

Children's Classic Literature for Vocabulary Units

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This list was compiled from the following resources:

Before Five in a Row, Jane Claire Lambert

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Children's Books, Joanne Oppenheim

The Read Aloud Handbook, Jim Trelease

TODDLER LANGUAGE LEVEL BOOKS

- ◆ Animal Noises- Usborne publishers
- ◆ Animal Sounds- Battaglia
- ◆ Baby Faces – Margaret Miller
- ◆ Beginner's Bible
- ◆ Blue Hat, Green Hat – Sandra Boynton
- ◆ Busy- Kubler
- ◆ Classic Nursery Rhyme Books - any author with interesting pictures
- ◆ Dinosaur Roar
- ◆ Five Little Ducks- Raffi
- ◆ From Head to Toe- Bill Martin Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings- Van Fleet
- ◆ Good Night, Moon - Margaret Wise Brown, 1947
- ◆ Guess How Much I Love You - Sam McBratney
- ◆ Itsy Bitsy Spider- Joanna Cole
- ◆ I Love You Stinky Face- McCourt/Moore
- ◆ I Went Walking- Williams
- ◆ Lady with the Alligator Purse- Wescott
- ◆ Moo, Baa, Lalala - Sandra Boynton
- ◆ Noisy Farm – DK Publishing
- ◆ Opposites – Sandra Boynton
- ◆ Oh Me Oh My Oh Dinosaurs- Boynton
- ◆ Pat the Bunny - Dorothy Kunhardt
- ◆ Pajama Time- Boynton
- ◆ Tails- Van Fleet
- ◆ That's not my Dinosaur- Watts/Wells (Usborne)
- ◆ That's not my Kitty- Watts/Wells (Usborne)
- ◆ That's not my Tractor- Watts/Wells (Usborne)
- ◆ The Foot Book - Seuss
- ◆ The Going to Bed Book - Sandra Boynton
- ◆ Run, Round Bear- By So Smart
- ◆ Ten Little Fingers- Kubler
- ◆ Toes, Ears & Nose – Marion Dane Bauer
- ◆ Time for Bed- Fox/Dryer
- ◆ Twinkle Twinkle Little Star- Trapini
- ◆ Wheels on the Bus (many authors, one is *Raffi/Wescott)
- ◆ Where's Kitty- Mayer
- ◆ Where's Spot? - Eric Hill
- ◆ Where is Baby's Belly Button – Karen Katz

PRESCHOOL LANGUAGE LEVEL BOOKS

- ◆ A Tree is Nice - Janice May Udry, 1956
- ◆ A Your Adorable- Kaye, Wise, Lippman
- ◆ Are You My Mother? - P.D. Eastman, 1960
- ◆ Barnyard Dance – Sandra Boynton
- ◆ Bedtime for Francis, Russell Hoban, 1960
- ◆ Berenstain Bears books - Stan and Jan Berenstain, 1982
- ◆ Best Word Book Ever - Richard Scarry, 1963
- ◆ Bible Stories book (with lots of pictures)
- ◆ *Big Dog, Little Dog – P.D. Eastman
- ◆ Brown Bear - Bill Martin, Jr., 1983
- ◆ Polar Bear Polar Bear- Bill Martin
- ◆ Chicken Soup with Rice - Marice Sendak, 1962
- ◆ Corduroy - Don Freeman, 1968
- ◆ Curious George - H.A. Rey
- ◆ Davy’s Day, Lois Lenski, 1943
- ◆ Drummer Hoff, Barbara Emberley, 1967
- ◆ Five Little Monkey’s Jumping on the Bed- Christelow
- ◆ Five Little Monkey’s Sitting in a Tree- Christelow
- ◆ George and Martha, James Marshall, 1970
- ◆ Gilberto and the Wind, Marie Hall Ets, 1963
- ◆ Gingerbread Man
- ◆ Go, Dog, Go! - P.D. Eastman
- ◆ Goldilocks and the Three Bears, traditional version
- ◆ Good Dog, Carl – Alexandra Day
- ◆ Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear - Nancy White Carlstrom, 1986
- ◆ Little Red Riding Hood
- ◆ Madeline, Ludwig Bemelmans, 1939
- ◆ Max’s New Suit, (and other “Max” books) - Rosemary Wells
- ◆ May I Bring a Friend? - Beatrice Schenk de Regniers
- ◆ Miffy Books - Dick Bruna
- ◆ Millions of Cats, Wanda Ga’g
- ◆ No David- David Shannon
- ◆ David Goes to School- David Shannon
- ◆ Owl Babies - Martin Waddell, 199?
- ◆ Play with Me, Marie Hall Ets, 1955
- ◆ Poems to Read to the Very Young, Josette Frank,
- ◆ Sam Who Never Forgets, Eve Rice, 1980
- ◆ School Bus, Donald Crews, 1984 (Truck, Freight Train by Donald Crews, 1980s)
- ◆ Shopping Trip, Helen Oxenbury, 1982
- ◆ Spotted Yellow Frogs- Van Fleet
- ◆ Swimmy, Leo Lionni, 1963
- ◆ The Carrot Seed, Ruth Krauss, 1945
- ◆ The Eye Book – Dr. Seuss
- ◆ The Foot Book – Dr. Seuss
- ◆ The Grouchy Ladybug, Eric Carle

- ◆ The House that Jack Built, Rodney Peppe, 1985 (or any traditional version)
- ◆ The Little Engine that Could, Watty Piper, 1954
- ◆ The Little Red Hen, traditional version
- ◆ *The Nose Book – Al Perkins
- ◆ The Poky Little Puppy
- ◆ The Runaway Bunny - Margaret Wise Brown
- ◆ The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- ◆ The Three Little Pigs - traditional version
- ◆ The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle
- ◆ Wake Up and Goodnight, Charlotte Zolotow, 1971
- ◆ Whose Mommy is this?- Reasoner
- ◆ Whose Hatching?- Reasoner
- ◆ Whose in the Sea?-Reasoner

JUST BEFORE KINDERGARTEN LANGUAGE LEVEL BOOKS

- ◆ Aladin
- ◆ Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
- ◆ Angus and the Cat, Marjorie Flack, 1931
- ◆ Bambi
- ◆ Blueberries for Sal, Robert McCloskey, 1948
- ◆ Beauty and the Beast, Disney version
- ◆ Bible Stories
- ◆ Caps for Sale, Esphyr Slobodkina, 1947
- ◆ Cinderella, Disney version
- ◆ Danny and The Dinosaur, Syd Hoff, 1958
- ◆ Dumbo
- ◆ Frederick
- ◆ George and Martha, James Marshall, 1970
- ◆ House for Hermit Crab, Eric Carle
- ◆ Harry the Dirty Dog
- ◆ Henny Penny
- ◆ If you Give a Mouse a Cookie
- ◆ I Was So Mad- Mercer Mayer
- ◆ Jack and the Beanstalk
- ◆ Jamberry, Bruce Degen, 1983
- ◆ The Kissing Hand- Audrey Penn
- ◆ Katy No-Pocket, Emmy Payne
- ◆ Leo the Late Bloomer, Robert Kraus, 1971
- ◆ Peter Pan, Disney Version
- ◆ Pirates Don't Change Diapers- David Shannon
- ◆ A Pocket Full of Kisses-Audrey Penn
- ◆ Pinocchio, Disney Version
- ◆ Rumpelstiltskin
- ◆ Snow White - Disney version
- ◆ Stone Soup
- ◆ The Cat in the Hat
- ◆ The Snowy Day, Ezra Jack Keats
- ◆ The Tale of Peter Rabbit - Beatrix Potter

- ◆ The Tortoise and the Hare
- ◆ Where the Wild Things Are
- ◆ Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

PRE-CHAPTER BOOKS:

(These books contain longer passages than books on previous lists. They don't necessarily contain a picture for every major part of the story but do still contain lots of pictures.)

- ◆ Aesop's Fables
- ◆ Aladin (not the oversimplified Disney version)
- ◆ Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping, (and others in series) Peggy Parrish
Angus and the Cat, Marjorie Flack, 1931
- ◆ Beauty and the Beast, traditional version (non-Disney)
- ◆ Bible Stories (any version with picture support that is not too "babyish" like Egermeier's)
- ◆ Burt Dow, Deep Water Man
- ◆ Capyboppy, Bill Peet
- ◆ Caps for Sale, Esphyr Slobodkina, 1947
- ◆ Cinderella, traditional version
- ◆ First Biographies by Steck-Vaughn Company (J. Appleseed, Pocahontus, Rosa Parks, C. Columbus, etc.)
- ◆ Frog and Toad Series, Arnold Lobel, 1970
- ◆ Gilberto and the Wind, Marie Hall Ets, 1963
- ◆ Gingerbread Man
- ◆ Hansel and Gretel
- ◆ Heidi
- ◆ House for Hermit Crab, Eric Carle
- ◆ James Herriot's Treasury for Children
- ◆ Little Bear (Series of Books), Else Homelund Minarik, 1957
- ◆ Little Red Riding Hood
- ◆ Make Way for Ducklings, Robert McClosky, 1941
- ◆ Mike Mulligan and the Steam Shovel, Virginia Lee Burton
- ◆ Ms. Rumphius,
- ◆ One Morning in Maine, Robert McClosky, 1952
- ◆ Peter Pan, James Barrie (Troll Illustrated Classics version)
- ◆ Pinnochio
- ◆ Pocahantas
- ◆ Rapunzel
- ◆ Rumpelstiltskin
- ◆ Sleeping Beauty, traditional version
- ◆ Snow White, traditional version
- ◆ Stone Soup
- ◆ The Little Red Hen, traditional version
- ◆ The Princess and the Pea
- ◆ The Tale of Peter Rabbit, Beatrix Potter
- ◆ The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- ◆ The Three Little Pigs, traditional version
- ◆ The Ugly Duckling
- ◆ The Velveteen Rabbit
- ◆ Thumbelina
- ◆ Velveteen Rabbit

- ◆ Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne

Beginning Chapter Books

- ◆ The Magic Treehouse Series (Mary Osborne)
- ◆ The Magic Schoolbus Series-
- ◆ Secrets of Droon- Abbott
- ◆ Fairy Real
- ◆ Rainbow Magic- Jewel Fairy books, Rainbow Fairy Books, Pet Fairy Books- all by Daisy Meadows