The first 12 key words make up 1/4 of those we speak, read and write (pink). The next 20 words (yellow) make up 1/8 of those we use, and with an additional 68 words (green), and a total of just 100. Those hundred words make up ½ of those used in everyday life. Out of a vocabulary of 20,000, it is clear that mastering the first 300 words gives your child a headstart.

(Ladybird)

Key words to reading, writing and spelling key to colours

**Pink:**

a

and

he

l

in

is

it

of

that

the

to

was

**Yellow:**

all

are

as

at

be

but

for

had

have

him

his

not

on

one

said

so

they

we

with

you

**Green:**

about

an

back

been

before

big

by

call

came

can

come

could

did

do

down

first

from

get

go

has

her

here

if

into

just

like

little

look

made

make

me

more

much

must

my

new

no

now

off

old

only

or

other

our

out

over

right

see

she

some

their

them

then

there

this

two

up

want

well

went

were

what

when

where

which

who

will

your

**Blue**:

after

again

always

am

another

apple

any

ask

away

baby

bad

bag

ball

because

bed

best

bird

black

blue

book

box

boy

bring

bus

car

cat

children

cow

cup

day

dinner

dog

doll

don’t

door

eat

egg

end

every

farm

fast

father

fell

find

fish

five

fly

found

four

fun

gave

girl

give

going

good

got

green

hand

hat

head

help

hill

home

horse

house

how

jam

jump

keep

know

last

left

letter

let

live

long

man

many

may

men

milk

money

morning

mother

Mr

Mrs

name

never

next

night

nothing

white

why

once

open

own

picture

pig

place

play

put

rabbit

ran

read

red

road

room

round

run

sat

saw

say

school

sea

shop

should

sing

sister

sit

soon

stop

street

sun

table

take

tea

tell

than

these

think

thing

three

time

today

too

top

toy

train

tree

under

us

very

walk

water

white

why

wish

woman

work

would

year

yea

**Purple**:

afternoon

boat

brother

buy

CAFE

cake

cap

chair

Christmas

CLOSED

Daddy

DANGER

dear

draw

drink

ENTRANCE

EXIT

fire

flowers

game

hot

ink

learn

lost

love

mummy

nice

o’clock

pen

pencil

please

POLICE

PRIVATE

PULL

PUSH

Queen

rain

seat

SLOW

station

sweets

talk

thank

those

use

van

wet

window

write