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av	dirt, soil	noun	1
cai	law, custom	noun	9
cas	how	question	9
cav	log	noun	9
cawv	alcoholic drink	noun	9.2
ceg	leg	noun	9
cem	to scold	verb	9
ces	then; so	conjunction	9
cev	body	noun	9
chaw	place	noun; classifier	19
chaws	see "chaw"		19
cia	to save; to keep	verb	9
coj	to lead; to wear a ring	verb	9
coob	many	adverb	9
cov	several	classifier	9
cuag	to reach, as much as	verb	9
cuaj	nine	numeral	9
cub	stove	noun	9
dab	part of "dab tsi" (what); spirit	noun	4
dabtsi	what	question	10
dag	to lie, to joke	verb	4
daim	thing that is flat	classifier	8.1
dav	wide	adjective	4
deb	far	adjective	4
deev	to encourage	verb	7.1
dej	water	noun	4
dev	dog	noun	4
dhau	past; exceed	adverb	17
dhia	to jump	verb	17
diav	spoon	noun	6.1

dig	to be blind	verb	4	hnub	sun; day	noun	22
dua	again	adverb	6.2	hnyav	heavy	adjective	22
es	and, so, then	conjunction	1	ho	then, later, and	conjunction	5
faib	to divide	verb	8.1	hu	to call	verb	5
feem	percentage, part	noun	7.1	hub	jar	noun	5
fwj	see "hwj" (bottle);			hwm	to respect, to honor	verb	5
	part of "fwj chim" (authority)		5	ib	one	numeral	1
ha	see "hav"		5	kab	line; insect	noun	5
hais	to speak, to say	verb	8.1	kaj	bright	adjective	5
haiv	kind, type	noun	8.1	kajzaub	vegetable	noun	8.2
hau	head	noun	8.2	kaum	ten	numeral	8.2
haujlwm	work	noun	8.2	kaus	tooth, horn	noun	8.2
haum			8.2	kav	to manage, to govern	verb	5
haus	to drink	verb	8.2	kawg	very much	emphatic	9.2
hauv	inside	prep	8.2	kawm	to study, to learn	verb	9.2
hav	valley, expanse	noun	5	ke	see "kev"		5
heev	very	adverb	7	kev	way, path	noun; classifier	5
hla	to cross	verb	21	khawb	to scratch, to dig	verb	17
hlau	iron	noun	21	khaws	to gather, to pick up	verb	17
hle	to remove, to take off	verb	21	khiav	to run	verb	17
hli	moon, month	noun	21	kho	to fix	verb	17
hlo		emphatic	21	khob	cup	noun	17
hlob	to grow; grown	verb, adjective	21	kib	to fry	verb	5
hloov	to change	verb	21	ko	handle; tail	noun	5
hluas	young, marriageable	adjective	21	koj	you singular	pronoun	5
hlub	to love, to care for	verb	21	kom	to cause; to effect	verb	5
hmluav	dented	adjective	23	kua	liquid, juice	noun	6.2
hmoo	luck, fortune	noun	21	kub	hot; gold	adjective, noun	5
Hmoob	Hmong	adjective, noun	21	kuj	also, consequently	conjunction	5
hnav	to wear	verb	22	kuv	I, me	pronoun	5
hneev	crossbow	noun	22	kwj-ha	river valley	noun	5

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kws	artisan (used with other	r words)	5	lub	thing with mass;		
kwv	young brother	noun	5		abstract idea	classifier	3
kwvtij	cousins (young brother,			luj	elbow, heel	noun	3
	old brother)	noun	5	lus	word, language	noun	3
lag	to be deaf; part of	<b>l</b>	2	lwm	other, next	adjective	3
1 •	"lag luam" (business)	verb, noun	3	mam	then, consequently	conjunction	4
laj	to be tired of; part of "sab laj" (confer),			mas	and then	conjunction	4
	"laj kab" (fence)	verb, noun	3	me	small	adjective	4
lam	to do hapazardly	verb	3	mentsis	little	adjective	
laug	see "laus"		8.2	menyuam	child	noun	15
laus	old; adult	adjective, noun	8.2	mis	breast; mis nyuj (milk)	noun	4
lawm	completed action	co-verb	9.2	mis-nyuj	milk	noun	15
lawv	they; to follow	pronoun; verb	9.2	mis-tov			4
leeg	Moob Leeg (also			mloog	to listen	verb	22
	known as Moob Ntsuab Green Hmong	, noun	7.1	mob	to be sick, to hurt	verb	4
leej	G	classifier	7.1	moo	news	noun	7.2
lees	person vein, tendon		7.1	mos	soft, tender	adjective	4
	•	noun		mov	cooked rice	noun	4
li 1:	as, like	conjunction	3	muab	to give, to place, to put	verb	6.2
li no	like this	- 12 - 42	3 6.1	muag	face; to sell	noun, verb	6.2
liab 	red; monkey	adjective, noun		muaj	to have	verb	6.2
licas	how, why	question	9	mus	to go	verb	4
lig 	late	adjective	3	nas	mouse	noun	7
lis	see "lis"	1 40	3	ncaj	straight	adjective	14
lo	word	classifier	3	ncauj	mouth	noun	14
loj	big	adjective	3	ncaws	to nod the head,		
loo	part of "qoob loo" (crops)	noun	7.2		to peck, to kick	verb	14
los	to come home	verb	3	nce	to climb	verb	14
lossis	or	conjunction	6	ncho	to smoke	verb	24
lov	eh?, right?	question	3	neeg	person	noun	7.1
_	they; the others	•	6.2	neej	person and estate;		
luag luai	mey, me official	pronoun	6.2		txiv neej (man)	noun	7.1
luaj		emphatic	U.£				

neejtsa	maternal relatives	noun	10	ntaub	cloth	noun	13
niaj	each	adjective	7	ntaus	to hit	verb	13
niam	mother, wife, female	noun	7	ntawd	see "ntawm"		13
nkag	to enter, to understand	verb	12	ntawm	there, that	locative	13
nkauj	pretty	adjective	12	ntawv	paper, book	noun	13
nkaus	plenty, much	adverb	12	ntej	before (time, location);		
nkees	weak	adjective	12		ahead	locative	13
no	this; here	adjective	7	ntev	long	adjective	13
noj	to eat	verb	7	nthuav	to open	verb	24
nom	official	noun	7	nto	to extend to,	aula	10
noob	seed	noun	7.2		to spread out	verb	13 13
noog	bird	noun	7.2	ntoo	wood; tree	noun	13
npaum	equal to, as much as		12	ntse	sharp, smart	adjective	
npe	name	noun	12	ntseeg	to believe	verb	13
nphob	dirty	adjective	24	ntses	fish	noun	13
nplhaib	finger ring	noun	24	ntsev	salt	noun	13
nplij	to console, to soothe	verb	24	ntshai	to fear; maybe	verb	25
nplog	Lao (slang)		24	ntshav	blood; to bleed	noun, verb	25
nplooj	leaf	noun	24	ntshaw	to envy	verb	25
npua	pig	noun	12	ntsia	to gaze at, to stare; nail	verb, noun	13
nqaij	meat; flesh	noun	16	ntsim	peppery, stinging	adjective	13
nqhis	to be thirsty	verb	24	ntsis	end	noun	13
nquag	energetic	adjective	16	ntug	shore, bank	noun	13
nram	below, downhill	locative	14	ntuj	sky, heaven	noun	13
nrees	tightly	adverb	14	ntxhais	daughter	noun	25
nrhiav	to look for	verb	24	ntxhov	early	adverb	25
nrog	with; accompanying	conjunction	14	ntxias	to deceive, to hoax	verb	13
nroj	weed	noun	14	nug	to ask	verb	7
nrov	to sound; loud	v, adj	14	nws	he/she/it	pronoun	7
nruab	middle, between	prep	14	nyab	son's wife	noun	15
ntau	many, much	adverb	13	nyem	part of "txom nyem" (poor)		15

nyiaj	silver; money	verb	15	poob	to fall	verb	7.2
nyiam	to like	verb	15	pov	to throw, to toss	verb	4
nyob	to be at; to live	verb	15	puab	all over, close to		6.2
nyog	part of "tsim nyog"		4 50	puag	to hug	verb	6.2
_	(appropriate)		15	puas	hundred	noun	6.2
nyuj	cow	noun	15	pub	to put, to give, to feed	verb	4
ob	two	numeral	1	pw	to sleep	verb	4
pa	breath	noun	4	qab	delicious; back	adjective	8
pab	to help; group	verb; classifier	4	qabzib	delicious	adjective	8
paj	flower	noun	4	qaib	chicken	noun	8.1
paub	to know	verb	8.2	qaum	back	prep	8.2
pawg	group	noun; classifier	9.2	qe	egg	noun	8
peb	we (more than two); three	nnonouni		qhev	slave, servant	noun	18
	unee	pronoun; numeral	4	qhia	to teach, to tell	verb	18
pem	down there	locative	4	qhiav	ginger	noun	18
phaj	flat plate, generation	noun	17	qhov	hole; thing	noun; classifier	18
pheej	repeatedly	adverb	17	qhua	those people of a		
phem	bad, spoiled	adjective	17	_	different clan	_	18
piamthaj	sugar	noun	17	qhuas	to admire, to praise	verb	18
piv	to explain	verb	4	qhuav	dry	adjective	18
plab	stomach	noun	20	qoob	crops	noun	8
plaub	four	numeral	20	quas	to come in between	verb	8
plawv	heart, center	noun	20	quav	to crave; excrement	verb, noun	8
plhaub qes	egg shell	noun	29	rab	thing that is a tool, instrument	classifier	8
plob	to hunt	verb	20	wa	to; for		8.2
ploj	to disappear	verb	20	rau	to be afflicted with;	prep	0.2
pluag	poor	adjective	20	raug	affected by	verb	8.2
pob	ball, lump	noun	4	rauqhov	because	conjunction	8.2
poj	female	noun	4	raws	to follow	verb	9.2
pojniam	wife, woman	noun	7	rho	to pull out	verb	18
pom	to see	verb	4	riam	knife	noun	8

rog	war	noun	8	taug	to follow a path	verb	8.2
roj	fat, oil	noun	8	taum	beans	noun	8.2
roob	mountain	noun	8	taus	axe	noun	8.2
rooj	door	noun	8	taw	see "taws" (foot)	noun	9.2
rov	return	co-verb	8	tawg	skin; to break	noun, verb	9.2
ruaj	steady, firm	adjective	8	tawm	to come out from	verb	9.2
ruam	stupid	adjective	8	taws	foot	noun	9.2
sab	sab	noun	6	tawv	tough	adjective	9.2
saib	to watch	verb	8.1	teb	to answer; land	verb, noun	2
sau	to write	verb	8.2	tebchaws	country	noun	19
saum	on	prep	8.2	teev	to weigh	verb	7.1
saumno	up here	locative	8.2	tej	those	classifier,	
sawv	to get up	verb	9.2			pronoun	2
sawvdaws	everyone	pronoun	9.2	tejno	these		7
si	part of "ua si" (play)		6	tes	hand	noun	2
siab	high, tall; heart (liver)	adjective, noun	6.1	thaum	when	conjunction	17
siav	to ripen; ripe, done	v, adj	6.1	thawj	leader	noun	17
sib	light; reflexive			thawm			17
	(each other)	adjective; co-verb	6	thev	to endure	verb	17
sim	period of time		6	thiab	and	conjunction	17
sis	see "sib"	co-verb	6	thiaj	so that; consequently	conjunction	17
siv	to use	verb	6	thuam	to criticize	verb	17
so	to rest	verb	6	tiag	finally; to finish	adv, v	6.1
sov	warm	adjective	6	tiaj	field	noun	6.1
suab	sound	noun	6.2	tiam	generation	noun	6.1
suav	Chinese, outsider	adjective, noun	6.2	tias	that after verbs of		0.1
swb	to give in to	verb	6	-	speech, thought	conjunction	6.1
tabsis	but	conjunction	6	tiav	to finish	verb	6.1
tag	see "tas"		2	tij	older brother	noun	2
tam	part of "tam sim" (now)		2	tim	over there	prep	2
tas	to finish, complete	verb; co-verb	2	to	to pierce	verb	2
tau	get; completed action	verb; co-verb	8.2	toj	mountain top	noun	2

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tom	to bite; down there	verb; locative	2	tu	to clean,		
tomntej	future	noun	13		to take care of	verb	2
tsa	to set up, to raise	verb	10	tua	to kill	verb	6.2
tsam	soon; to expand	adv, v	10	tuag	to be dead	verb	6.2
tsav	to drive	verb	10	tuaj	to come to a place not home	verb	6.2
tsawg	few; part of "pes tsawg" (how many)		10	tuam	largest, greatest, eldest	adjective	6.2
tsaws	to set down	verb	10	tuav	to hold, to pound	verb	6.2
tseem	still	adverb	10	tub	son	noun	2
tseg	to discard	verb	10	tub-nkeeg	lazy person	noun	12
tsev	house	noun	10	tub-sab	thief	noun	6
tshaib	to be hungry	verb	19	tub-se	children	noun	6
tshaj	to add	verb	19	tug	see "tus"		2
tsheej	completed	adverb	19	tus	long thing; living thing	classifier	2
tshiab	new	adjective	19	twb	indeed	adverb	2
tshuaj	medicine	noun	19	twg	which?	question	2
tsi	see "tsis"		10	txais	to receive, to get	verb	11
tsiaj	animal	noun	10	txaus	enough	adjective	11
tsib	five	numeral	10	txawj	to be able; skillful	v;adj	11
tsim	to create; worth, value,			txawm	then, and so	conjunction	11
	honor	verb, noun	10	txeeb	to snatch away	verb	11
tsis	not, no	negative	10	txhab	storehouse	noun	19
tsiv	to change countries	verb	10	txhais	to translate; arm	verb, noun	19
tso	to release; to let	verb	10	txhaum	sin, wrong, error	noun	19
tsov	tiger	noun	10	txhawj	to worry	verb	19
tsuag	bland	adjective	10	txhia	each, every	adjective	19
tsuas	just	adverb	10	txhiaj	then, consequently	conjunction	19
tsuj	to trample	verb	10	txhob	don't	co-verb	19
tsum	part of "yuav tsum"		4.0	txhom	to catch hold of	verb	19
	(must)		10	txhua	every	adjective	19
tswv	host, master, "tswv yim" (idea)	noun	10	txi	to offer	verb	11
	J (2000)			txiag	see "txias" (cool)	adjective	11

txij	since	conjunction	11
txiv	male, man, father; fruit	noun; classifier	11
txob	peppery	adjective	11
txog	to reach; arrive at; to	v; prep	11
txoj	thing	classifier	11
txom	part of "txom nyem" (poor)		11
txujci	knowledge	noun	11
ua	to do, to make	verb	6.2
uas	that; who; which	conjunction	6.2
ub	way over there	locative	1
vam	to trust, to hope, to rely on	verb	6
vammeej	to progress, to get ahead	verb	7.1
vim	because; so that	conjunction	6
xa	to send	verb	6
xaiv	to choose	verb	8.1
xav	to think; to want; to wish	verb	6
xeem	clan name	noun	7.1
xov	thread; news	noun	6
xuas	to take hold of, to make use of	verb	6.2
xus			6
xwb	only, surely, just	adverb	6
xws	like, as	conjunction	6
xyeej	free time	noun	15
xyoo	year	noun	15
xyuas	to practice	verb	15
yaj	sheep	noun	7
yam	thing; kind	noun	7

yau	young	adjective	8.2
yav			7
yeej	win; always	verb	7.1
yeem	to consent; mark	verb, noun	7.1
yib	to be satisfied with settlement	verb	7
yim	eight	numeral	7
yog	to be right; yes	verb	7
yoojyim	easy	adjective	7.2
yuav	to need; to buy; will (future)	v	7
yug	to raise	verb	7
yus	one; a person	pronoun	7
zais	to hide	verb	8.1
zaj	dragon; story	noun; classifier	7
zaub	leafy vegetable	noun	8.2
zaubmov	food	noun	8.2
zaum	to sit	verb	8.2
ze	close	adjective	7
zeb	rock	noun	7
zog	strength	noun	7
<b>Z00</b>	good	adjective	7.2
zoov	forest	noun	7.2

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## Kawm Nyeem Ntawy Hmoob (Hmong Literacy Development Materials)

## Field-Test Application

The Southeast Asia Community Resource Center has, with the support of the Central Valley Foundation, developed a reproducible set of materials for teaching older children and adult Hmong-speakers to read and write White Hmong. We are looking for instructors to field-test the final draft materials and help us with corrections and suggestions. We want to know if the materials work. We will ask you to provide us with information so we can evaluate the materials.

We will send you a binder of materials that can be reproduced on a copy machine. For the field-test, we will send you enough copies for the your class of students. To make additional copies, you will need access to a copy machine. Materials will also be available for printing or downloading from a website.

The materials are designed for students who have already learned to read English or another language. Students aged 9 or above should be able to handle the quick pace and patterns. Instructors should have taught Hmong literacy before or have learned to teach reading and writing in another language. Instructors will have to develop lessons and procedures based on the materials. Classes could be one-to-one, small group, or large group. Classes might be held after school, during summer school, in Saturday schools, in someone's house, in a church.... Anywhere. Classes should be scheduled for at least 30 sessions, each about an hour, over a period of three or four months. We would encourage instructors to meet together or communicate frequently via email.

We will send you the following:

Primer (76 pages)
Instructor's Guide

Reproducible blending word cards (425 high frequency words by level)

Reproducible word cards (425 high frequency words by level) Glossary (425 high frequency words with English meanings)

Level 1 Reader: Os Level 3 Reader: Tus Luj Level 5 Reader: Kub Mes-es Level 7 Reader: Ob Lub Pobzeb

Level 9 Reader: Tus Dev Qus Thiab Tus Uablag

Level 11 Reader: Tus Txivneej, Tus Nab Level 13 Reader: Cov Ntsaum, Tus Kooj

Level 15 Reader: Tus Dev Nyob Hauv Lub Dabzaub Nyuj

Level 17 Reader: Luav Thiab Vaubkib

Level 19 Reader: Vaubkib Thiab Ob Tus Haumvag Level 21 Reader: Tus Hma Hnav Yav aj Cev Plaub

Level 23 Reader: Ob Kwvtij Hma Level 25 Reader: Qav Tswvyim Ntau Level 2 Reader: Tus Tub
Level 4 Reader: Ob Tug Dev
Level 6 Reader: Miv Xav Sim
Level 8 Reader: Cov Tub, Cov Qav
Level 10 Reader: Tus Tsov, Tus Nas

Level 12 Reader: Qaib Sib Tog

Level 14 Reader: Poj Qaib Nteg Tau Qe Kub

Level 16 Reader: Poj Qaib Nguag

Level 18 Reader: Tus Dev Thiab Nws Tus Duab Level 20 Reader: Tus Piv Thiab Tus Uablag

Level 22 Reader: Lub Hnub Thiab Cua Qaum Teb

Level 24 Reader: Nquab Nqhis Dej

Please send me a set of Hmong literacy development materials for field-testing.						
Instructor 's name:						
Mailing address (street, city, sta	ate, zip)					
Phone	En	nail				
Hmong dialect:	W	here was Hmong literacy learned?_				
Instructor's teaching experience (mark one or more):  Presently a credentialled teacher in public schools.  Formerly a teacher in another country (						
Students: First initial, Clan name	Gender and age	Has been to school in Laos?	Has been to school in US?			
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