



TEACHING CLUSTERS

The list below shows one way in which *Oxford Wordlist* words could be grouped for teaching. The list shows clusters of words that share letter patterns.

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and → hand » land

the

I

a

to → do » into

was

it → its » bit » hit

went

we → he » me » be » she

on → upon

in → win

is → his

had → bad » dad » sad

of

with

you

so → go » no

there → where

got → hot » lot » lots » not

but

like → likes » liked » bike

one

are

at → cat » cats » sat »
bat » rats

have → gave

that → them » this » their »
than » thank » they » then

when → what » why » white »
which » while

said

mum → mummy » yummy

day → days » play » played »
playing » say » stay »
stayed » way » today »
holiday » holidays »
birthday » yesterday »
away » always

or → for

her

because → use

saw → awesome

time → times

fun → run » running » sun

an → can » man » ran

love → loved

up

were → here » there

all → ball » football » small »
called

get → let » met » pet » pets » set

some → come » home

once

name → names » named » came »
game » games » same

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school → cool » pool

out → outside » house

very → every » everyone » everything

will → still

little → people » jungle » bubbles

big

did → kids

friend → friends

am

family

favourite

next

her → over » sister » brother » other » water » after » dinner » soccer » super » paper » later » another » together » under » number

back → black » kick » sick

from

best → forest

want → wanted

put

bed → red

made

your → four

eat → beach » teacher » read » reading » sea » team » tea » each » really

too → food » soon » zoo

night → might » light » right

make → cake » snake » take

happy → happily

him → swimming

first

down → how » cow » clown » town » now

as → has

park → dark » shark

baby

also

if

two

much

would → could

girl → first

our → found » around » playground » about

just

by → my » fly » flying

car → cars » farm » garden » party » started

long → going

more → before

ate

boy → toy » toys

know → show » snow » grow

door

new

shop → shops » shopping » top » stop

ice → nice

watch → watched » watching

morning → story

off

fish → wish

thing → things » something

old → cold » told

lot

yes

ever → never

again → rain » train » wait » rainbow

world → work

miss

took → look » looked » looking » book » books » wood » good

cute

great

woke

us → bus

won

inside → ride » side » hide » slide

movie → movies » lollies

lunch

scared

only

even

finally

room

country

walk → walked » walking

who → whole

place → face

breakfast

animal → animals

blue

story

bought → thought

fast → last

lost → most

help

beautiful

box

felt

read → head

sometimes

goes

funny

pretty

hair → fairy

until	→	evil
pink	→	think
dancing	→	amazing » having » coming » writing » riding (delete 'e' and add 'ing')
dear	→	hear » year » years
fire		
find	→	kind
hope		
second		
give	→	live » lived
class	→	grass
heard		
someone		
police		
scary		
life		
city		
excited		
tell	→	well » fell
finished		
buy		
asked		
any	→	many
with		
been	→	see » week » sleep » three » tree » trees » need » green » sheep » teeth » cheese » weekend » sleepover

eyes		
music		
left		
turned		
ago		
person	→	different
jump	→	jumped
opened		
died	→	tried
hungry		
crazy		
kick	→	sick
through		
met		
colour		
bag		
getting		
cage		
ten	→	end
money		
stuff		
built		
clothes		
half		

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Other useful clusters for teaching:

Abbreviation:

OK » TV » Mr

Apostrophe of possession:

dad's » friend's

Contraction:

it's » that's » let's » can't » didn't »
don't » couldn't » wasn't » I'm » I'll

Day of the week:

Sunday » Monday » Friday » Saturday

Exclamation:

hi » oh

Family (other than parents and siblings):

aunty » grandma » cousin » cousins

Fauna:

bear » bunny » chicken » fox »
guinea pig » kangaroo » monkey » pig »
pigs » puppy » rabbit » rabbits » spider »
tiger » wolf » dog » dogs » frog »
bird » birds

Food:

pizza » chocolate » fruit » egg » eggs »
chips » ice cream

Imaginative play:

castle » dragon » ghost » giant » king »
magic » monster » princess » robot »
unicorn » witch » doll