

Core Vocabulary – 300 Word Starter List

TOP WORDS USED BY TODDLERS

1. a	6. I	11. more	16. out	21. what
2. finished	7. in	12. my	17. some	22. yes
3. go	8. is	13. no	18. that	23. you
4. help	9. it	14. on	19. the	
5. here	10. mine	15. off	20. want	

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CLINICAL APPLICATION

FIRST 8 WORDS

1. finished	3. want	5. more	7. that
2. help	4. mine	6. stop	8. what

FIRST 15 WORDS

1. finished	4. help	7. it	10. more	13. want
2. away	5. here	8. like	11. stop	14. what
3. go	6. I	9. mine	12. that	15. you

FIRST 30 WORDS:

1. again	7. get	13. it	19. off	25. that
2. finished	8. go	14. like	20. on	26. there
3. away	9. help	15. little	21. out	27. up
4. big	10. here	16. mine	22. put	28. want
5. do	11. I	17. more	23. some	29. what
6. down	12. in	18. my	24. stop	30. you

FIRST 50 WORDS

1. again	11. drink	21. in	31. now	41. tell
2. all	12. eat	22. it	32. off	42. that
3. finished	13. feel	23. like	33. on	43. there
4. away	14. get	24. little	34. out	44. turn
5. bad	15. go	25. make	35. play	45. up
6. big	16. good	26. me	36. put	46. want
7. come	17. happy	27. mine	37. read	47. what
8. do	18. help	28. more	38. sad	48. where
9. don't	19. here	29. my	39. some	49. who
10. down	20. I	30. not	40. stop	50. why
				51. you

ADDING TO THE TOP 50

1. + ed	21. for	41. live	61. say	81. tired
2. + ing	22. fun	42. lose	62. she	82. together
3. + s	23. give	43. love	63. sick	83. try
4. after	24. goodbye	44. maybe	64. silly	84. under
5. almost	25. guess	45. much	65. sing	85. very
6. another	26. have	46. myself	66. sit	86. walk
7. any	27. he	47. name	67. sleep	87. way
8. ask	28. hear	48. need	68. slow	88. we
9. be	29. hi	49. nice	69. sorry	89. when
10. before	30. hot	50. of	70. start	90. win
11. body	31. how	51. one	71. surprise	91. with
12. can	32. hungry	52. other	72. swim	92. work
13. cold	33. idea	53. over	73. take	93. write
14. colour	34. is	54. place	74. thank you	94. wrong
15. did	35. job	55. please	75. these	95. your
16. different	36. know	56. pretty	76. they	
17. dress	37. later	57. problem	77. think	
18. fall	38. leave	58. ready	78. thirsty	
19. fast	39. let	59. ride	79. those	
20. favourite	40. listen	60. same	80. time	

Adding Words to Get to 300+ Core Words

1. Add all the pronouns.
2. Add more adjectives and adverbs
3. Expand verbs, with tense variation

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