

Word Labels (Unmarked Versions)

What are Word Labels?

The Word Labels have lists of words that exactly “fit” to your child’s level of reading. Each and every word exactly matches each True North Reading lesson—and can be sounded out. Your child never has to guess. Word labels can be used to make Word Cards for both the reading and spelling games.

How are Word Labels different from Word Lists?

The same words that are in the Word Lists are on the Word Labels. Just like the Sound Box Word Lists, Word Label words are listed from the easiest-to-read words (at the start of the list) to more complicated, higher vocabulary words (at the end of the list).

Why are the words larger?

The words on the Word Labels lists are larger for two reasons: One, the Word Labels can be printed using sticky-back “labels” in your printer. And two, if you so choose, you can simply print the pages.

How are the Word Labels used?

Word Cards = Game Cards

The Word Labels have words that you’ll use in the games. To make Word Cards, instead of your student writing words from the Word Lists on blank cards, the Word Labels can be printed in store-bought, already-formatted labels and stuck (placed) directly onto the blank cards. Labels make game prep easier and faster.

Printing the Page Without Labels

If you don’t want to purchase labels, then simply print the page, cut out the words, and glue the words onto blank Word Cards with a glue stick.

Marking the Word Cards

After sticking a label on the cards, your student marks the Sound Pictures. All Word Labels (except for the Basic Code labels without ck, qu, and s-buzz) will have Sound Pictures to mark.

How do Word Labels help students who struggle with writing—and help gifted kids who are ahead?

Word Labels help your child focus on reading—not writing—skills.¹ If your child struggles with writing, with Word Labels, he or she doesn’t have to worry about writing. Likewise, early or gifted readers may move ahead to increase reading skills without having to worry about writing. And if you simply want to have more Word Cards for the games (to make games longer or more challenging), then simply printing the Word Labels can be a fast and easy way to make more Word Cards.

What are “Marked” and “Unmarked” Word Labels?

Just like the Marked and Unmarked Word Lists, your student uses the Marked Word Labels first.

With Marked Word Labels, your student only has to “find and mark” the target (specific) sound that he or she is working on—because on a Marked Label list, all of the previous Sound Pictures that were taught are already marked.

Unmarked Word Labels have no Sound Pictures marked. The student finds and marks each and every sound that has been used before, as well as the target sound that’s being taught in the lesson. So Unmarked Word Labels are recommended for older students or for students who simply need the practice in identifying all of the Sound Pictures inside of a word.

¹ For those who can write, creating and writing the Word Cards is part of the learning and highly recommended for best learning and memory.

Basic Code a

*Two- and Three-Sound Words**

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ant

man

fan

Hal

add

map

nag

wag

rack

an

and

Nan

ham

Sam

lag

mad

zag

Matt

lack

Ann

ran

mass

Sal

at

mat

nab

zap

Mack

Zack

hat	fat	fad
sag	hag	sat
sack	sad	sap
can	hack	ban
pan	Dan	Jan
jazz	tan	Kal
bad	bat	bag
cap	cat	cab
gag	dad	gab
	gap	jab

Basic Code a
Three-Sound Words
p. 3

jag

pad

pat

tab

tad

tag

tap

back

Jack

pack

tack

Basic Code a
Four-Sound Words

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slam

flag

rasp

flack

scan

span

scat

glam

brag

sax

hasp

flap

slab

slack

scam

Stan

spat

blab

brat

Fran

flab

mast

slap

smack

spam

stag

stack

Brad

glad

plat

trap

clack

track

black

quack

past

cast

granny

Danny

Basic Code a
Five-Sound Words
p. 6

splat	scrap	strap
cramp	bland	blast
plant	gland	scant
clasp	brand	clamp
	Grant	grasp

Basic Code a
Challenge Words

adlib	Gramps	admit
	candid	Atlantic
Algonquin		