

SNIP Precision teaching pack

This pack is aimed at increasing the reading ages of pupils in KS3 with moderate reading difficulties. It is intended to be used with pupils from Y8 and above, with reading ages of 10+ to prepare them for their GCSE studies. It includes curriculum words collated from the lists identified by the DfES as useful for pupils in KS3 and words that often contribute to reading hesitation and are irregular i.e. not phonic.

The packs are intended to be photocopied and a new one given weekly to students who practise them daily and are then timed on their ability to read them out loud. How the reading practice is organised depends on the organisation of each school – some may be able to involve parents, adult helpers and peers, but it is also important to encourage the pupils themselves to practice unaided in order to allow them to gain fluency and control over the process. For this reason, there is sufficient space allowed underneath each word for the student to write out in syllables the word in a way that they can recall its pronunciation. It is important that complete reading mastery is achieved – this means that the words are read fluently and without hesitation before the student moves onto the next column. To achieve this level of visual recognition will require daily practise for perhaps 5 mins each day. We recommend that pupils begin with the one syllable words and work through the lists, but this decision needs to be based on individual pupil ability and confidence. In total there are 37 columns of words:

- 3 columns of one syllable words,
- 15 columns of two syllable words,
- 15 columns of three syllable words,
- 3 columns of four syllable words
- 2 columns of five syllable words

This suggests that this pack would form a year's programme for KS3 pupils, but in reality some pupils may be unable to access the whole programme, so it needs to be delivered at a pace that suits each individual. We have included a blank column at the end of the three syllable words so that teachers can add curriculum words in order to ensure that pupils are familiar with subject specific vocabulary.

Using this pack we have achieved measurable gains of three years in an academic year with some of our pupils, who, due to their reluctance and disinterest in reading, were not accessing sufficient text to impact positively upon standardised reading tests which are mainly based upon measuring sight vocabulary. The increase in their ability to fluently recognise words led in turn to more determination to decode written material given to them in class, and so it is hoped that these gains can be sustained in the future.

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1 beat words (1)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
guard					
height					
queue					
straight					
weird					
strength					
weight					
threw					
choose					
cloth					
brought					
sight					
clothes					
course					
our					
quite					
source					
sight					

1 beat words (2)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
site					
caught					
brief					
chose					
are					
sauce					
through					
two					
does					
growth					
square					
reign					
sure					
graph					
sign					
bought					
guess					
scene					

1 beat words (3)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
goes					
sure					
huge					
squad					
sour					
urge					
cause					
talk					
size					
split					
hour					
slight					
where					
want					
cough					
scald					
warmth					
quick					

2 beat words (1)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
active					
autumn					
able					
angle					
acid					
advise					
absorb					
affect					
atlas					
aloud					
axis					
answer					
ankle					
abuse					
alcove					
attempt					
assist					
appear					

2 beat words (2)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
accuse					
advice					
applause					
achieve					
approve					
agile					
although					
abroad					
amount					
abstract					
allowed					
began					
bias					
bible					
bury					
busy					
believe					
breaking					

2 beat words (3)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
beneath					
between					
buried					
broken					
business					
barrow					
breakfast					
benign					
because					
comma					
cottage					
clothing					
castle					
city					
chorus					
county					
conclude					
column					

2 beat words (4)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
country					
client					
critic					
conscious					
collapse					
content					
cliché					
costume					
certain					
control					
college					
colour					
cable					
connect					
conscience					
climate					
condense					
conflict					

2 beat words (5)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
current					
cycle					
daughter					
decide					
design					
diamond					
diary					
digest					
disperse					
dissolve					
distil					
degree					
digit					
divide					
defence					
disease					
desert					
danger					

2 beat words (6)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
dispatch					
describe					
display					
diet					
delete					
deny					
entrance					
exit					
even					
effort					
easel					
extract					
escape					
Europe					
earthquake					
enlarge					
equal					
enquire					

2 beat words (7)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
exchange					
enough					
employ					
effect					
forty					
fulfil					
friction					
function					
forget					
fabric					
fibre					
future					
futile					
fraction					
gender					
graphic					
grammar					
genre					

2 beat words (8)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
happened					
hazard					
highlight					
hygiene					
hardware					
humid					
hundred					
healthy					
insect					
inspire					
involve					
input					
index					
injured					
improves					
ideal					
issue					
imply					

2 beat words (9)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
jealous					
jury					
jewel					
keyboard					
lonely					
lovely					
liquid					
litre					
lyric					
lighting					
landscape					
listen					
motive					
major					
marriage					
moral					
machine					
module					

2 beat words (10)
Name
 Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
mobile					
manage					
muscle					
movement					
measure					
metre					
minus					
mammal					
method					
meanwhile					
mischief					
modern					
murmur					
nervous					
nation					
network					
novel					
nonsense					

2 beat words (11)
Name
 Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
output					
octave					
obtuse					
obscure					
observe					
obtain					
ocean					
offence					
office					
object					
pattern					
peaceful					
people					
persuade					
process					
practice					
prophet					
perform					

2 beat words (12)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
practise					
prefer					
pressure					
portrait					
protein					
programme					
pamphlet					
plural					
prefix					
porridge					
prospects					
provides					
phantom					
parade					
plumber					
patient					
quarrel					
question					

2 beat words (13)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
safety					
sequence					
shoulder					
skilful					
soldier					
stomach					
success					
surely					
surprise					
survey					
special					
symbol					
sanction					
special					
spectrum					
software					
section					
system					

2 beat words (14)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
suffix					
steadfast					
solemn					
schedule					
season					
symptom					
taxi					
tension					
tourist					
triad					
tactic					
tension					
tabloid					
trouble					
triumph					
teacher					
traffic					
talent					

2 beat words (15)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
technique					
texture					
transport					
useful					
urban					
unit					
virus					
vocal					
volume					
vital					
vowel					
valid					
vapour					
vary					
wander					
watching					
walking					
zero					

3 beat words (1)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
analyse					
argument					
assessment					
atmosphere					
audible					
audience					
accident					
athletic					
alphabet					
article					
assistance					
attractive					
appearance					
audacious					
animal					
actual					
alkaline					
addition					

3 beat words (2)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
average					
alerted					
annual					
achievement					
beautiful					
beginning					
baptism					
burial					
binary					
chocolate					
concentrate					
consequence					
creation					
chemical					
circulate					
celebrate					
commandment					
commitment					

3 beat words (3)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
conductor					
character					
collection					
component					
computer					
connection					
catalogue					
copyright					
contagious					
clarify					
certainly					
circulate					
calculate					
citizen					
colony					
combustion					
contradict					
confident					

3 beat words (4)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
critical					
cubicle					
citation					
committed					
decision					
definite					
develop					
disappear					
disappoint					
digestion					
dispersal					
decimal					
division					
document					
dynasty					
dialogue					
decided					
delighted					

3 beat words (5)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
delicious					
disparage					
demagogue					
disciple					
dynamics					
director					
dramatise					
dependent					
discipline					
discussion					
dimension					
database					
emotion					
encourage					
exercise					
editor					
expression					
extremely					

3 beat words (6)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
exhausted					
examined					
enormous					
exactly					
elation					
excursion					
embarrass					
energy					
engagement					
evidence					
element					
estimate					
erosion					
electric					
furthermore					
frequency					
fantasy					
factitious					

3 beat words (7)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
finally					
fantastic					
facetious					
government					
generous					
gymnastic					
gallery					
glossary					
gathering					
holidays					
horizon					
habitat					
hesitate					
harmony					
heresy					
improvise					
interrupt					
immigrant					

3 beat words (8)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
imperial					
invasion					
interval					
instrument					
illusion					
interface					
imagery					
interest					
interchange					
incident					
idealist					
injury					
involvement					
improvise					
justify					
kilogram					
latitude					
location					

3 beat words (9)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
longitude					
listening					
lubricate					
malignant					
masculine					
magistrate					
medical					
marmalade					
mosaic					
mitosis					
metaphor					
magazine					
megabyte					
memory					
monitor					
mineral					
medicine					
melody					

3 beat words (10)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
musician					
miracle					
multiply					
meiosis					
moreover					
nutrient					
negative					
national					
natural					
nutrition					
narrative					
narrator					
nutritious					
objective					
occasion					
orchestral					
oxygen					
outrageous					

3 beat words (11)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
parallel					
performance					
permanent					
persuasion					
physical					
possession					
potential					
proportion					
particles					
predator					
positive					
parliament					
politics					
protestant					
pollution					
poverty					
provision					
parable					

3 beat words (12)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
prejudice					
percussion					
position					
preference					
personal					
perspective					
production					
processor					
publisher					
paragraph					
popular					
pseudonym					
prisoner					
professor					
pedantic					
pirouette					
perilous					
relevance					

3 beat words (13)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
rescinded					
relentless					
relative					
resistance					
resemble					
secondary					
separate					
sexism					
sincerely					
strategy					
solution					
symmetry					
settlement					
synagogue					
synchronise					
simile					
synonym					
survivor					

3 beat words (14)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
seismograph					
stratagem					
specialist					
successful					
satisfy					
Saturday					
subtraction					
temperature					
tomorrow					
triangle					
tourism					
technical					
triumphant					
tactical					
tournament					
thesaurus					
traveller					
tremendous					

4 beat words (1)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
audacity					
accompany					
anthology					
activity					
authority					
amenity					
carbohydrate					
co-ordinate					
criticism					
circumference					
centimetre					
contradiction					
chronology					
comparison					
condensation					
dependency					
diameter					
distillation					

4 beat words (2)

Name

Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
economic					
exhibition					
extravagant					
encouragement					
interesting					
innovation					
ingredient					
isosceles					
independence					
laboratory					
morality					
material					
mobility					
organism					
original					
perimeter					
reputation					
rebellion					

5 beat words (1)
Name
 Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
representative					
alliteration					
accommodation					
precipitation					
constitutional					
characteristics					
chronological					
civilisation					
specification					
classification					
equilateral					
evaporation					
international					
multiplication					
miscellaneous					
perpendicular					
parallelogram					
participation					

5 beat words (2)
Name
 Date

Word	M	T	W	Th	F
agricultural					
psychological					
approximately					
communication					
technological					
unfortunately					
vocabulary					
laboratory					
manipulation					
quadrilateral					
determination					
personality					
unacceptable					
evaluation					
considerable					
identifying					
reciprocated					
unnecessary					