>after</i>	<i>because</i>	<i>going</i>	<i>just</i>	<i>out</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>came</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>like</i>	<i>said</i>
<i>are</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>her</i>	<i>mum</i>	<i>some</i>
<i>as</i>	<i>down</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>were</i>
<i>back</i>	<i>get</i>	<i>home</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>with</i>

*Essential List 4 (50 words; 10% of writing)*

<i>again</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>next</i>	<i>people</i>	<i>time</i>
<i>an</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>put</i>	<i>took</i>
<i>around</i>	<i>food</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>ran</i>	<i>two</i>
<i>big</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>saw</i>	<i>us</i>
<i>by</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>off</i>	<i>school</i>	<i>very</i>
<i>can</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>old</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>well</i>
<i>come</i>	<i>him</i>	<i>only</i>	<i>started</i>	<i>what</i>
<i>could</i>	<i>house</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>their</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>dad</i>	<i>if</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>them</i>	<i>would</i>
<i>did</i>	<i>little</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>your</i>

Essential List 5 (50 words; 5% of writing)

am	door	last	once	through
another	everyone	left	play	told
away	family	long	really	too
bed	five	looked	room	walked
been	found	made	something	want
before	friend	man	still	way
best	fun	more	thing	where
brother	heard	morning	think	which
called	here	name	thought	who
car	know	never	three	year

Essential List 6 (70 words; 5% of writing)

also	cool	eyes	head	jump
always	dark	fell	hit	knew
asked	decided	felt	how	later
black	dog	find	inside	life
boy	eat	four	its	live
bus	end	gave	it's	lot
cat	even	getting	I'll	lunch
coming	every	great	I'm	make
minutes	place	sister	top	water
most	ready	sleep	town	while
much	ride	suddenly	tree	why
nice	right	take	turned	window
opened	run	tell	until	woke
outside	say	ten	wanted	yes

*Essential List 7 (60 words; 3% of writing)*

<i>any</i>	<i>each</i>	<i>ground</i>	<i>money</i>	<i>soon</i>
<i>baby</i>	<i>ever</i>	<i>guard</i>	<i>mother</i>	<i>stay</i>
<i>bad</i>	<i>everything</i>	<i>hand</i>	<i>myself</i>	<i>stop</i>
<i>ball</i>	<i>face</i>	<i>happened</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>swimming</i>
<i>being</i>	<i>fast</i>	<i>happy</i>	<i>parents</i>	<i>tea</i>
<i>bit</i>	<i>father</i>	<i>help</i>	<i>picked</i>	<i>than</i>
<i>boat</i>	<i>few</i>	<i>hole</i>	<i>playing</i>	<i>tried</i>
<i>bought</i>	<i>finally</i>	<i>hot</i>	<i>presents</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>camp</i>	<i>finished</i>	<i>hour</i>	<i>road</i>	<i>wait</i>
<i>dead</i>	<i>game</i>	<i>let</i>	<i>side</i>	<i>won</i>
<i>died</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>look</i>	<i>small</i>	<i>work</i>
<i>doing</i>	<i>gone</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>sometimes</i>	<i>world</i>

*Essential List 8 (commonly misspelt words)*

<i>allowed</i>	<i>disappeared</i>	<i>holidays</i>	<i>stopped</i>	<i>awhile</i>
<i>doesn't</i>	<i>happened</i>	<i>straight</i>	<i>believe</i>	<i>dollars</i>
<i>hospital</i>	<i>they're</i>	<i>breakfast</i>	<i>tomorrow</i>	<i>instead</i>
<i>threw</i>	<i>brought</i>	<i>everybody</i>	<i>lightning</i>	<i>don't</i>
<i>cannon</i>	<i>everyday</i>	<i>luckily</i>	<i>video</i>	<i>can't</i>
<i>everywhere</i>	<i>nearly</i>	<i>wasn't</i>	<i>caught</i>	<i>excited</i>
<i>police</i>	<i>watch</i>	<i>centre</i>	<i>favourite</i>	<i>present</i>
<i>weren't</i>	<i>chocolate</i>	<i>field</i>	<i>probably</i>	<i>we're</i>
<i>clothes</i>	<i>friends</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>whole</i>	<i>couldn't</i>
<i>front</i>	<i>scared</i>	<i>grabbed</i>	<i>won't</i>	<i>didn't</i>
<i>second</i>	<i>someone</i>	<i>different</i>	<i>having</i>	<i>you're</i>

*A guide for parents to follow - by the end of Y2 children should be expected to know all the words in List 1-2, the end of Y4 - Lists 1-4, the end of Y6 - Lists 1-6, the end of Y8 Lists 1-7. In some cases children will have mastered all these words at an earlier stage.*