

**INFANTS LIST**

Words in this list were known by children who had just completed their third year of formal schooling in New South Wales but they were not known by pre-school children. The children ranged in age from 7;7 years to 8;11 years at the time they were assessed. Words and phrases in bold print are the known words. Phrases in normal print are provided to show the particular meanings known by the children in this group.

**abandon** – refugees  
**abandoned** their homes  
 - **abandon** her science project  
**ability** – the **ability** to help many people  
 - an artist with great **ability**  
**aboard** a train  
**about** – wander **about**  
**above** – a rainbow **above** the mountain  
**absence** – an **absence** of three days  
**academic** (not physical) skills  
**accelerate** in a car  
**accent** – an American **accent**  
**accept** a gift  
 - **accept** an apology  
**acceptable** behaviour  
**accommodation** (motel)  
**accord** – **of your own accord**  
**according** to him, it starts at midday  
**account** – please pay the **account**  
 - I have an **account** at the bookshop  
 - an **account** with that bank  
**accurate** measurement  
**ace** (a playing card)  
**acrobat**  
**act** – the first **act** of a play  
 - it's time to **get your act together**  
**action** – her **actions** helped everyone  
**active** volcano

**activity** – an **activity** to keep him busy  
**actor** in a movie  
**actual** – that's the **actual** diary which Captain Cook wrote  
**ad** on TV  
**adapt**  
**address** – what's your **address**?  
 - **address** the school assembly  
**adjust** the time on a clock  
**admire**  
**admit** his guilt  
**adopt** a child  
**adore**  
**advice** from my brother  
**advise** me  
**affect** – that hit **affected** the final score of the game  
**afford** a new bike  
**afloat** – can the company stay **afloat**?  
**afraid** – I'm **afraid** you are too late  
**after** – named **after** her grandmother  
**afterlife**  
**again and again**  
**age** – under **age** drinker  
 middle **age**  
 - weakening with **age**  
 - **act your age**  
**agency** – a real estate **agency**  
**aggressive**  
**agree** – he **agrees** with me  
**aid** – she gave **aid** to the injured people  
**aim** - my **aims** in life  
**airbag**  
**air force**  
**airmail**  
**air traffic control**  
**alarm** – he was **alarmed** when he saw the tiger  
**alert** – be **alert**  
 - **on the alert**  
**almighty** – an **almighty** effort  
**alphabetical** order  
**amount**  
**ancestor**  
**ancient**  
**Anglican Church**  
**anniversary**  
**announce**  
**answer** – **answer back**

**Antarctica**  
**antibiotic**  
**antiseptic** – use an **antiseptic**  
**anyhow** – I want it done **anyhow** (despite, for example, what has just been said)  
**anyway**  
**ANZAC**  
**apartment**  
**apparently**  
**appear** on a stage  
**applause** – **applause** at the end of a concert  
**apply** for a job  
**appropriate** behaviour  
**aquarium**  
**arctic**  
**area**  
**arena** – sports **arena**  
**arrange** items in a drawer  
**arrest** a robber  
**article** in the newspaper  
**artificial** flowers  
**artistic**  
**as if** I would know!  
**as well** – she went to Europe and Africa **as well**  
**ash**  
**ashamed**  
**ashtray**  
**ask** – you **asked for it**  
 - to **ask someone out**  
 - **if you ask me**  
**assembly**  
**assignment**  
**assist**  
**assistant**  
**asthma**  
**astonish**  
**astray**  
**athlete**  
**athletics**  
**atomic bomb**  
**attach**  
**attend** assembly  
**attitude** – a good **attitude** to work  
**attract**  
**autograph**  
**automatic** garage door  
**avoid**  
**aware**  
**awning**  
**backchat**