Word List Sleuths

Find words that appear often in Grade 2 reading.

2.2.B.vii "identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

LIST WORD

This word is on the Dolch Grade 2 high-frequency word list. Read it quickly because it appears often in books.

always

OTHER WORD

This word is not on the Dolch Grade 2 high-frequency word list. You may still see and read it.

pumpkin

1 SORT

8 items

Circle LIST or OTHER for each word, then choose two words and explain how you knew where they belong.

1. because — LIST OTHER
2. would — LIST OTHER
3. pencil — LIST OTHER
4. before — LIST OTHER
5. cookie — LIST OTHER
6. giraffe — LIST OTHER
7. which — LIST OTHER
8. their — LIST OTHER

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 LIST word and one new OTHER word.

LIST _____

OTHER _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both new words.

ANSWER KEY # Word List Sleuths

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	because	**LIST**	It is on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
2	would	**LIST**	It is on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
3	pencil	**OTHER**	It is not on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
4	before	**LIST**	It is on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
5	cookie	**OTHER**	It is not on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
6	giraffe	**OTHER**	It is not on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
7	which	**LIST**	It is on the Dolch Grade 2 list.
8	their	**LIST**	It is on the Dolch Grade 2 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)

- **LIST**: green
- **OTHER**: rocket

Challenge: The green rocket zoomed.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. LIST answers are because, would, before, which, and their. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly say whether each chosen word is on the Dolch Grade 2 list.