

## 100 Critical Elementary Spelling Words

again  
are  
bought  
come  
does  
eight  
father  
friend  
group  
kind  
listen  
most  
off  
once  
people  
right  
edge  
eyes  
four  
was

sign  
stretch  
there  
through  
usually  
watch  
where  
work  
wrote  
although  
become  
catch  
could  
door  
enough  
few  
great  
island  
learn  
two

from  
have  
knew  
live  
mother  
often  
one  
picture  
said  
snow  
sure  
they  
to  
walk  
water  
who  
measure  
night  
on  
what

world  
you  
answer  
been  
climbed  
country  
do  
earth  
example  
find  
give  
heard  
know  
many  
move  
old  
other  
quickly  
should  
word

only  
piece  
science  
some  
talk  
thought  
today  
want  
were  
women  
would  
young  
any  
both  
color  
straight  
their  
thought  
write  
your

## First Hundred English Words

The first 25 words make up about one third of all printed material. The first 100 words make up about one half of all printed materials.

### Words 1-25

the  
of  
and  
a  
to  
in  
is  
you  
that  
it  
he  
was  
for  
on  
are  
as

with  
his  
they  
I  
at  
be  
this  
have  
from

### Words 26-100

or  
one  
had  
by  
word  
but  
not  
what  
all

were  
we  
when  
you  
can  
said  
there  
use  
an  
will  
up  
other  
about  
out  
many  
then  
them  
these  
so  
some

her  
would  
make  
like  
him  
into  
time  
has  
look  
two  
more  
write  
go  
see  
number  
no  
way  
could  
people  
my

than  
first  
water  
been  
call  
who  
oil  
its  
now  
find  
long  
down  
day  
did  
get  
come  
made  
may  
part

## Troublesome Homophones for Developing Writers

pear/pair  
ate/eight  
creek/creak  
bizarre/bazaar  
bolder/boulder  
gait/gate  
brake/break  
allowed/aloud  
which/witch

aunt/ant  
cent/scent/sent  
son/sun  
hair/hare  
close/clothes  
conch/conk  
dear/deer  
flew/flu/flue  
tic/tick

foul/fowl  
gene/jean  
groan/grown  
vary/very  
would/wood  
tease/tees  
hole/whole  
hour/our  
load/lode

nose/knows  
principal/principle  
scene/seen  
straight/strait  
rap/wrap  
warn/worn  
right/write/rite