

100 Basic Words for Children

running

Run, run, run!

It's a boy and girl running.

They are running.

He is first and she is second.

Running makes your legs strong.

Running starts with /r/. Point to "R".

walking

children walking

It's children walking.

walking one by one

Four children are walking in the park.

Walking is good exercise.

Walking starts with /w/. Point to "W".

jumping

Hold on!

It's a girl jumping.

jumping and swinging

She jumps up and grabs the bar.

Pulling up will make her arms strong.

Jumping starts with /j/. Point to "J".

kicking

kick ball

It's children kicking.

kicking the soccer ball

The ball goes between them.

Kick with the side of your foot.

Kicking starts with /k/. Point to "K".

bouncing

up, down, up, down

It's a boy bouncing a ball.

bouncing a basketball

He's bouncing the ball on the path.

Bouncing while you walk takes concentration.

Bouncing starts with /b/. Point to "B".

carrying

so heavy

It's people carrying.

Carry it.

She carries chairs on her back.

Use the strong handles to carry the bag.

Carrying starts with /k/. Point to "C".

climbing

up, up, up, up, up

It's children climbing.

Climb up the ladder.

Four children are climbing.

They climb the ladder to get to the top.

Climbing starts with /k/. Point to "C".

blowing

pop, pop, bubbles

It's a baby blowing bubbles.

blowing gently

Her cheeks are full of air.

Bubbles are made from soapy liquid.

Blowing starts with /b/. Point to "B".

hugging

mommy hugging

It's a mother and daughter hugging.

warm hug

She gave her a big hug.

A hug shows that you care about someone.

Hugging starts with /h/. Point to "H".

opening and closing

open....close

It's opening and closing.

opening up

Take the toys out and close it.

Open the side door to make a ramp.

Opening starts with /oe/. Point to "O".

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sleeping

night-night puppy

It's a dog sleeping.

sleeping on the chair

She is sleeping peacefully.

Puppies need a lot of sleep.

Sleeping starts with /s/. Point to "S".

eating

eat apple

It's a girl eating.

biting, chewing, eating

She is eating the crisp juicy apple.

Eat a healthy snack in the afternoon.

Eating starts with /ee/. Point to "Ea".

smiling

happy girl

It's a girl smiling.

great big smile

She is showing her pretty white teeth.

Smiling is a way of being friendly.

Smiling starts with /s/. Point to "S".

hopping

hop, hop, hop

It's a boy hopping.

He's hopping.

Hopping on one foot is hard work.

It takes good balance to hop.

Hopping starts with /h/. Point to "H".

clapping

clap, clap

It's two girls clapping.

They are clapping.

Clapping makes a quick, sharp noise.

Clapping in a game is keeping rhythm.

Clapping starts with /k/. Point to "C".

swinging

back and forth, back and forth

It's a boy and a girl swinging.

They are swinging.

Children can swing a long time.

Pump your legs to swing faster.

Swinging starts with /s/. Point to "S".

sliding

Wheee! Down you go!

It's children sliding.

Slide down.

They go fast sliding down the slide.

Start at the top and slide to the bottom.

Sliding starts with /s/. Point to "S".

peeling

open banana

It's a boy peeling a banana.

gonna peel a banana

Bananas are soft and smushy.

First peel the banana, then eat it.

Peeling starts with /p/. Point to "P".

reading

read book

It's a girl reading.

turn the page

Reading is fun. I like it.

I read books to learn.

Reading starts with /r/. Point to "R".

hitting

hit ball

It's a boy hitting.

He's hitting.

He watches for the ball, then hits it.

A hard hit will make the ball fly.

Hitting starts with /h/. Point to "H".

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drinking

drink juice

It's a girl drinking juice.

She's drinking.

Find the girl drinking from the red cup.

I drink juice when I'm thirsty.

Drinking starts with /d/. Point to "D".

hiding and finding

Where's Dane? There he is!

It's two boys.

He's hiding.

One boy is hiding behind the tree.

The other boy looks and finds the hiding boy.

Hiding starts with /h/. Point to "H".

whispering

psss, psss, psss, psss

It's a girl whispering.

She's whispering.

The other girl is listening.

Sometimes you need to use your whispering voice.

Whispering starts with /wh/. Point to "Wh".

holding

holding hands

It's girls holding hands.

They are happy.

The three girls are holding hands and singing.

Holding hands is a sign of friendship.

Holding starts with /h/. Point to "H".

throwing and catching

ready...catch

It's friends throwing and catching.

They play catch.

One child throws the ball and another catches it.

Wear a mitt to protect your hand.

Throwing starts with /th/. Point to "Th".

pajamas

soft jammies

It's pajamas.

cozy pajamas

The pajamas look comfortable.

You wear pajamas to bed.

Pajamas starts with /p/. Point to "P".

underpants

pretty panties

It's underpants.

green and white underpants

The underpants are white with green spots.

We wear underpants under our clothes.

Underpants starts with /u/. Point to "U".

shirt

big shirt

It's a shirt.

long-sleeved shirt

The shirt has long sleeves.

People wear a shirt on top.

Shirt starts with /sh/. Point to "Sh".

pants

warm pants

It's a pair of pants.

light and dark stripes

There are light and dark stripes on the pants.

Pants cover our legs.

Pants starts with /p/. Point to "P".

socks

socks off

It's a pair of socks.

yellow and pink fish

They are blue with yellow and pink fish.

Put socks on your feet.

Socks starts with /s/. Point to "S".

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shoes

baby shoes

It's a pair of shoes.

red, yellow, and blue

The eyelets are red, yellow, and blue.

Shoes protect our feet.

Shoes starts with /sh/. Point to "Sh".

boots

snow boots

It's a pair of boots.

pink and green boots

Here is a pair of pink and green boots.

Boots keep our feet dry.

Boots starts with /b/. Point to "B".

shorts

short shorts

It's a pair of shorts.

plaid shorts

I see a pair of plaid shorts.

Shorts are comfortable in the summer.

Shorts starts with /sh/. Point to "Sh".

dress

Look! A dress.

It's a dress.

yellow and white dress

There are yellow polka dots on the white dress.

Girls sometimes wear dresses.

Dress starts with /d/. Point to "D".

swimsuit

top, bottom

It's a swimsuit.

colorful swimsuit

There are rainbow colors in the swimsuit.

You wear a swimsuit in the pool.

Swimsuit starts with /s/. Point to "S".

jacket

Snap, snap, snap the jacket.

It's a jacket.

denim jacket

My denim jacket has two pockets.

A jacket is warm in cool weather.

Jacket starts with /j/. Point to "J".

sweater

pretty sweater

It's a sweater.

pink sweater

Her pink sweater has six white roses on it.

In the spring I wear a sweater.

Sweater starts with /s/. Point to "S".

sweatshirt

sweatshirt, too big

It's a sweatshirt.

purple sweatshirt

Here is an ugly purple sweatshirt.

Sometimes you wear a sweatshirt in the fall.

Sweatshirt starts with /s/. Point to "S".

hat

warm hat

It's a hat.

fuzzy hat

I see a tassel on this soft, fuzzy hat.

This hat will keep my ears warm in the winter.

Hat starts with /h/. Point to "H".

mittens

small mittens

It's a pair of mittens.

knitted mittens

The mittens are knitted out of yarn.

If you wear mittens in the snow, your hands will stay warmer.

Mittens starts with /m/. Point to "M".

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gloves

purple gloves

It's a pair of gloves.

fingers and thumbs

Each finger and thumb has its own spot.

Gloves keep your hands warm in cold weather.

Gloves starts with /g/. Point to "G".

toothbrush

pink toothbrush

It's a toothbrush.

pink and sparkly

I see a pink, sparkly toothbrush.

Brush your teeth to keep them healthy.

Toothbrush starts with /t/. Point to "T".

toothpaste

squeeze toothpaste

It's toothpaste.

tube of toothpaste

Toothpaste is inside the green and white tube.

Squeeze the toothpaste onto the toothbrush.

Toothpaste starts with /t/. Point to "T".

hairbrush

brush hair

It's a hairbrush.

wooden hairbrush

Wooden means made of wood.

Brushing your hair keeps it healthy.

Hairbrush starts with /h/. Point to "H".

comb

comb hair

It's a comb.

It has teeth.

There are wide spaces between the teeth on this comb.

Comb your hair to get the tangles out.

Comb starts with /k/. Point to "C".

shampoo

scrub, scrub, scrub hair

It's shampoo.

bottle of shampoo

I wonder what the shampoo smells like.

Use shampoo to wash your hair.

Shampoo starts with /sh/. Point to "Sh".

soap

squirt soap

It's soap.

hand soap

The bottle of hand soap has a pump.

Wash your hands with soap to get rid of germs.

Soap starts with /s/. Point to "S".

washcloth

wishy washy washcloth

It's a washcloth.

narrow and wide

My washcloth has narrow and wide stripes.

Put soap on the washcloth and scrub!

Washcloth starts with /w/. Point to "W".

towel

dry off

It's a towel.

striped towel

A striped towel is hanging on the wall.

Use a towel to dry yourself after your bath.

Towel starts with /t/. Point to "T".

mirror

peek in mirror

It's a mirror.

oval mirror

This mirror has an oval shape.

You can see yourself in a mirror.

Mirror starts with /m/. Point to "M".

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apple

eat apple

It's an apple.

shiny apple

Here is a shiny, red apple with a green spot.

A good apple is crunchy and sweet.

Apple starts with /a/. Point to "A".

banana

peel banana

It's a banana.

curved, yellow banana

The fruit is inside the peel.

Bananas are nutritious.

Banana starts with /b/. Point to "B".

grapes

1, 2, 3 many grapes

It's a bunch of grapes.

many grapes

There are many grapes in this bunch.

Grapes are fruit.

Grapes starts with /g/. Point to "G".

orange

yummy orange

It's an orange.

round and bumpy

This orange is round and feels bumpy.

Oranges have lots of vitamin C.

Orange starts with /or/. Point to "Or".

peas

squish, squish, peas

It's peas.

many green peas

Here are many green peas.

Peas are vegetables.

Peas starts with /p/. Point to "P".

carrot

bunny eats carrots

It's a carrot.

leafy green top

The orange carrot has a leafy green top.

Rabbits like to eat carrots and carrot tops.

Carrot starts with /k/. Point to "C".

potato

po-ta-to

It's a potato.

potato's eye

Can you find the potato's eye?

Potatoes grow under the ground.

Potato starts with /p/. Point to "P".

green beans

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

It's green beans.

several green beans

Here are several green beans.

Green beans snap when you break them.

Green beans starts with /g/. Point to "G".

milk

Drink milk.

It's milk.

almost full

The glass of milk is almost full.

Milk helps your bones grow strong.

Milk starts with /m/. Point to "M".

apple juice

More juice, please.

It's apple juice.

glass of juice

Here's a glass of apple juice.

People smash apples to make apple juice.

Apple juice starts with /a/. Point to "A".

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orange juice

I like juice.

It's orange juice.

glass of juice

Would you like a glass of orange juice?

People squeeze oranges to make orange juice.

Orange juice starts with /or/. Point to "Or".

water

Drink water.

It's water.

clear water

Would you like more water?

Drinking water is good for your body.

Water starts with /w/. Point to "W".

cookie

Eat cookie, yum, yum.

It's a cookie.

lumpy cookie

The cookie looks soft and lumpy.

We eat cookies for a snack or dessert.

Cookie starts with /k/. Point to "C".

crackers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

It's crackers.

animal crackers

I see five animal crackers.

Which part do you eat first?

Crackers starts with /k/. Point to "C".

popcorn

pop, pop, pop

It's popcorn.

bowl of popcorn

Here is a bowl of fluffy popcorn.

Do you ever eat popcorn at the movies?

Popcorn starts with /p/. Point to "P".

rice cakes

crunch, crunch

It's rice cakes.

two round rice cakes

Rice cakes are made of puffed rice.

Would you put peanut butter on rice cakes?

Rice cakes starts with /r/. Point to "R".

cereal

No spoon!

It's cereal.

bowl of cereal

Cereal is made from grain.

Get a spoon before it gets soggy!

Cereal starts with /s/. Point to "S".

toast

purple jam on toast

It's toast.

toast and jam

I like toast with jam.

Toast can be dry without jam.

Toast starts with /t/. Point to "T".

eggs

one egg

It's eggs.

dozen eggs

One egg is out of the carton.

These eggs came from chickens.

Eggs starts with /e/. Point to "E".

pancakes

1, 2, 3, pancakes

It's pancakes.

pancakes with syrup

Three pancakes are on a blue plate.

Pancakes and syrup are fun for breakfast.

Pancakes starts with /p/. Point to "P".

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sandwich

peanut, peanut butter and jelly

It's a sandwich.

peanut butter and jelly

Can you find a triangle-shaped piece?

A sandwich is good for lunch.

Sandwich starts with /s/. Point to "S".

soup

good soup

It's soup.

vegetable soup

I see broccoli, carrots, peas, and beans.

This soup is nutritious.

Soup starts with /s/. Point to "S".

hamburger

big hamburger

It's a hamburger.

hamburger and bun

The pickles are under the onions.

Take off the onions, please.

Hamburger starts with /h/. Point to "H".

pizza

cheesy pizza

It's pizza.

slice of pizza

The gooey cheese runs down the side.

Show me the pizza crust.

Pizza starts with /p/. Point to "P".

cheese

mice eat cheese

It's cheese.

cubes of cheese

Is cheddar cheese yellow or orange?

Cheese is made from milk.

Cheese starts with /ch/. Point to "Ch".

ball

bounce ball

It's a ball.

red, round ball

It's a brand new ball.

Use this ball to play four square.

Ball starts with /b/. Point to "B".

truck

vroom, vroom, sh, ch, ch, ch

It's a truck.

cement truck

The truck has a cab and a drum.

A real cement mixer carries concrete.

Truck starts with /t/. Point to "T".

doll

baby

It's a doll.

baby doll

Her swimsuit has yellow ruffles.

She's almost ready to go swimming.

Doll starts with /d/. Point to "D".

wagon

pull wagon

It's a wagon.

red wagon

The wooden slats can be taken off.

Wagons can carry things from one place to another.

Wagon starts with /w/. Point to "W".

teddy bear

ear, ear, eye, eye, nose

It's a teddy bear.

soft, fluffy teddy bear

The bear's bow and feet are checkered.

Cuddle with your teddy bear at night.

Teddy bear starts with /t/. Point to "T".

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telephone

Ring, ring, it's for you!

It's a telephone.

Hello, hello!

The telephone has wheels.

Pretend to call someone on the phone.

Telephone starts with /t/. Point to "T".

blocks

Stack blocks

It's blocks.

letter blocks

Letter "C" is red.

Stack the blocks to make a tower.

Blocks starts with /b/. Point to "B".

crayons

new crayons

It's crayons.

four crayons

One crayon is on top of the others.

Use crayons to color a picture.

Crayons starts with /k/. Point to "C".

paints

purple, pink, yellow, green, blue

It's paints.

colorful paints

The yellow paint is in the middle.

It's fun to paint with a paintbrush.

Paints starts with /p/. Point to "P".

scissors

cut, cut

It's scissors.

red scissors

There are holes for your thumb and fingers.

Scissors are used for cutting.

Scissors starts with /s/. Point to "S".

glue

squeeze glue

It's glue.

sticky glue

The bottle has an orange cap.

Glue holds things together.

Glue starts with /g/. Point to "G".

pencil

blue pencil

It's a pencil.

sharp, blue pencil

The pencil is smooth and shiny.

Use a pencil to write or draw.

Pencil starts with /p/. Point to "P".

pen

write pen

It's a pen.

colorful pen

This pen's clip is red.

Ink is inside the pen.

Pen starts with /p/. Point to "P".

markers

color markers

It's markers.

purple, orange, and green

Three markers are next to each other.

Use markers to make colorful pictures.

Markers starts with /m/. Point to "M".

shovel

dig, dig

It's a shovel.

blue shovel

The handle has a hole in it.

Shovels are for digging.

Shovel starts with /sh/. Point to "Sh".

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bucket

big bucket

It's a bucket.

empty bucket

Here's an empty purple bucket.

Buckets are for carrying.

Bucket starts with /b/. Point to "B".

book

Read book.

It's a book.

board book

It's a story about a canoe.

A book is fun to read any time!

Book starts with /b/. Point to "B".

boat

putt, putt, putt, vroom

It's a boat.

speed boat

This boat's hull is white.

A boat is a water vehicle.

Boat starts with /b/. Point to "B".

train

choo, choo, choo, choo, toot, toot

It's a train.

one locomotive, two cars

I see a face on the locomotive.

A train is a railroad vehicle.

Train starts with /t/. Point to "T".

airplane

neeyer, erk

It's an airplane.

one propeller

It's wings are slanted.

A plane is an air vehicle.

Airplane starts with /air/. Point to "Air".

fire truck

er, er, bonk, bonk

It's a fire truck.

red fire truck

The ladder is up.

Pretend you are putting out the fire. Shhhhh.

Fire truck starts with /f/. Point to "F".

stacking cups

cups, cups, cups

It's stacking cups.

pretty cups

There are dots, squares, and lines.

Stacking cups are fun for filling and pouring.

Stacking cups starts with /s/. Point to "S".

dishes

Do you want some milk?

It's dishes.

empty plate

The dish set has a plate, cup, and saucer.

Fill your dishes with milk and cookies.

Dishes starts with /d/. Point to "D".

food

Let's play!

It's food.

pretend food

The strawberry is very red.

I don't eat pretend food.

Food starts with /f/. Point to "F".

shape sorter

Put in.

It's a shape sorter.

shape sorter box

Some are already in the box.

The holes are different shapes.

Shape sorter starts with /sh/. Point to "Sh".