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The 500 Most Commonly Used Words in the English Language

Based on the combined results of British English, American English and Australian English surveys of contemporary sources in English: newspapers, magazines, books, TV, radio and real life conversations - the language as it is written and spoken today.

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Rank	Word	Rank	Word	Rank	Word	Rank	Word
1	the	126	name	251	open	376	ten
2	of	127	very	252	seem	377	simple
3	to	128	through	253	together	378	several
4	and	129	just	254	next	379	vowel
5	а	130	form	255	white	380	toward
6	in	131	much	256	children	381	war
7	is	132	great	257	begin	382	lay
8	it	133	think	258	got	383	against
9	you	134	say	259	walk	384	pattern
10	that	135	help	260	example	385	slow
11	he	136	low	261	ease	386	center
12	was	137	line	262	paper	387	love
13	for	138	before	263	often	388	person
14	on	139	turn	264	always	389	money
15	are	140	cause	265	music	390	serve
16	with	141	same	266	those	391	appear
17	as	142	mean	267	both	392	road
18	I	143	differ	268	mark	393	map
19	his	144	move	269	book	394	science
20	they	145	right	270	letter	395	rule
21	be	146	boy	271	until	396	govern
22	at	147	old	272	mile	397	pull
23	one	148	too	273	river	398	cold
24	have	149	does	274	car	399	notice
25	this	150	tell	275	feet	400	voice
26	from	151	sentence	276	care	401	fall
27	or	152	set	277	second	402	power
28	had	153	three	278	group	403	town

29	by	154	want	279	carry	404	fine
30	hot	155	air 	280	took	405	certain
31	but	156	well	281	rain	406	fly
32	some	157	also	282	eat	407	unit
33	what	158	play 	283	room	408	lead
34	there	159	small	284	friend	409	cry
35	we	160	end	285	began	410	dark
36	can	161	put	286	idea	411	machine
37	out	162	home	287	fish	412	note
38	other	163	read	288	mountain	413	wait
39	were	164	hand	289	north	414	plan
40	all	165	port	290	once	415	figure
41	your	166	large	291	base	416	star
42	when	167	spell	292	hear	417	box
43	up	168	add	293	horse	418	noun
44	use	169	even	294	cut	419	field
45	word	170	land	295	sure	420	rest
46	how	171	here	296	watch	421	correct
47	said	172	must	297	color	422	able
48	an	173	big	298	face	423	pound
49	each	174	high	299	wood	424	done
50	she	175	such	300	main	425	beauty
51	which	176	follow	301	enough	426	drive
52	do	177	act	302	plain	427	stood
53	their	178	why	303	girl	428	contain
54	time	179	ask	304	usual	429	front
55	if	180	men	305	young	430	teach
56	will	181	change	306	ready	431	week
57	way	182	went	307	above	432	final
58	about	183	light	308	ever	433	gave
59	many	184	kind	309	red	434	green
60	then	185	off	310	list	435	oh
61	them	186	need	311	though	436	quick
62	would	187	house	312	feel	437	develop
63	write	188	picture	313	talk	438	sleep
64	like	189	try	314	bird	439	warm
65	so	190	us	315	soon	440	free
66	these	191	again	316	body	441	minute
67	her	192	animal	317	dog	442	strong
68	long	193	point	318	family	443	special
69	make	194	mother	319	direct	444	mind
70	thing	195	world	320	pose	445	behind
71	see	196	near	321	leave	446	clear
72	him	197	build	322	song	447	tail
73	two	198	self	323	measure	448	produce
74	has	199	earth	324	state	449	fact
75	look	200	father	325	product	450	street
76	more	201	head	326	black	451	inch
77	day	202	stand	327	short	452	lot
78	could	203	own	328	numeral	453	nothing
79	go	204	page				_

80	come	205	should	329	class	454	course
81	did	206	country	330	wind	455	stay
82	my	207	found	331	question	456	wheel
83	sound	208	answer	332	happen	457	full
84	no	209	school	333	complete	458	force
85	most	210	grow	334	ship	459	blue
86	number	211	study	335	area	460	object
87	who	212	still	336	half	461	decide
88	over	213	learn	337	rock	462	surface
89	know	214	plant	338	order	463	deep
90	water	215	cover	339	fire	464	moon
91	than	216	food	340	south	465	island
92	call	217	sun	341	problem	466	foot
93	first	218	four	342	piece	467	yet
94	people	219	thought	343	told	468	busy
95	may	220	let	344	knew	469	test
96	down	221	keep	345	pass	470	record
97	side	222	eye	346	farm	471	boat
98	been	223	never	347	top	472	common
99	now	224	last	348	whole	473	gold
100	find	225	door	349	king	474	possible
101	any	226	between	350	size	475	plane
102	new	227	city	351	heard	476	age
102	work	228	tree	352	best	477	dry
103	part	229	cross	353	hour	478	wonder
105	take	230	since	354	better	479	laugh
106	get	231	hard	355	true .	480	thousand
107	place	232	start	356	during	481	ago
108	made	232	might	357	hundred	482	ran
109	live	234	story	358	am	483	check
110	where	235	-	359	remember	484	game
			saw	360	step	485	shape
111	after	236	far	361	early	486	yes
112	back	237	sea	362	hold	487	hot
113	little	238	draw	363	west	488	miss
114	only	239 240	left	364	ground	489	brought
115	round		late	365	interest	490	heat
116	man	241	run	366	reach	491	snow
117	year	242	don't	367	fast	492	bed
118	came	243	while	368	five	493	bring
119	show	244	press	369	sing	494	sit
120	every	245	close	370	listen	495	perhaps
121	good	246	night	371	six	496	fill
122	me	247	real	371 372	table	490 497	east
123	give	248	life	372 373		497 498	
124	our	249	few	373 374	travel less	498 499	weight
125	under	250	stop				language
				375	morning	500	among

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