

## Practice sentences for persons who are learning to read.

These sentences use specially-selected English words. These words in their normal form happen to be spelled with phonetic accuracy. Letters are used quite consistently. These words are drawn from the list of 7,000 phonically-pure words as identified by American Literacy Council linguists and researchers.

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The full list of 7,000 phonic words is at  
<http://AmericanLiteracy.com/ALC2/ESL/ESL-baseline-alpha.pdf>

### Short Sentences:

Grandfather hiccups often.  
Green hats are cool.  
He burned a tree branch.  
My aunt held my left hand.  
Step up at the curb.  
Can we get hamburgers?  
Don't drop shampoo in the shower.  
Trees blossom in the spring.  
Jellyfish just sting, then swim on.  
Such swimming we never saw.  
We have lots of honeybees around our home.  
We wish for good weather.  
Pigs rush to get food.  
No room in the hospital?  
I need fresh water.  
Hornet: die now.  
I am a morning person.  
Be at ease.  
It's about eleven in the morning.  
Dense fog today.  
We must not fall off the cliff.  
Consider the lily.  
I just passed age thirteen.

### Longer Sample Sentences:

All the hot water is missing this morning.  
I told a detective about my suspicion.  
Tree stumps are slow to rot.  
Gravity keeps us from lifting off into outer space.  
I will get a big pay next weekend.  
I got the Mountain Dew screw on cap prize.  
Gamblers paid for the neon trimmings in Reno.  
The brides maid loosened her belt.  
We crawled up onto the haunted porch..  
Much ado about nothing.  
The earth spins inside a shell of space junk.  
Between now and next week I will be at the beach.  
Send me your street number as soon as you can.  
Important persons in the list were farmers, zoo keepers, gunners, and army troops from the South.  
He spilled water into my banjo.  
I love beets, corn, radishes, and parsley.  
She put oil and vinegar on my salad upon my request.

Finding a dollar by the curb, I looked around and found seven more.  
Without balloons her party was a bust.  
Such bragging is disgusting.  
I am never without wonderful flowers.  
Big amounts of sleep seem to be bad for us.  
She has millions of Monopoly bills.  
I found several common books this afternoon.  
His zipper is trashed.  
Living longer in a perfect body.  
Can we get started sooner today?  
Wasn't that an important speech he gave on TV.  
This dear person went home.  
I feel such evil in this prison.  
Must we watch TV news until the stars go out?  
Our riverbank is sagging.  
Me and You can do much together.  
Stop thinking about your wheezing.  
Stop whimpering or you will turn into a whiner.  
However much you want it, you must ask without a smirk.  
We feel more free around the campfire.  
This book is longer than I imagined.  
She passed four cops while driving far in excess of the speed limit.  
UFOs hover over farm houses with beeping noises.  
I reported the incidents to the cops.  
They planted trees on the farm after I left.  
I have respect for migrant workers.  
The army expects to get strong left handed men.  
The treatment for mumps is bed rest.  
Get a map when planning for a trip.  
Ten times ten is not one hundred and one.  
He's the father of sixteen children.  
The faster I go, the more behind I get.  
No street sweeping is permitted.  
If it wasn't for the department of counseling, I may just quit.  
Our property boundary has been moved.  
There is much more to my story.  
Don't bring your boots along when we go running.  
Six tax cuts are expected.  
The dairyman returned the spoiled milk.  
Wasn't the sky brightly lit this morning?  
We are forbidden from entering the windmill while it is spinning.  
This is the week that was.  
He probably fell asleep on the couch.  
Far South of us there is a sudden storm gathering.  
Have you considered the merits of getting a job?  
The class of nineteen forty one is mostly hard to find.  
Apparently the return on investments has been very low.  
Last, we will consider the spitting parrots.  
In the summer we can be outdoor much of the day.  
I tried to understand the thinking of my neglected parents.  
The hour has arrived when we can lift off of the planet.  
Medical knowledge keeps growing every year.  
Kindergarten was difficult for my brother's children.  
Don't get me started on the topic of industrial dumps.  
I expected a lower mark but it was about normal.  
North by Northwest was a good story about the Badlands.  
Her hair stood up from the static electronics.