

## 100 Frequently Used Core Words

### Interjections (social words)

yes	no
thank you	please
hi / hello	good-bye

### Pronouns

I	me
my	mine
you	it
he	she
we	they

### Question Words

what	when
where	who
why	how

### Preverbs (helping words)

be	is
am	are
was	were
do	did
can	have
will	

### Verbs (action words)

go	stop
turn	make
look	see
find	put
open	close
eat	drink
get	help
want	need
say	tell
come	read
like	feel
color	let's
work	play
finished / all done	

### Adjectives (descriptive words)

more	one
big	little
fast	slow
same	different
pretty	red
blue	yellow
good	bad
new	old
happy	sad

### Prepositions (placing words)

on	off
in	out
up	down
to	for
under	with

### Determiners (pointer words)

this	that
some	all

### Conjunctions (connecting words)

and	but
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### Adverbs (tell when, where, how)

not / don't	now
here	there
away	again

Word List based on:

- Banajee List of Toddler Vocabulary
- Dolch Pre-Primer & Primer
- Gail Van Tatenhove First 50 Words
- LAMP Starter Words
- PRC Core Starter Sets
- Clinical Judgment

## Resources

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