

Dyslexia Steps Free printable worksheets

Wh words worksheets

6 pages · 36 words on the full list · answer key on the last page

Name: Date:

For the grown-up: do one page a day, about 5 to 10 minutes. Read each instruction aloud, then let your child do the work. Praise careful tries, not speed. Scan the code at the bottom to hear every word and play the free listening game. Answers are on page 6.

1 Read and re-read

Read each word. Say the sounds, then the whole word. Tick a box each time you read it.

	1	2	3		1	2	3
what	☐	☐	☐	where	☐	☐	☐
while	☐	☐	☐	whale	☐	☐	☐
somewhere	☐	☐	☐	anywhere	☐	☐	☐
who	☐	☐	☐	whose	☐	☐	☐
when	☐	☐	☐	which	☐	☐	☐
white	☐	☐	☐	wheel	☐	☐	☐
nowhere	☐	☐	☐	everywhere	☐	☐	☐
whom	☐	☐	☐	whole	☐	☐	☐

Tip: read the list on three different days. By the third tick, most words should come quickly.

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2 Sound boxes

Say the word slowly. Write one sound in each box. Then read the word again.

Tip: push a coin or button into each box as you say each sound, then write. Some sounds are spelled with two or three letters (sh, ck, ee, igh): they share one box.

e a dotted box is a silent e: write e in it, it makes no sound.

why example — wh | y

whip

whiz

whim

wheat

whisk

whine

whirl

whiff

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3 Missing letters

Write the missing wh in each word. Then read the word.

Sound box: wh

1. ____ istle
   write it: _____
2. ____ isper
   write it: _____
3. ____ arf
   write it: _____
4. ____ inny
   write it: _____
5. ____ oosh
   write it: _____
6. ____ ittle
   write it: _____
7. ____ irlwind
   write it: _____
8. ____ eeze
   write it: _____
9. ____ imper
   write it: _____
10. ____ isker
    write it: _____

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Name: _____

4 Word sort

Read each word in the box. Write it under the heading where it belongs, then cross it out in the box.

everywhere whale white which
when wheel while nowhere
somewhere what where anywhere

Wh question words	Wh at the beginning	Wh inside longer words

Tip: read the heading word out loud first, then each word in the box. Do they sound alike?

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5 Read the sentences

Read each sentence out loud. Underline the wh words. Tick the box when you can read the sentence smoothly.

1. When is lunch? ☐
2. What is in the white box? ☐
3. Where is the whale? ☐
4. Why did the wheel stop? ☐
5. Which whisk is in the dish? ☐
6. Who can whistle a song? ☐
7. I whisper to my pet cat. ☐
8. Whose hat is on the wheel? ☐
9. The kitten has a white whisker. ☐

Great reading! You finished the pack.



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Answer key

For the grown-up. Check together and keep it light: a mistake shows which sound to practise next.

2. Sound boxes

1. **whip** wh | i | p
2. **whiz** wh | i | z
3. **whim** wh | i | m
4. **wheat** wh | ea | t
5. **whisk** wh | i | s | k
6. **whine** wh | i | n | (e)
7. **whirl** wh | ir | l
8. **whiff** wh | i | ff

(e) = silent e: written, not heard.

3. Missing letters

1. **whistle** — wh
2. **whisper** — wh
3. **wharf** — wh
4. **whinny** — wh
5. **whoosh** — wh
6. **whittle** — wh
7. **whirlwind** — wh
8. **wheeze** — wh
9. **whimper** — wh
10. **whisker** — wh

4. Word sort

Wh question words: what, when, where, which
Wh at the beginning: while, white, whale, wheel
Wh inside longer words: somewhere, nowhere, anywhere, everywhere

5. Underlined words

1. When
2. What, white
3. Where, whale
4. Why, wheel
5. Which, whisk
6. Who, whistle
7. whisper
8. Whose, wheel
9. white, whisker

Next step: words that were hard today go on tomorrow's re-read list. When the whole pack feels easy, move on to the next list at dyslexiasteps.com/digraphs/wh (see "Practise next").

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