

The top 500 spoken words

This is a list of the top 500 words in spoken North American English. It is based on a sample of four and a half million words of conversation from the Cambridge English Corpus. The most frequent word, *I*, is at the top of the list.

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| 1 I <u>class One</u> 1 | 41 with + + + | 81 they're + + + + + + + + + + |
| 2 and + + + | 42 he | 82 kind + + + + + + + + + + |
| 3 the + + + + + + + + + + | 43 one | 83 here |
| 4 you | 44 are | 84 from |
| 5 uh + + + + + + + + + + | 45 this | 85 did |
| 6 to | 46 there + + + | 86 something + + + + + + + + + + |
| 7 a + + + + + + + + + + | 47 I'm | 87 too + + + |
| 8 that + + + + | 48 all | 88 more |
| 9 it | 49 if | 89 very |
| 10 of + + + + | 50 no + + + + | 90 want + + + + |
| 11 yeah + + + + | 51 get | 91 little |
| 12 know + + + | 52 about | 92 been + + + + |
| 13 in | 53 at | 93 things + + + + + + + + + + |
| 14 like | 54 out | 94 an + + + + + + + + + + |
| 15 they | 55 had + + + + + + + + + + | 95 you're + + + + + + + + + + |
| 16 have | 56 then + + + + | 96 said + + + + + + + + + + |
| 17 so + + + + | 57 because + + + + + + + + + + | 97 there's + + + + + + + + + + |
| 18 was | 58 go | 98 I've + + + + + + + + + + |
| 19 but | 59 up | 99 much |
| 20 is | 60 she | 100 where |
| 21 it's | 61 when | 101 two <u>class Two</u> |
| 22 we | 62 them | 102 thing + + + + + + + + + + |
| 23 huh + + + + + + + + + + | 63 can + + + + | 103 her |
| 24 just | 64 would + + + + + + + + + + | 104 didn't |
| 25 oh | 65 as + + + + + + + + + + | 105 other |
| 26 do | 66 me + + + + | 106 say + + + + |
| 27 don't | 67 mean + + + + + + + + + + | 107 back |
| 28 that's + + + + | 68 some | 108 could + + + + + + + + + + |
| 29 well | 69 good | 109 their + + + + + + + + + + |
| 30 for | 70 got + + + + | 110 our + + + + |
| 31 what | 71 OK | 111 guess + + + + |
| 32 on | 72 people | 112 yes |
| 33 think + + + + + + + + + + | 73 now | 113 way + + + + |
| 34 right + + + + + + + + + + | 74 going + + + + | 114 has |
| 35 not | 75 were + + + + | 115 down |
| 36 um + + + + + + + + + + | 76 lot | 116 we're + + + + + + + + + + |
| 37 or | 77 your | 117 any |
| 38 my + + + + + + + + + + | 78 time | 118 he's + + + + |
| 39 be + + + + | 79 see | 119 work |
| 40 really | 80 how | 120 take |

- 121 even
- 122 those
- 123 over
- 124 probably
- 125 him
- 126 who
- 127 put
- 128 years
- 129 sure
- 130 can't
- 131 pretty
- 132 gonna
- 133 stuff
- 134 come
- 135 these
- 136 by
- 137 into
- 138 went
- 139 make
- 140 than
- 141 year
- 142 three
- 143 which
- 144 home
- 145 will
- 146 nice
- 147 never
- 148 only
- 149 his
- 150 doing
- 151 cause
- 152 off
- 153 I'll
- 154 maybe
- 155 real
- 156 why
- 157 big
- 158 actually
- 159 she's
- 160 day
- 161 five
- 162 always
- 163 school
- 164 look
- 165 still
- 166 around
- 167 anything
- 168 kids
- 169 first
- 170 does
- 171 need
- 172 us'
- 173 should
- 174 talking
- 175 last
- 176 thought
- 177 doesn't
- 178 different
- 179 money
- 180 long
- 181 used
- 182 getting
- 183 same
- 184 four
- 185 every
- 186 new
- 187 everything
- 188 many
- 189 before
- 190 though
- 191 most
- 192 tell
- 193 being
- 194 bit
- 195 house
- 196 also
- 197 use
- 198 through
- 199 feel
- 200 course
- 201 what's *class 3*
- 202 old
- 203 done
- 204 sort
- 205 great
- 206 bad
- 207 we've
- 208 another
- 209 car
- 210 true
- 211 whole
- 212 whatever
- 213 twenty
- 214 after
- 215 ever
- 216 find
- 217 care
- 218 better
- 219 hard
- 220 haven't
- 221 trying
- 222 give
- 223 I'd
- 224 problem
- 225 else
- 226 remember
- 227 might
- 228 again
- 229 pay
- 230 try
- 231 place
- 232 part
- 233 let
- 234 keep
- 235 children
- 236 anyway
- 237 came
- 238 six
- 239 family
- 240 wasn't
- 241 talk
- 242 made
- 243 hundred
- 244 night
- 245 call
- 246 saying
- 247 dollars
- 248 live
- 249 away
- 250 either
- 251 read
- 252 having
- 253 far
- 254 watch
- 255 week
- 256 mhm
- 257 quite
- 258 enough

- 259 next |
- 260 couple ~~|||||~~ |||
- 261 own ~~|||||~~ |
- 262 wouldn't ~~|||||~~ |||
- 263 ten |||
- 264 interesting ||| |
- 265 am ~~|||||~~ |
- 266 sometimes ~~|||||~~ |
- 267 bye ~~|||||~~ |
- 268 seems ~~|||||~~ |||
- 269 heard ~~|||||~~ |||
- 270 goes ~~|||||~~ |||
- 271 called ~~|||||~~ |||
- 272 point |||
- 273 ago ~~|||||~~ |||
- 274 while ~~|||||~~ |
- 275 fact ~~|||||~~ |||
- 276 once ~~|||||~~ |||
- 277 seen ~~|||||~~ |
- 278 wanted ~~|||||~~ |||
- 279 isn't ~~|||||~~ |
- 280 start ~~|||||~~ |||
- 281 high ~~|||||~~ |||
- 282 somebody ~~|||||~~ |||
- 283 let's ~~|||||~~ |
- 284 times |
- 285 guy ~~|||||~~ |||
- 286 area ~~|||||~~ |||
- 287 fun ~~|||||~~ |||
- 288 they've ~~|||||~~ |||
- 289 you've ~~|||||~~ |
- 290 started ~~|||||~~ |||
- 291 job ~~|||||~~ |||
- 292 says ~~|||||~~ |
- 293 play |||
- 294 usually |||
- 295 work ~~|||||~~ |||
- 296 exactly ~~|||||~~ |||
- 297 took ~~|||||~~ |||
- 298 few ~~|||||~~ |
- 299 child ~~|||||~~ |||
- 300 thirty ~~|||||~~ |
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- 301 buy class
- 302 person |
- 303 working |||
- 304 half |||
- 305 looking |
- 306 someone ||
- 307 coming |
- 308 eight
- 309 love
- 310 everybody
- 311 able ||
- 312 we'll |||
- 313 life ||
- 314 may ||
- 315 both |||
- 316 type |
- 317 end |||
- 318 least |||
- 319 told |||
- 320 saw |||
- 321 college |
- 322 ones
- 323 almost |
- 324 since |
- 325 days |||
- 326 couldn't |||
- 327 gets |||
- 328 guys ||
- 329 god |
- 330 country
- 331 wait |
- 332 yet |||
- 333 believe ||
- 334 thinking |||
- 335 funny |||
- 336 state
- 337 until ||
- 338 husband |
- 339 idea |
- 340 name |
- 341 seven
- 342 together |||
- 343 each
- 344 hear |||
- 345 help |
- 346 nothing |||
- 347 parents |
- 348 room |
- 349 today
- 350 makes |
- 351 stay |
- 352 mom |
- 353 sounds ||
- 354 change |||
- 355 understand |||
- 356 such ||
- 357 gone |||
- 358 system |||
- 359 comes |||
- 360 thank |||
- 361 show |||
- 362 thousand |||
- 363 left |
- 364 friends |
- 365 class |
- 366 already |
- 367 eat |
- 368 small |
- 369 boy
- 370 paper
- 371 world |
- 372 best |
- 373 water |||
- 374 myself |||
- 375 run |||
- 376 they'll |||
- 377 won't |
- 378 movie
- 379 cool
- 380 news |
- 381 number
- 382 man |
- 383 basically |||
- 384 nine |
- 385 enjoy |
- 386 bought |||
- 387 whether |||
- 388 especially |||
- 389 taking |||
- 390 sit |||
- 391 book |
- 392 fifty |
- 393 months |||
- 394 women |
- 395 month |||
- 396 found |||

sideft
398 food
399 looks
400 summer
401 hmm *class 5*
402 fine
403 hey
404 student
405 agree
406 mother
407 problems
408 city
409 second
410 definitely
411 spend
412 happened
413 hours
414 war
415 matter
416 supposed
417 worked
418 company
419 friend
420 set
421 minutes
422 morning
423 between
424 music
425 close
426 leave
427 wife
428 knew
429 pick
430 important
431 ask

432 hour
433 deal
434 mine
435 reason
436 credit
437 dog
438 group
439 turn
440 making
441 American
442 weeks
443 certain
444 less
445 must
446 dad
447 during
448 lived
449 forty
450 air
451 government
452 eighty
453 wonderful
454 seem
455 wrong
456 young
457 places
458 girl
459 happen
460 sorry
461 living
462 drive
463 outside
464 bring
465 easy
466 stop

467 percent
468 hand
469 gosh
470 top
471 cut
472 computer
473 tried
474 gotten
475 mind
476 business
477 anybody
478 takes
479 aren't
480 question
481 rather
482 twelve
483 phone
484 program
485 without
486 moved
487 gave
488 yep
489 case
490 looked
491 certainly
492 talked
493 beautiful
494 card
495 walk
496 married
497 anymore
498 you'll
499 middle
500 tax