

These most commonly used words are ranked by frequency. The first 25 make up about one-third of all printed material in English. The first 100 make up about one-half of all written material, and the first 300 make up about sixty-five percent of all written material in English.

THE FIRST 100 COMMONLY USED ENGLISH WORDS

1. the	21. at	41. there	61. some	81. my
2. of	22. be	42. use	62. her	82. than
3. and	23. this	43. an	63. would	83. first
4. a	24. have	44. each	64. make	84. water
5. to	25. from	45. which	65. like	85. been
6. in	26. or	46. she	66. him	86. call
7. is	27. one	47. do	67. into	87. who
8. you	28. had	48. how	68. time	88. oil
9. that	29. by	49. their	69. has	89. its
10. it	30. word	50. if	70. look	90. now
11. he	31. but	51. will	71. two	91. find
12. was	32. not	52. up	72. more	92. long
13. for	33. what	53. other	73. write	93. down
14. on	34. all	54. about	74. go	94. day
15. are	35. were	55. out	75. see	95. did
16. as	36. we	56. many	76. number	96. get
17. with	37. when	57. then	77. no	97. come
18. his	38. your	58. them	78. way	98. made
19. they	39. can	59. these	79. could	99. may
20. I	40. said	60. so	80. people	100. part

THE SECOND 100 COMMONLY USED ENGLISH WORDS

101. over	121. name	141. boy	161. such	181. change
102. new	122. good	142. follow	162. because	182. off
103. sound	123. sentence	143. came	163. turn	183. play
104. take	124. man	144. want	164. here	184. spell
105. only	125. think	145. show	165. why	185. air
106. little	126. say	146. also	166. ask	186. away
107. work	127. great	147. around	167. went	187. animal
108. know	128. where	148. form	168. men	188. house
109. place	129. help	149. three	169. read	189. point
110. year	130. through	150. small	170. need	190. page
111. live	131. much	151. set	171. land	191. letter
112. me	132. before	152. put	172. different	192. mother
113. back	133. line	153. end	173. home	193. answer

114. give	134. right	154. does	174. us	194. found
115. most	135. too	155. another	175. move	195. study
116. very	136. mean	156. well	176. try	196. still
117. after	137. old	157. large	177. kind	197. learn
118. thing	138. any	158. must	178. hand	198. should
119. our	139. same	159. big	179. picture	199. America
120. just	140. tell	160. even	180. again	200. world

#### THE THIRD 100 COMMONLY USED ENGLISH WORDS

201. high	221. light	241. life	261. sea	281. watch
202. every	222. thought	242. always	262. began	282. far
203. near	223. head	243. those	263. grow	283. Indian
204. add	224. under	244. both	264. took	284. really
205. food	225. story	245. paper	265. river	285. almost
206. between	226. saw	246. together	266. four	286. let
207. own	227. left	247. got	267. carry	287. above
208. below	228. don't	248. group	268. state	288. girl
209. country	229. few	249. often	269. once	289. sometimes
210. plant	230. while	250. run	270. book	290. mountain
211. last	231. along	251. important	271. hear	291. cut
212. school	232. might	252. until	272. stop	292. young
213. father	233. close	253. children	273. without	293. talk
214. keep	234. something	254. side	274. second	294. soon
215. tree	235. seem	255. feet	275. later	295. list
216. never	236. next	256. car	276. miss	296. song
217. start	237. hard	257. mile	277. idea	297. being
218. city	238. open	258. night	278. enough	298. leave
219. earth	239. example	259. walk	279. eat	299. family
220. eye	240. begin	260. white	280. face	300. it's

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