Table 1. Twenty-three words with cognate class sizes of four or more among the Eurasiatic language families

Cognate I-E Half-life 1.000s Frequency Part of

Meaning	class size*	rate [†]	of years	of use [‡]	speech
Thou	7	0.064	10.83	2,524	Pronoun
1	6	0.009	77	4,332	Pronoun
Not	5	0.082	8.45	7,602	Adverb
That	5	0.188	3.69	5,846	Adjective
We	5	0.037	18.73	2,956	Pronoun
To give	5	0.076	9.12	1,606	Verb

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3.18

10.04

2.05

5.25

2.74

2.94

2.95

8.45

3.96

1.71

3.62

2.04

1.82

2.62

3.38

3.19

*Defined as the number (of seven) of Eurasiatic language families that are

1,172

11,185

3,058

2,800

1,459

746

717

680

658

398

279

135

91

49

23

23

21

Pronoun

Adjective

Adverb

Noun

Pronoun

Adjective

Noun

Verb

Noun

Noun

Verb

Adjective

Verb

Noun

Noun

Verb

Noun

Who

This

Ye

Old

Mother

To hear

Hand

To pull

To flow

Black

Bark

Ashes

To spit

Worm

Fire

What

Man/male

5

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

4

0.009

0.218

0.069

0.338

0.132

0.253

0.236

0.235

0.082

0.175

0.453

0.191

0.34

0.379

0.265

0.204

0.216