Word List Detectives

Sort words using the Fry high-frequency word list.

5.2.A.v "identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

ON THE FRY LIST

These common words appear on the Fry high-frequency word list. You may see and read them often.

people

NOT ON THE FRY LIST

These words do not appear on the Fry high-frequency word list. They may still be useful words to know.

xylophone

1 SORT

8 items

Use the teacher-provided Fry list to check membership and circle ON LIST or NOT LISTED. Then actually read because, around, always and another to a teacher or partner; reread any word after support. Pick two words and explain how you checked each one.

1.	because	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
2.	around	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
3.	volcano	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
4.	always	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
5.	caterpillar	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
6.	juggle	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
7.	another	ON LIST	NOT LISTED
8.	marble	ON LIST	NOT LISTED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new ON LIST word and one new NOT LISTED word. Read your new ON LIST word to your teacher or partner.

ON LIST _____

NOT LISTED _____

CHALLENGE

Write one complete sentence that uses three ON LIST words. Underline the three words. Read your completed sentence to your teacher or partner.

ANSWER KEY # Word List Detectives

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	because	**ON LIST**	because appears on the Fry high-frequency word list.
2	around	**ON LIST**	around appears on the Fry high-frequency word list.
3	volcano	**NOT LISTED**	volcano does not appear on the Fry high-frequency word list.
4	always	**ON LIST**	always appears on the Fry high-frequency word list.
5	caterpillar	**NOT LISTED**	caterpillar does not appear on the Fry high-frequency word list.
6	juggle	**NOT LISTED**	juggle does not appear on the Fry high-frequency word list.
7	another	**ON LIST**	another appears on the Fry high-frequency word list.
8	marble	**NOT LISTED**	marble does not appear on the Fry high-frequency word list.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ON LIST**: family
- **NOT LISTED**: penguin

Challenge: We found water near the bridge.

Accept Part 2 explanations that state the student checked each chosen word against the Fry list. Part 3 answers may vary if the words are correctly checked against the same list. Before work, supply the same full Fry high-frequency list for all learners and verify the printed membership examples against that list. Require actual reading of because, around, always and another plus the new ON LIST word and sentence; record accurate reading/self-correction separately from membership judgments. Allow support after the attempt; no timed reading is required.