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GRADING OF LANGUAGE

EASYSTARTS 200 HEADWORDS



NOUNS

Singular forms and plural forms with s
Common irregular plural forms
Possessive form ('s)
Transparent compounds

PRONOUNS

Personal, subject and direct object
Demonstrative: *this, that*
(also as determiners)
Interrogative: *Who? What?*
It (+ be) in impersonal expressions

DETERMINERS

Articles: *a, an, the* or zero + noun (phrase)
Cardinal numbers (also as pronouns): *1 - 100*
Ordinal numbers (for dates): *1st - 31st*
Possessives
Quantifiers: *some, any*
Distributives: *every, all* + noun

ADJECTIVES

Simple adjectives (attributive and predicative)

VERBS

Parts of *be, have, have got*;
There is/are
Positive imperative forms
Positive, negative and question forms
Short answers
Present simple (except negative questions)
Present continuous with present meaning (except negative questions)
can for ability and permission;
Let's ...

ADVERBS

Some adverbs of frequency, place and time
Adjective + *ly*
Interrogatives: *Where? When? Why? How (much/many)?*
Intensifier: *very*
Additive: *too*

CONJUNCTIONS

and, but, or to join words, phrases, clauses

SENTENCES

Simple one-clause sentences
Two clauses joined with *and, but* or *or*
Direct speech + noun/pronoun + *say/ask*

LEVEL 1 (Beginner) 300 HEADWORDS



As previous level plus

NOUNS

Possessive form ('s)
Gerunds for activities and pastimes

PRONOUNS

As indirect objects
Possessive
Demonstrative: *these, those*
(also determiners)
Interrogative: *Which?* (also determiner)

DETERMINERS

Cardinal numbers (also as pronouns): *101 - 1,000*
Demonstrative: *these, those*
(also pronouns)
Quantifiers: *a little, a lot of, much, many*
Interrogative: *Which ...?* (also pronoun)

VERBS

There was/were
Negative imperative forms
Present continuous with future meaning
Past simple of listed regular verbs
Irregular past forms: *came|did|had|said|was|were|went*
going to for prediction and intention
can for possibility
would like + noun phrase
-ing forms after *like, stop*
Infinitive forms after *want, start, like*

CONJUNCTIONS

because

SENTENCES

Two clauses joined with *because*

LEVEL 2 (Elementary) 600 HEADWORDS



As previous level plus

PRONOUNS

Indefinite: *some-, no-, any-, every-* (body|thing)

DETERMINERS

Ordinal numbers: *first - hundredth*
Quantifiers with *more*
Distributives: *another, other, each*

ADJECTIVES

Comparative: *-er|more* + adjective...*than, as ... as*
Superlative: *the -est (in)of, most* + adjective
better, best, worse, worst, more, most

VERBS

Negative questions
Past simple of listed irregular verbs
will for offers, requests, and with future meaning *could*
for past ability and possibility
have to for obligation
would like + infinitive
Common phrasal verbs with transparent meanings
-ing forms after *go, verbs of (dis)like*

ADVERBS

Adjective + (*i*)*ly*
how + adjective
Irregular adverbs of manner
Comparative: *as...as*
too + adjective
Indefinite: *somewhere, nowhere, anywhere, everywhere*

CONJUNCTIONS

so, before, after, when

SENTENCES

Two clauses joined with *so, before, after, when*
Direct speech + subject/verb inversion
Reported speech with present tense
Reporting verb
know, think, hope etc + *that* clause



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The Levels

Penguin Readers are graded in seven levels from Easystarts to Level 6. Grading of the Language for each level is detailed in the chart below.

LEVEL 3 (Pre-intermediate) 1200 HEADWORDS



As previous level plus

PRONOUNS

Indefinite: *someone, anyone, everyone*
Interrogative: *Whose?* (also as determiner)
one/ones
Reflexive (but not for emphasis)
Relative: *who, which, that*

DETERMINERS

the + adjective
All cardinal and ordinal numbers
Predeterminers: *all*
Relative: *whose*
Distributives: *both, either, neither*
a meaning per

ADJECTIVES

Intensifiers: *much, a bit, a lot*
Adjective + *to*

VERBS

Present perfect simple
Past continuous
Passive forms: present and past forms of *be* + past participle
is/was/has been able to
can't to deny possibility
could for requests and suggestions
must for obligation
shall for suggestions, plans, offers
need (to)/needn't for necessity
should (positive only) for advice
would for desires, preferences to + infinitive after *what/where* etc
Infinitives after permitted verbs and adjectives, with *too/enough/very*, after indefinite pronouns/adverbs, infinitive of purpose
Question tags: positive tag following negative statement and vice versa
Common phrasal verbs with non-transparent meanings

ADVERBS

Comparative: *-er/-est, more/most* + adverb

SENTENCES

Sentences with more than two main clauses
Sentences with one main and one subordinate clause
Zero and first conditional
Defining relative clauses (but not embedded)
Clauses with *wh* words
Clauses ending in *so, not*
Reported speech with *to* + infinitive
Participle clauses
Adjectives/nouns + *that* clause

LEVEL 4 (Intermediate) 1700 HEADWORDS



As previous level plus

PRONOUNS

Indefinite: *no one*
Relative: *whose*
Reflexive, for emphasis
Reciprocal: *each other*
Pronoun + *of, to*, adjective, relative clause

DETERMINERS

Predeterminer: *such*

ADJECTIVES

Intensifiers: *nearly as, just as, not quite as*
Comparative/superlative with *less/least*
Adjective + *enough*

VERBS

Simple passive verb forms (except modal perfects)
Present and past continuous passive verb forms
Present simple for future reference
Present perfect continuous
Past perfect
have something *done*
make/let + infinitive
used to/was/were/going to
had better for advice or desirability
may/might for possibility
must for deduced facts
should/ought to for advice, duty, desirability
would for hypothetical situations
Question tags: positive tag following positive statement

CONJUNCTIONS

as well as

SENTENCES

Complex sentences where the relations between clauses are uncomplicated
Non-defining relative clauses
Second conditional
if clauses after verbs of asking, wondering etc
Reported speech with past tense reporting verbs

LEVEL 5 (Upper-intermediate) 2300 HEADWORDS



As previous level plus

VERBS

Past perfect continuous
Future continuous
get something *done*
may for permission
would for willingness/refusal

CONJUNCTIONS

as soon as

SENTENCES

Relative clauses: embedded, defining
Responses with *so/neither/nor*
Third conditional

LEVEL 6 (Advanced) 3000 HEADWORDS



As previous level plus

PRONOUNS

Reciprocal: *one another*

VERBS

Future perfect
Modal perfects
might for a suggested course of action
must have/can't have for assumptions
should (have) for expectation
will (have) for assumptions
would for habitual past actions

SENTENCES

Mixed conditionals
Inversion after *hardly, no sooner* etc
-ing/wh- clause as subject
Sentences with *wish* + *were/would/had*