



Core & High Frequency Words

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The words in this word bank are listed in the order of their frequency of use in everyday writing. Since “the” is the most frequently used word in our language, its number is one in the word bank. The first 25 words are used in 33% of everyday writing, the first 100 words appear in 50% of adult and student writing, and the first 1,000 words are used in 89% of everyday writing.

Core Words

The core words are divided by grade levels. They provide a foundation for each grade level's spelling exploration and are a springboard for the study of hundreds of additional words.

Grade K	word frequencies 1-25
Grade 1	word frequencies 26-100
Grade 2	word frequencies 101-200
Grade 3	word frequencies 201-325
Grade 4	word frequencies 326-450
Grade 5	word frequencies 451-600
Grade 6	word frequencies 601-800
Grade 7	word frequencies 801-1000
Grade 8	word frequencies 1001-1200

High Frequency Words

Due to their high frequency, our goal is for students to spell the following words correctly in their everyday writing. These high frequency words are taken from the list of core words. While teachers will work with students to hold them accountable to these high frequency words, please help your child to spell them correctly in their everyday writing.

Grade 1	words 1-25	Grade 5	words 1-150
Grade 2	words 1-50	Grade 6	words 1-250
Grade 3	words 1-75	Grade 7	words 1-400
Grade 4	words 1-100	Grade 8	words 1-600

Word Bank

1200 High-Frequency Writing Words

Level 1

1 the	17 with	34 were
2 of	18 his	35 when
3 and	19 they	36 we
4 a	20 at	37 there
5 to	21 be	38 can
6 in	22 this	39 an
7 is	23 from	40 your
8 you	24 I	41 which
9 that	25 have	42 their
10 it	26 or	43 said
11 he	27 by	44 if
12 for	28 one	45 do
13 was	29 had	46 will
14 on	30 not	47 each
15 are	31 but	48 about
16 as	32 what	
	33 all	

Level 2

49	how	65	two	82	over
50	up	66	like	83	did
51	out	67	him	84	down
52	them	68	see	85	only
53	then	69	time	86	way
54	she	70	could	87	find
55	many	71	no	88	use
56	some	72	make	89	may
57	so	73	than	90	water
58	these	74	first	91	long
59	would	75	been	92	little
60	other	76	its	93	very
61	into	77	who	94	after
62	has	78	now	95	words
63	more	79	people	96	called
64	her	80	my		
		81	made		

Level 3

97	just	113	any	130	even
98	where	114	day	131	place
99	most	115	same	132	well
100	know	116	right	133	such
101	get	117	look	134	here
102	through	118	think	135	take
103	back	119	also	136	why
104	much	120	around	137	help
105	go	121	another	138	put
106	good	122	came	139	different
107	new	123	come	140	away
108	write	124	work	141	again
109	our	125	three	142	off
110	me	126	must	143	went
111	man	127	because	144	old
112	too	128	does		
		129	part		

Level 4

145	number	161	line	178	something
146	great	162	set	179	thought
147	tell	163	own	180	both
148	men	164	under	181	few
149	say	165	read	182	those
150	small	166	last	183	always
151	every	167	never	184	show
152	found	168	use	185	large
153	still	169	left	186	often
154	between	170	end	187	together
155	mane	171	along	188	asked
156	should	172	while	189	house
157	home	173	might	190	don't
158	big	174	next	191	world
159	give	175	sound	192	going
160	air	176	below		
		177	saw		

Level 5

193	want	209	enough	226	mother
194	school	210	took	227	light
195	important	211	four	228	country
196	until	212	head	229	father
197	form	213	above	230	let
198	food	214	kind	231	night
199	keep	215	began	232	picture
200	children	216	almost	233	being
201	feet	217	live	234	study
202	land	218	page	235	second
203	side	219	got	236	soon
204	without	220	earth	237	story
205	boy	221	need	238	since
206	once	222	far	239	white
207	animal	223	hand	240	ever
208	life	224	high		
		225	year		

Level 6

241	paper	257	sun	274	play
242	hard	258	thing	275	toward
243	near	259	whole	276	five
244	sentence	260	hear	277	himself
245	better	261	example	278	usually
246	best	262	heard	279	money
247	across	263	several	280	seen
248	during	264	change	281	didn't
249	today	265	answer	282	car
250	however	266	room	283	morning
251	sure	267	sea	284	I'm
252	knew	268	against	285	body
253	it's	269	top	286	upon
254	try	270	turned	287	family
255	told	271	learn	288	later
256	young	272	point		
		273	city		

Level 7

289	turn	305	United States	322	ago
290	move	306	run	323	sad
291	face	307	book	324	early
292	door	308	gave	325	I'll
293	cut	309	order	326	learned
294	done	310	open	327	brought
295	group	311	ground	328	close
296	true	312	cold	329	nothing
297	half	313	really	330	though
298	red	314	table	331	idea
299	fish	315	remember	332	before
300	plants	316	tree	333	lived
301	living	317	course	334	became
302	black	318	front	335	add
303	eat	319	American	336	become
304	short	320	space		
		321	inside		

Level 8

337	grow	353	certain	370	hold
338	draw	354	six	371	state
339	yet	355	feel	372	list
340	less	356	fire	373	stood
341	wind	357	ready	374	hundred
342	behind	358	green	375	ten
343	cannot	359	yes	376	fast
344	letter	360	built	377	felt
345	among	361	special	378	kept
346	able	362	ran	379	notice
347	dog	363	full	380	can't
348	shown	364	town	381	strong
349	mean	365	complete	382	voice
350	English	366	oh	383	probably
351	rest	367	person	384	area
352	perhaps	368	hot		
		369	anything		

Level 9

385	horse	401	round	418	animals
386	matter	402	dark	419	mind
387	stand	403	past	420	outside
388	box	404	ball	421	power
389	start	405	girl	422	problem
390	that's	406	road	423	longer
391	class	407	blue	424	winter
392	piece	408	instead	425	deep
393	surface	409	either	426	heavy
394	river	410	held	427	carefully
395	common	411	already	428	follow
396	stop	412	warm	429	beautiful
397	am	413	gone	430	everyone
398	talk	414	finally	431	leave
399	whether	415	summer	432	everything
400	fine	416	understand		
		417	moon		

Level 10

433	game	449	distance	466	pattern
434	system	450	although	467	sky
435	bring	451	sat	468	walked
436	watch	452	possible	469	main
437	shell	453	heart	470	someone
438	dry	454	real	471	center
439	within	455	simple	472	field
440	floor	456	snow	473	stay
441	ice	457	rain	474	itself
442	ship	458	suddenly	475	boat
443	themselves	459	easy	476	question
444	begin	460	leaves	477	wide
445	fact	461	lay	478	least
446	third	462	size	479	tiny
447	quite	463	wild	480	hour
448	carry	464	weather		
		465	miss		

Level 11

481	happened	497	map	514	lost
482	foot	498	friend	515	spring
483	care	499	language	516	travel
484	low	500	job	517	wrote
485	else	501	music	518	farm
486	gold	502	buy	519	circle
487	build	503	window	520	whose
488	glass	504	mark	521	correct
489	rock	505	heat	522	bed
490	tall	506	grew	523	measure
491	alone	507	listen	524	straight
492	bottom	508	ask	525	base
493	check	509	single	526	mountain
494	reading	510	clear	527	caught
495	fall	511	energy	528	hair
496	poor	512	week		
		513	explain		

Level 12

529	bird	545	rather	562	street
530	wood	546	length	563	couldn't
531	color	547	speed	564	reason
532	war	548	machine	565	difference
533	fly	549	information	566	maybe
534	yourself	550	except	567	history
535	seem	551	figure	568	mouth
536	thus	552	you're	569	middle
537	square	553	free	570	step
538	moment	554	fell	571	child
539	teacher	555	suppose	572	strange
540	happy	556	natural	573	wish
541	bright	557	ocean	574	soil
542	sent	558	government	575	human
543	present	559	baby	576	trip
544	plan	560	grass		
		561	plane		

Level 13

577	woman	593	fun	610	meet
578	eye	594	catch	611	record
579	milk	595	business	612	copy
580	choose	596	reach	613	forest
581	north	597	lot	614	especially
582	seven	598	won't	615	necessary
583	famous	599	case	616	he's
584	late	600	speak	617	unit
585	pay	601	shape	618	flat
586	sleep	602	eight	619	direction
587	iron	603	edge	620	south
588	trouble	604	soft	621	subject
589	store	605	village	622	skin
590	beside	606	object	623	wasn't
591	oil	607	age	624	I've
592	modern	608	minute		
		609	wall		

Level 14

625	yellow	641	material	658	garden
626	party	642	isn't	659	led
627	force	643	thousand	660	note
628	test	644	sign	661	various
629	bad	645	guess	662	race
630	temperature	646	forward	663	bit
631	pair	647	huge	664	result
632	ahead	648	ride	665	brother
633	wrong	649	region	666	addition
634	practice	650	north	667	doesn't
635	sand	651	period	668	dead
636	tail	652	blood	669	weight
637	wait	653	rich	670	thin
638	difficult	654	team	671	stone
639	general	655	corner	672	hit
640	cover	656	cat		
		657	amount		

Level 15

673	wife	689	meant	706	similar
674	island	690	broken	707	return
675	we'll	691	interest	708	corn
676	opposite	692	chance	709	decide
677	born	693	thick	710	position
678	sense	694	sight	711	bear
679	cattle	695	pretty	712	hope
680	million	696	train	713	song
681	anyone	697	fresh	714	engine
682	rule	698	drive	715	board
683	science	699	lead	716	control
684	afraid	700	break	717	spread
685	women	701	sit	718	evening
686	produce	702	bought	719	brown
687	pull	703	radio	720	clean
688	son	704	method		
		705	king		

Level 16

721	wouldn't	737	hole	754	west
722	section	738	coast	755	glad
723	spent	739	cross	756	action
724	ring	740	sharp	757	pass
725	teeth	741	fight	758	type
726	quiet	742	capital	759	attention
727	ancient	743	fill	760	gas
728	stick	744	deal	761	kitchen
729	afternoon	745	busy	762	pick
730	silver	746	beyond	763	scale
731	nose	747	send	764	basic
732	century	748	love	765	happen
733	therefore	749	cool	766	safe
734	level	750	cause	767	grown
735	you'll	751	please	768	cost
736	death	752	meat		
		753	lady		

Level 17

769	wear	785	row	802	wire
770	act	786	contain	803	rose
771	hat	787	fit	804	cotton
772	arm	788	equal	805	spoke
773	believe	789	value	806	rope
774	major	790	yard	807	fear
775	gray	791	beat	808	shore
776	wonder	792	inch	809	throughout
777	include	793	sugar	810	compare
778	describe	794	key	811	movement
779	electric	795	product	812	exercise
780	sold	796	desert	813	bread
781	visit	797	bank	814	process
782	sheep	798	farther	815	nature
783	I'd	799	won	816	apart
784	office	800	total		
		801	sell		

Level 18

817	path	833	dinner	850	neither
818	careful	834	hurt	851	met
819	narrow	835	spend	852	wheel
820	mental	836	experiment	853	none
821	nine	837	touch	854	hill
822	useful	838	drop	855	television
823	public	839	chair	856	bill
824	according	840	east	857	solve
825	steel	841	separate	858	pressure
826	salt	842	truck	859	report
827	speech	843	sing	860	farmer
828	forth	844	column	861	count
829	nation	845	twice	862	trade
830	knowledge	846	particular	863	chief
831	appear	847	shop	864	month
832	ate	848	unless		
		849	spot		

Level 19

865	clothes	881	final	898	paid
866	doctor	882	rise	899	motion
867	indeed	883	loud	900	myself
868	dance	884	fair	901	divide
869	church	885	herself	902	supply
870	original	886	slow	903	laid
871	enjoy	887	noise	904	dear
872	string	888	statement	905	surprise
873	sister	889	hungry	906	gun
874	familiar	890	join	907	entire
875	onto	891	tube	908	fruit
876	imagine	892	rode	909	crowd
877	blow	893	empty	910	band
878	quick	894	twenty	911	wet
879	law	895	broke	912	solid
880	lie	896	nice		
		897	effect		

Level 20

913	northern	929	flew	946	bag
914	flower	930	finger	947	proud
915	star	931	expect	948	neck
916	feed	932	army	949	breath
917	wooden	933	cabin	950	strength
918	sort	934	camp	951	member
919	develop	935	danger	952	twelve
920	shoulder	936	purpose	953	mine
921	variety	937	breakfast	954	company
922	season	938	proper	955	current
923	share	939	coat	956	pound
924	jump	940	push	957	valley
925	regular	941	express	958	double
926	represent	942	shot	959	till
927	market	943	angry	960	match
928	we're	944	southern		
		945	dress		

Level 21

961	average	977	oxygen	994	steam
962	die	978	poem	995	guide
963	liquid	979	solution	996	discover
964	alive	980	burn	997	plain
965	stream	981	cent	998	usual
966	provide	982	electricity	999	seat
967	drink	983	everybody	1000	accept
968	experience	984	rate	1001	police
969	future	985	dust	1002	consider
970	tomorrow	986	worth	1003	dozen
971	drove	987	community	1004	baseball
972	population	988	captain	1005	rubber
973	finish	989	bus	1006	symbol
974	station	990	protect	1007	support
975	shook	991	cook	1008	exactly
976	stage	992	raise		
		993	further		

Level 22

1009	industry	1025	hospital	1042	structure
1010	they're	1026	remain	1043	height
1011	beneath	1027	service	1044	observe
1012	laugh	1028	Increase	1045	indicate
1013	groceries	1029	students	1046	railroad
1014	popular	1030	insects	1047	knife
1015	thank	1031	address	1048	married
1016	quarter	1032	sincerely	1049	suggested
1017	climbed	1033	dollars	1050	entered
1018	continue	1034	belong	1051	magazine
1019	potatoes	1035	bottle	1052	agree
1020	receive	1036	flight	1053	fifty
1021	design	1037	forget	1054	escape
1022	president	1038	bicycle	1055	threw
1023	charge	1039	secret	1056	planet
1024	mistake	1040	soldier		
		1041	silent		

Level 23

1057	dangerous	1073	newspaper	1090	dictionary
1058	event	1074	actually	1091	ordinary
1059	leader	1075	employee	1092	extra
1060	peace	1076	review	1093	rough
1061	spelling	1077	convince	1094	library
1062	chapter	1078	allowed	1095	condition
1063	swimming	1079	nobody	1096	arrived
1064	opportunity	1080	details	1097	located
1065	immediately	1081	muscles	1098	program
1066	favorite	1082	model	1099	pencil
1067	settled	1083	climate	1100	tongue
1068	telephone	1084	coffee	1101	title
1069	repeat	1085	whenever	1102	enemy
1070	prepare	1086	serious	1103	garage
1071	instance	1087	angle	1104	lose
1072	avenue	1088	feather		
		1089	determined		

Level 24

1105	vegetable	1121	recognize	1138	available
1106	parents	1122	frequently	1139	college
1107	style	1123	character	1140	furniture
1108	education	1124	personal	1141	leather
1109	required	1125	disappear	1142	husband
1110	political	1126	success	1143	principal
1111	daughter	1127	traffic	1144	medicine
1112	individual	1128	yesterday	1145	excellent
1113	progress	1129	situation	1146	operation
1114	altogether	1130	realize	1147	council
1115	activities	1131	message	1148	author
1116	article	1132	recently	1149	organize
1117	equipment	1133	account	1150	concern
1118	discuss	1134	physical	1151	barbecue
1119	healthy	1135	neighbor	1152	accident
1120	perfect	1136	excited		
		1137	whisper		

Level 25

1153	disease	1169	couple	1186	balance
1154	construction	1170	function	1187	ability
1155	motor	1171	connect	1188	arrange
1156	affect	1172	project	1189	rhythm
1157	conversation	1173	pronounce	1190	avoid
1158	evidence	1174	offered	1191	daily
1159	citizen	1175	apply	1192	identity
1160	environment	1176	improve	1193	standard
1161	influence	1177	stomach	1194	combine
1162	cancel	1178	collect	1195	attached
1163	audience	1179	prevent	1196	frighten
1164	apartment	1180	courage	1197	social
1165	worse	1181	occur	1198	factory
1166	transportation	1182	foreign	1199	license
1167	frozen	1183	quality	1200	recommend
1168	waste	1184	terrible		
		1185	instrument		