

## High Frequency Word List

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### **r (initial)**

race, 103, 29  
radio, 120, 2  
ran, 134, 28  
range, 160, 8  
rate, 209, 39  
rather, 373, 3  
reach, 106, 20  
reaction, 124, 0  
read, 178, 28  
reading, 140, 1  
ready, 143, 6  
real, 260, 16  
really, 275, 4  
reason, 241, 6  
recent, 179, 1  
record, 137, 2  
red, 197, 29  
remember, 138, 0  
report, 174, 4  
research, 171, 0  
respect, 125, 0  
responsibility, 118, 0  
rest, 164, 20  
result, 244, 0  
return, 180, 1  
right/write, 727, 35  
rise, 102, 21  
river, 165, 4  
road, 237, 29  
role, 139, 34  
room, 384, 23  
run, 212, 26  
running, 123, 1  
wrote, 181, 35

### **er (final)**

after, 1070, 5  
another, 683, 0  
answer, 152, 3  
better, 414, 8  
center, 226, 9  
character, 118, 0  
consider, 127, 0  
corner, 115, 2  
during, 585, 2  
either, 284, 4  
ever, 345, 6  
father, 183, 6  
former, 131, 2  
further, 218, 3  
her, 3037, 22  
however, 552, 1  
latter, 114, 21  
letter, 145, 13  
longer, 193, 2  
lower, 123, 16  
manner, 129, 10  
matter, 308, 16  
member, 137, 1  
mother, 216, 4  
neither, 141, 2  
never, 698, 4  
number, 472, 3  
officer, 101, 1  
order, 376, 5  
other, 1702, 5  
over, 1236, 10  
paper, 157, 9  
per, 371, 19

power, 342, 9  
rather, 373, 3  
remember, 138, 0  
river, 165, 4  
summer, 134, 7  
sure, 264, 9  
together, 267, 0  
under, 707, 4  
water, 442, 3  
weather, 355, 6  
whatever, 112, 0

### **ar (all)**

are, 4459, 19  
army, 132, 4  
art, 208, 13  
car, 274, 24  
charge, 122, 8  
dark, 185, 10  
far, 427, 18  
farm, 125, 6  
hard, 202, 18  
hardly, 106, 1  
heart, 186, 16  
large, 361, 7  
march, 120, 11  
market, 155, 1  
part, 500, 17  
party, 216, 5  
start, 154, 7

### **ire (all)**

fire, 187, 22

### **ear (all)**

appear, 118, 2  
clear, 219, 9  
experience, 276, 0  
fear, 127, 31  
hear, 903, 30  
material, 174, 1  
near, 198, 25  
period, 265, 1  
series, 130, 1  
serious, 116, 1  
spirit, 182, 1  
theory, 129, 7  
year, 660, 18

### **rl (all)**

early, 366, 10  
girl, 220, 16  
world, 787, 5

### **air (all)**

air, 266, 30  
American, 569, 0  
area, 323, 4  
care, 162, 23  
hair, 149, 24  
military, 212, 0  
necessary, 222, 0  
secretary, 191, 1  
square, 143, 3  
their/there 5394, 17  
therefore, 206, 0  
various, 201, 2  
vary, 830, 10  
where, 938, 7

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### or (all)

before, 1016, 0  
board, 239, 16  
born, 121, 14  
coarse, 475, 16  
core, 146, 36  
corner, 115, 2  
court, 230, 17  
for, 9855, 33  
force, 230, 16  
form, 370, 15  
former, 131, 2  
forth, 145, 9  
forward, 115, 0  
hoarse, 122, 11  
importance, 108, 0  
more, 2216, 29  
morning, 219, 0  
nor, 195, 28  
normal, 136, 3  
north, 206, 4  
or, 4210, 32  
order, 376, 5  
organization, 127, 0  
original, 103, 0  
performance, 122, 0  
poor, 124, 31  
record, 137, 2  
report, 174, 4  
short, 212, 10  
sort, 164, 14  
story, 153, 5  
support, 180, 2  
therefore, 206, 0  
war, 529, 29

your, 925, 19

### r-blends

across, 282, 2  
bring, 158, 8  
British, 118, 0  
brought, 253, 10  
brown, 176, 10  
congress, 152, 0  
country, 324, 0  
degree, 125, 3  
district, 135, 1  
drive, 105, 9  
free, 260, 17  
freedom, 128, 0  
french, 139, 4  
friend, 133, 5  
from, 4369, 5  
front, 221, 5  
grate, 668, 21  
green, 116, 13  
ground, 186, 5  
group, 390, 11  
growth, 155, 6  
hundred, 171, 0  
increase, 195, 0  
present, 377, 3  
president, 382, 0  
press, 127, 6  
pressure, 185, 0  
pretty, 107, 4  
price, 108, 10  
principal, 201, 0  
private, 191, 1  
probably, 261, 0

problem, 313, 0  
process, 196, 0  
production, 148, 0  
professional, 105, 1  
progress, 120, 0  
property, 156, 1  
provide, 216, 0  
secretary, 191, 1  
spring, 127, 5  
straight, 119, 8  
street, 244, 6  
strength, 136, 0  
stress, 107, 2  
strong, 202, 3  
three, 610, 9  
threw, 1015, 10  
throughout, 141, 0  
trade, 143, 13  
trial, 134, 10  
tried, 170, 16  
trouble, 134, 5  
true, 231, 18  
truth, 126, 5  
try, 140, 19

### s (initial)

c/sea/see, 997, 40  
cell, 106, 26  
cent, 309, 22  
center, 226, 9  
central, 164, 3  
century, 207, 2  
certain, 313, 4  
cite, 157, 28  
city, 393, 7

said, 1961, 21  
same, 686, 21  
sat, 150, 32  
saw, 352, 23  
say, 504, 37  
scene, 385, 29  
science, 131, 1  
seam, 238, 22  
season, 105, 3  
second, 373, 0  
secretary, 191, 1  
section, 189, 2  
sense, 311, 13  
series, 130, 1  
serious, 116, 1  
serve, 107, 14  
service, 315, 2  
set, 414, 32  
seven, 113, 2  
several, 377, 1  
side, 380, 23  
similar, 157, 2  
simple, 161, 6  
since, 628, 8  
single, 172, 6  
situation, 196, 0  
six, 220, 8  
size, 138, 12  
small, 542, 5  
so, 1990, 29  
social, 380, 0  
society, 237, 0  
some, 1662, 23  
something, 450, 0  
son, 278, 26

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soon, 199, 24  
sort, 164, 14  
sound, 204, 10  
south, 240, 5  
southern, 137, 0  
subject, 161, 0  
such, 1303, 12  
summer, 134, 7  
sundae, 101, 2  
supply, 102, 1  
support, 180, 2  
surface, 200, 2  
system, 416, 0

### s (medial)

also, 1069, 1  
analysis, 108, 0  
answer, 152, 3  
association, 132, 0  
basic, 171, 0  
basis, 184, 1  
consider, 127, 0  
council, 120, 2  
except, 181, 2  
fiscal, 116, 1  
force, 230, 16  
herself, 125, 1  
inside, 174, 4  
myself, 129, 1  
necessary, 222, 0  
officer, 101, 1  
person, 175, 4  
personal, 196, 1  
policy, 222, 0  
possible, 373, 0

principal, 201, 0  
purpose, 149, 0  
question, 257, 0  
recent, 179, 1  
research, 171, 0  
society, 237, 0  
system, 416, 0  
university, 214, 0

### s (final)

across, 282, 2  
analysis, 108, 0  
audience, 115, 0  
basis, 184, 1  
business, 392, 0  
case, 362, 22  
chance, 131, 9  
choice, 113, 3  
class, 207, 12  
close, 234, 6  
coarse, 475, 16  
congress, 152, 0  
defense, 167, 2  
difference, 148, 1  
distance, 108, 0  
else, 176, 6  
evidence, 204, 0  
existence, 107, 0  
experience, 276, 0  
face, 371, 21  
force, 230, 16  
hoarse, 122, 11  
house, 591, 7  
importance, 108, 0  
increase, 195, 0

influence, 132, 0  
its, 1858, 1  
justice, 114, 0  
less, 438, 24  
mass, 110, 26  
miss, 258, 23  
office, 255, 3  
once, 499, 4  
peace, 327, 19  
performance, 122, 0  
perhaps, 307, 0  
place, 571, 7  
police, 155, 1  
press, 127, 6  
price, 108, 10  
process, 196, 0  
progress, 120, 0  
purpose, 149, 0  
race, 103, 29  
religious, 165, 2  
s, 135, 21  
science, 131, 1  
sense, 311, 13  
serious, 116, 1  
service, 315, 2  
since, 628, 8  
six, 220, 8  
space, 184, 6  
stress, 107, 2  
surface, 200, 2  
tax, 197, 9  
this, 5146, 4  
thus, 312, 6  
unless, 101, 0  
us, 672, 10

various, 201, 2  
voice, 226, 7  
yes, 144, 9

### s-blends

against, 626, 0  
almost, 432, 0  
ask, 128, 8  
best, 351, 23  
cost, 229, 5  
district, 135, 1  
east, 183, 8  
first, 1360, 9  
history, 286, 1  
hospital, 110, 0  
instead, 173, 1  
interest, 330, 1  
its, 1858, 1  
itself, 304, 0  
just, 872, 12  
justice, 114, 0  
last, 676, 14  
least, 343, 12  
list, 133, 19  
lost, 173, 9  
most, 1160, 13  
must, 1013, 16  
outside, 210, 2  
past, 281, 17  
respect, 125, 0  
responsibility, 118, 0  
rest, 164, 20  
school, 492, 8  
space, 184, 6  
speak, 110, 11

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special, 250, 2  
specific, 115, 1  
spent, 104, 3  
spirit, 182, 1  
spring, 127, 5  
square, 143, 3  
staff, 113, 5  
stage, 174, 11  
stand, 148, 3  
standard, 110, 0  
start, 154, 7  
state, 808, 16  
station, 105, 2  
stay, 113, 17  
step, 131, 6  
still, 782, 17  
stock, 147, 12  
stood, 212, 4  
stop, 120, 11  
story, 153, 5  
straight, 119, 8  
street, 244, 6  
strength, 136, 0  
stress, 107, 2  
strong, 202, 3  
student, 131, 0  
study, 246, 6  
test, 119, 18  
understand, 137, 0  
west, 235, 19  
western, 137, 0

**theta (initial)**  
theory, 129, 7  
thing, 333, 11

think, 433, 13  
third, 190, 7  
thought, 515, 11  
three, 610, 9  
threw/through, 1015, 10  
throughout, 141, 0

**theta (medial)**  
method, 142, 0  
nothing, 412, 0  
something, 450, 0  
without, 583, 0

**theta (final)**  
both, 730, 13  
death, 277, 10  
earth, 150, 12  
faith, 111, 11  
forth, 145, 9  
growth, 155, 6  
health, 105, 7  
length, 116, 0  
month, 130, 2  
mouth, 103, 7  
north, 206, 4  
south, 240, 5  
strength, 136, 0  
teeth, 103, 12  
truth, 126, 5  
with, 7289, 13

**eth (all)**  
another, 683, 0  
either, 284, 4  
father, 183, 6

further, 218, 3  
mother, 216, 4  
neither, 141, 2  
other, 1702, 5  
rather, 373, 3  
southern, 137, 0  
than, 1789, 12  
that, 10595, 14  
the, 69971, 7  
their/there, 5394, 17  
them, 1789, 5  
themselves, 270, 0  
then, 1377, 17  
therefore, 206, 0  
these, 1573, 9  
they, 3618, 20  
this, 5146, 4  
those, 850, 9  
though, 442, 20  
thus, 312, 6  
together, 267, 0  
weather, 355, 6

**esh (initial)**  
shall, 267, 13  
she, 2859, 31  
shone, 171, 22  
short, 212, 10  
shot, 112, 23  
should, 888, 10  
show, 287, 23  
sure, 264, 9

**esh (medial)**  
action, 291, 3

addition, 142, 5  
additional, 120, 1  
association, 132, 0  
commission, 103, 1  
education, 214, 0  
function, 113, 2  
information, 269, 0  
international, 155, 0  
issue, 152, 3  
machine, 103, 0  
nation, 139, 1  
national, 375, 0  
operation, 113, 0  
organization, 127, 0  
population, 136, 1  
position, 241, 4  
pressure, 185, 0  
production, 148, 0  
professional, 105, 1  
reaction, 124, 0  
section, 189, 2  
situation, 196, 0  
social, 380, 0  
special, 250, 2  
station, 105, 2

**esh (final)**  
British, 118, 0  
English, 195, 0  
wish, 110, 13

**j (initial)**  
general, 497, 1  
j, 139, 22  
job, 238, 19

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just, 872, 12  
justice, 114, 0

### **j (medial)**

education, 214, 0  
individual, 239, 0  
major, 247, 4  
original, 103, 0  
subject, 161, 0

### **j (final)**

age, 227, 16  
average, 130, 0  
change, 240, 3  
charge, 122, 8  
college, 267, 3  
image, 119, 4  
knowledge, 145, 2  
language, 109, 1  
large, 361, 7  
range, 160, 8  
stage, 174, 11

### **ch (initial)**

chance, 131, 9  
change, 240, 3  
charge, 122, 8  
chief, 119, 12  
child, 213, 4  
children, 355, 0  
choice, 113, 3

### **ch (medial)**

action, 291, 3  
actual, 100, 2

actually, 166, 1  
attention, 179, 2  
future, 227, 0  
natural, 156, 2  
nature, 191, 3

### **ch (final)**

approach, 123, 0  
each, 877, 14  
french, 139, 4  
march, 120, 11  
much, 937, 17  
reach, 106, 20  
research, 171, 0  
such, 1303, 12  
which, 3562, 11

### **l (initial)**

labor, 149, 7  
lack, 110, 38  
land, 217, 14  
language, 109, 1  
large, 361, 7  
last, 676, 14  
late, 179, 32  
latter, 114, 21  
law, 299, 24  
lay, 139, 35  
lead, 261, 31  
learned, 117, 4  
least, 343, 12  
leave, 205, 26  
left, 480, 11  
length, 116, 0  
less, 438, 24

let, 384, 30  
letter, 145, 13  
level, 213, 6  
life, 715, 20  
light, 333, 35  
like, 1290, 26  
likely, 151, 1  
limited, 106, 0  
line, 298, 32  
list, 133, 19  
literature, 133, 0  
little, 831, 6  
live, 177, 15  
living, 194, 1  
local, 288, 2  
long, 755, 13  
longer, 193, 2  
look, 399, 17  
lost, 173, 9  
lot, 127, 31  
love, 232, 11  
low, 196, 35  
lower, 123, 16

### **l (medial)**

almost, 432, 0  
alone, 195, 7  
along, 355, 2  
already, 273, 0  
also, 1069, 1  
always, 458, 0  
analysis, 108, 0  
available, 245, 0  
believe, 200, 2  
college, 267, 3

color, 141, 8  
daily, 122, 9  
island, 167, 0  
knowledge, 145, 2  
military, 212, 0  
million, 204, 0  
only, 1747, 0  
police, 155, 1  
policy, 222, 0  
population, 136, 1  
public, 438, 1  
quality, 114, 1  
unless, 101, 0  
value, 200, 0  
volume, 135, 0

### **l (final)**

all, 3001, 25  
ball, 110, 24  
bill, 143, 35  
call, 188, 26  
cell, 106, 26  
deal, 142, 29  
fall, 147, 26  
feel, 216, 30  
full, 230, 15  
hall, 157, 23  
hole, 367, 31  
hotel, 126, 1  
pool, 111, 18  
role, 139, 34  
school, 492, 8  
shall, 267, 13  
small, 542, 5  
still, 782, 17

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tell, 268, 21  
until, 461, 0  
wall, 160, 23  
well, 897, 31  
while, 680, 8  
will, 2244, 34

### **l-blends**

black, 203, 10  
blew, 155, 12  
blood, 121, 7  
class, 207, 12  
clay, 100, 10  
clear, 219, 9  
close, 234, 6  
club, 145, 4  
floor, 158, 6  
place, 571, 7  
plain, 162, 10  
plan, 205, 8  
plant, 125, 8  
play, 200, 16

### **k (initial)**

call, 188, 26  
came, 622, 24  
can, 1772, 35  
cannot, 258, 1  
cant, 170, 18  
car, 274, 24  
care, 162, 23  
case, 362, 22  
cause, 130, 10  
character, 118, 0  
class, 207, 12

clay, 100, 10  
clear, 219, 9  
close, 234, 6  
club, 145, 4  
coarse, 475, 16  
cold, 171, 15  
college, 267, 3  
color, 141, 8  
come, 630, 22  
coming, 174, 2  
common, 223, 3  
company, 290, 0  
congress, 152, 0  
core, 146, 36  
corner, 115, 2  
cost, 229, 5  
could, 1599, 11  
country, 324, 0  
couple, 122, 4  
court, 230, 17  
cut, 192, 25  
keep, 264, 21  
kept, 186, 3  
kind, 313, 7

### **k (medial)**

because, 883, 0  
become, 361, 1  
doctor, 100, 0  
income, 109, 0  
likely, 151, 1  
market, 155, 1  
particular, 179, 0  
physical, 138, 2  
record, 137, 2

second, 373, 0  
working, 151, 0

### **k (final)**

ask, 128, 8  
back, 967, 32  
basic, 171, 0  
black, 203, 10  
book, 193, 18  
lack, 110, 38  
like, 1290, 26  
look, 399, 17  
make, 794, 25  
music, 216, 0  
speak, 110, 11  
specific, 115, 1  
stock, 147, 12  
take, 611, 25  
talk, 154, 23  
think, 433, 13  
took, 426, 18  
walk, 100, 15  
weak, 307, 22  
work, 760, 20

### **g (initial)**

game, 123, 20  
gave, 285, 18  
get, 750, 21  
girl, 220, 16  
give, 391, 7  
given, 377, 1  
go, 626, 26  
going, 399, 1  
gone, 195, 17

good, 807, 12  
got, 482, 26  
government, 417, 0  
grate, 668, 21  
green, 116, 13  
ground, 186, 5  
group, 390, 11

### **g (medial)**

again, 578, 0  
against, 626, 0  
ago, 246, 3  
degree, 125, 3  
figure, 209, 0  
together, 267, 0

### **g (final)**

big, 360, 20

### **z (initial)**

None found

### **z (medial)**

business, 392, 0  
design, 114, 2  
easy, 125, 4  
music, 216, 0  
physical, 138, 2  
present, 377, 3  
president, 382, 0  
season, 105, 3  
visit, 109, 1

### **z (final)**

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always, 458, 0  
as, 7250, 13  
because, 883, 0  
business, 392, 0  
cause, 130, 10  
does, 485, 16  
has, 2439, 20  
his, 6997, 17  
is, 10099, 13  
needs, 152, 3  
news, 102, 16  
rise, 102, 21  
series, 130, 1  
size, 138, 12  
themselves, 270, 0  
these, 1573, 9  
those, 850, 9  
times, 300, 1  
use, 589, 13  
was, 9816, 1  
whose, 252, 16

### **f (initial)**

face, 371, 21  
fact, 447, 6  
faith, 111, 11  
fall, 147, 26  
family, 331, 0  
far, 427, 18  
farm, 125, 6  
father, 183, 6  
fear, 127, 31  
feat, 289, 24  
federal, 246, 0  
feed, 123, 19

feel, 216, 30  
felt, 358, 13  
few, 601, 12  
field, 274, 9  
figure, 209, 0  
final, 156, 6  
finally, 191, 2  
find, 399, 12  
fine, 161, 28  
fire, 187, 22  
firm, 109, 13  
first, 1360, 9  
fiscal, 116, 1  
five, 286, 12  
floor, 158, 6  
food, 147, 11  
for, 9855, 33  
force, 230, 16  
foreign, 158, 2  
form, 370, 15  
former, 131, 2  
forth, 145, 9  
forward, 115, 0  
found, 536, 14  
free, 260, 17  
freedom, 128, 0  
french, 139, 4  
friend, 133, 5  
from, 4369, 5  
front, 221, 5  
full, 230, 15  
function, 113, 2  
further, 218, 3  
future, 227, 0  
physical, 138, 2

### **f (medial)**

after, 1070, 5  
afternoon, 106, 0  
beautiful, 127, 0  
before, 1016, 0  
defense, 167, 2  
difference, 148, 1  
difficult, 161, 0  
effect, 213, 3  
influence, 132, 0  
information, 269, 0  
office, 255, 3  
officer, 101, 1  
often, 368, 4  
performance, 122, 0  
professional, 105, 1  
specific, 115, 1  
surface, 200, 2

### **f (final)**

chief, 119, 12  
enough, 430, 1  
half, 275, 18  
herself, 125, 1  
himself, 603, 0  
if, 2199, 13  
itself, 304, 0  
life, 715, 20  
myself, 129, 1  
off, 639, 12  
staff, 113, 5  
wife, 228, 15

### **v (initial)**

value, 200, 0  
various, 201, 2  
vary, 830, 10  
view, 186, 6  
visit, 109, 1  
voice, 226, 7  
volume, 135, 0

### **v (medial)**

activity, 116, 0  
available, 245, 0  
average, 130, 0  
division, 107, 0  
even, 1171, 2  
evening, 133, 0  
ever, 345, 6  
every, 491, 2  
evidence, 204, 0  
given, 377, 1  
government, 417, 0  
having, 279, 2  
heavy, 110, 3  
however, 552, 1  
individual, 239, 0  
level, 213, 6  
living, 194, 1  
never, 698, 4  
over, 1236, 10  
private, 191, 1  
provide, 216, 0  
river, 165, 4  
service, 315, 2  
seven, 113, 2  
several, 377, 1  
university, 214, 0

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whatever, 112, 0

### **v (final)**

above, 296, 1

believe, 200, 2

drive, 105, 9

five, 286, 12

gave, 285, 18

give, 391, 7

have, 3941, 17

leave, 205, 26

live, 177, 15

love, 232, 11

move, 171, 8

of, 36411, 4

serve, 107, 14

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