

## The 100 Most Common Words

Tony Buzan, in his book 'Using your Memory', points out that just 100 words comprise 50% of all words used in conversation in a language. Learning this core 100 words gets you a long way towards being able to speak in that language, albeit at a basic level. The 100 basic words used in conversation are shown below:

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. A/an       | 2. After      | 3. Again      | 4. All       | 5. Almost     |
| 6. Also       | 7. Always     | 8. And        | 9. Because   | 10. Before    |
| 11. Big       | 12. But       | 13. (I) can   | 14. (I) come | 15. Either/or |
| 16. (I) find  | 17. First     | 18. For       | 19. Friend   | 20. From      |
| 21. (I) go    | 22. Good      | 23. Good-bye  | 24. Happy    | 25. (I) have  |
| 26. He        | 27. Hello     | 28. Here      | 29. How      | 30. I         |
| 31. (I) am    | 32. If        | 33. In        | 34. (I) know | 35. Last      |
| 36. (I) like  | 37. Little    | 38. (I) love  | 39. (I) make | 40. Many      |
| 41. One       | 42. More      | 43. Most      | 44. Much     | 45. My        |
| 46. New       | 47. No        | 48. Not       | 49. Now      | 50. Of        |
| 51. Often     | 52. On        | 53. One       | 54. Only     | 55. Or        |
| 56. Other     | 57. Our       | 58. Out       | 59. Over     | 60. People    |
| 61. Place     | 62. Please    | 63. Same      | 64. (I) see  | 65. She       |
| 66. So        | 67. Some      | 68. Sometimes | 69. Still    | 70. Such      |
| 71. (I) tell  | 72. Thank you | 73. That      | 74. The      | 75. Their     |
| 76. Them      | 77. Then      | 78. There is  | 79. They     | 80. Thing     |
| 81. (I) think | 82. This      | 83. Time      | 84. To       | 85. Under     |
| 86. Up        | 87. Us        | 88. (I) use   | 89. Very     | 90. We        |
| 91. What      | 92. When      | 93. Where     | 94. Which    | 95. Who       |
| 96. Why       | 97. With      | 98. Yes       | 99. You      | 100. Your     |

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