

Teacher Directions

Prepare

Print one copy of the Irregular Words Assessment for yourself and one for the student.

Introduce

Say to the student: "Please read each word. If you have trouble reading any of these words, go ahead and move onto the next one. These are irregular words, meaning that parts of them do not follow the patterns in the English language. You are not expected to know how to read all of these words. This is just to help me plan what to focus on during our lessons."

Assess

Circle the words students are unable to read without additional support. After they finish, make a list of irregular words students need to continue to review throughout the program.

Teach

Before teaching each decoding lesson, review the words in Decoding Lesson Part 1: Irregular Word Introduction. Then, cross-reference that list with the words on your review list. (The number to the left of each row on this assessment corresponds to the lesson the words are listed in.) You do not need to teach irregular words that students have already mastered. Instead, you can use that time to:

- **Accelerate instruction:** Move to the next part of the lesson, which is more about automaticity practice and will go faster. You can then spend additional time on part of the lesson that students need additional support with.
- **Add additional irregular words:** You can substitute the irregular words students have already mastered with ones they have not yet mastered. This will give them extra practice. These words can come directly from the text or from other observations you have made.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Irregular Words

1	wanted	travel	sure	someone
2	done	from	pictures	something
3	month	about	walk	anyone
4	already	pulled	cover	color
5	across	favorite	other	computer
6	said	hour	busy	some
7	any	full	lived	more

Name: _____

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Irregular Words**8**

always

ocean

special

people

9

worry

front

come

putting

10

camera

hundreds

pretty

rainforest

11

clothes

wondered

very

watch

12

having

would

losing

happen

13

magazine

once

again

important

14

becomes

mother

won't

thought

Name: _____

Date: _____

Irregular Words

15

truth

doesn't

problems

away

16

only

moves

nothing

person

17

around

apart

distance

compliments

18

another

wouldn't

cover

enough

19

give

through

directions

many

20

yourself

could

between

novel

21

almost

parents

dessert

guess

Name: _____

Date: _____

Irregular Words**22**

alive

monkey

breathe

listening

23

mammal

ago

worthy

manatees

24

anything

minutes

alone

beautiful

25

parrot

second

couldn't

water

26

festivals

adults

American

Indian

27

son

won

awesome

valuable

28

idea

project

caring

together

Name: _____

Date: _____

Irregular Words

29

seven

market

yourselves

guitar

30

allowed

gadgets

calm

imagine

31

should

young

perfect

company

32

secret

celebrate

father

complete

33

student

England

London

Carolina

34

envelope

whole

confused

lose

35

sometimes

continue

marine

currently