

K-12 High Frequency Word List  
(Milton Jackson, 1985)  
(See General Guidelines for Appropriate Use)

**The High Use 500 – ABC Order**

a	been	come	face
able	before	common	fact
about	began	complete	fall
above	begin	could	family
across	behind	country	for
add	being	course	fast
after	below	cut	father
again	best		feel
against	better		feet
ago	between	dark	felt
air	big	day	few
all	black	deep	field
alone	blue	did	finally
along	boat	didn't	fine
almost	body	different	fire
already	book	distance	first
also	both	do	fish
although	bottom	does	five
always	box	dog	floor
am	boy	done	follow
American	bring	don't	food
among	brought	door	foot
an	build	down	for
and	built	draw	form
animal	but	dry	found
animals	by	during	four
another			friend
answer			from
any	called	each	front
anything	came	early	full
are	can	earth	fund
area	cannot	easy	
around	can't	eat	
as	car	either	game
asked	care	else	gave
at	carefully	end	get
away	carry	English	girl
	center	enough	give
	certain	even	glass
back	change	ever	go
ball	check	every	going
be	children	everyone	gold
beautiful	city	everything	gone
became	class	example	good
because	close		got
become	cold		great

green  
ground  
group  
grow

had  
half  
hand  
happened  
hard  
has  
have  
he  
head  
hear  
heard  
heart  
heavy  
held  
help  
her  
here  
high  
him  
himself  
has  
hold  
home  
horse  
hat  
hour  
house  
how  
however  
hundred

I  
ice  
idea  
if  
I'll  
I'm  
important  
in  
inside  
instead  
into  
is  
it  
it's

its  
itself

job  
just

keep  
kept  
kind  
knew  
know

land  
language  
large  
last  
later  
lay  
learn  
learned  
least  
leave  
leaves  
less  
let  
letter  
life  
light  
like  
line  
list  
little  
lived  
living  
long  
longer  
look  
low

made  
main  
make  
man  
many  
map  
matter  
may  
me

mean  
men  
might  
mind  
miss  
money  
moon  
more  
morning  
most  
mother  
move  
much  
must  
my

name  
near  
need  
never  
new  
next  
night  
no  
not  
nothing  
notice  
now  
number

of  
off  
often  
oh  
old  
on  
once  
one  
only  
open  
or  
order  
other  
our  
out  
outside  
over  
own

page  
paper  
part  
past  
pattern  
people  
perhaps  
person  
picture  
piece  
place  
plants  
play  
point  
poor  
possible  
power  
probably  
problem  
put

question  
quite

rain  
ran  
read  
reading  
ready  
real  
really  
red  
remember  
rest  
right  
river  
road  
roam  
round  
run

sad  
said  
same  
sat  
saw  
say  
school  
sea

second  
see  
seem  
sentence  
set  
several  
shall  
she  
ship  
short  
should  
show  
shown  
side  
simple  
since  
six  
size  
sky  
small  
snow  
so  
some  
someone  
something  
soon  
sound  
space  
special  
stand  
start  
state  
stay  
still  
stood  
step  
story  
strong  
study  
such  
suddenly  
summer  
sun  
sure  
surface  
system

table  
take  
talk  
tall

tell  
ten  
than  
that  
that's  
the  
their  
them  
themselves  
then  
there  
these  
they  
thing  
think  
third  
this  
those  
though  
thought  
three  
through  
time  
tiny  
to  
today  
together  
told  
too  
took  
top  
toward  
town  
tree  
true  
try  
turn  
turned  
two  
  
under  
understand  
United States  
until  
up  
upon  
us  
use  
usually

very  
voice  
  
walked  
want  
warm  
was  
watch  
water  
way  
we  
weather  
well  
went  
were  
what  
when  
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whether  
which  
while  
white  
who  
whole  
why  
wide  
wild  
will  
wind  
winter  
within  
without  
words  
work  
world  
would  
write  
  
year  
yes  
yet  
you  
young  
your