

The 100 Most Used Words in the English Language

Dear Parents, These are the 100 words most often used in written language. **They are listed in order of how often they are used.** *It is critical that your child learn to recognize these words by sight, as the huge majority of them do not decode properly.* Please keep and use this list to help your child learn these words. Some suggestions ... make flashcards, do repeated timed readings, break the words into different lists, put them in sentences, etc. **The standard is to be able to read them correctly in two minutes.**

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