

3000 most common words in English

With 2,500 to 3,000 words, you can understand 90% of everyday English conversations, English newspaper and magazine articles, and English used in the workplace. The remaining 10% you'll be able to learn from context, or ask questions about. However, it's essential to learn the right English vocabulary words, so you don't waste your time trying to memorize a huge collection with very little benefit. The list below seems long, but when you can use all these words with confidence, your English vocabulary will be fully functional.

a	achievement	administrator	afternoon	alive
abandon	acid	admire	again	all
ability	acknowledge	admission	against	alliance
able	acquire	admit	age	allow
abortion	across	adolescent	agency	ally
about	act	adopt	agenda	almost
above	action	adult	agent	alone
abroad	active	advance	aggressive	along
absence	activist	advanced	ago	already
absolute	activity	advantage	agree	also
absolutely	actor	adventure	agreement	alter
absorb	actress	advertising	agricultural	alternative
abuse	actual	advice	ah	although
academic	actually	advise	ahead	always
accept	ad	adviser	aid	AM
access	adapt	advocate	aide	amazing
accident	add	affair	AIDS	American
accompany	addition	affect	aim	among
accomplish	additional	afford	air	amount
according	address	afraid	aircraft	analysis
account	adequate	African	airline	analyst
accurate	adjust	African-American	airport	analyze
accuse	adjustment		album	ancient
achieve	administration	after	alcohol	and



anger	approve	assist	baby	become
angle	approximately	assistance	back	bed
angry	Arab	assistant	background	bedroom
animal	architect	associate	bad	beer
anniversary	area	association	badly	before
announce	argue	assume	bag	begin
annual	argument	assumption	bake	beginning
another	arise	assure	balance	behavior
answer	arm	at	ball	behind
anticipate	armed	athlete	ban	being
anxiety	army	athletic	band	belief
any	around	atmosphere	bank	believe
anybody	arrange	attach	bar	bell
anymore	arrangement	attack	barely	belong
anyone	arrest	attempt	barrel	below
anything	arrival	attend	barrier	belt
anyway	arrive	attention	base	bench
anywhere	art	attitude	baseball	bend
apart	article	attorney	basic	beneath
apartment	artist	attract	basically	benefit
apparent	artistic	attractive	basis	beside
apparently	as	attribute	basket	besides
appeal	Asian	audience	basketball	best
appear	aside	author	bathroom	bet
appearance	ask	authority	battery	better
apple	asleep	auto	battle	between
application	aspect	available	be	beyond
apply	assault	average	beach	Bible
appoint	assert	avoid	bean	big
appointment	assess	award	bear	bike
appreciate	assessment	aware	beat	bill
approach	asset	awareness	beautiful	billion
appropriate	assign	away	beauty	bind
approval	assignment	awful	because	biological



bird	box	bus	career	changing
birth	boy	business	careful	channel
birthday	boyfriend	busy	carefully	chapter
bit	brain	but	carrier	character
bite	branch	butter	carry	characteristic
black	brand	button	case	characterize
blade	bread	buy	cash	charge
blame	break	buyer	cast	charity
blanket	breakfast	by	cat	chart
blind	breast	cabin	catch	chase
block	breath	cabinet	category	cheap
blood	breathe	cable	Catholic	check
blow	brick	cake	cause	cheek
blue	bridge	calculate	ceiling	cheese
board	brief	call	celebrate	chef
boat	briefly	camera	celebration	chemical
body	bright	camp	celebrity	chest
bomb	brilliant	campaign	cell	chicken
bombing	bring	campus	center	chief
bond	British	can	central	child
bone	broad	Canadian	century	childhood
book	broken	cancer	CEO	Chinese
boom	brother	candidate	ceremony	chip
boot	brown	cap	certain	chocolate
border	brush	capability	certainly	choice
born	buck	capable	chain	cholesterol
borrow	budget	capacity	chair	choose
boss	build	capital	chairman	Christian
both	building	captain	challenge	Christmas
bother	bullet	capture	chamber	church
bottle	bunch	car	champion	cigarette
bottom	burden	carbon	championship	circle
boundary	burn	card	chance	circumstance
bowl	bury	care	change	cite



citizen	cold	competitive	connect	control
city	collapse	competitor	connection	controversial
civil	colleague	complain	consciousness	controversy
civilian	collect	complaint	consensus	convention
claim	collection	complete	consequence	conventional
class	collective	completely	conservative	conversation
classic	college	complex	consider	convert
classroom	colonial	complicated	considerable	conviction
clean	color	component	consideration	convince
clear	column	compose	consist	cook
clearly	combination	composition	consistent	cookie
client	combine	comprehensive	constant	cooking
climate	come	computer	constantly	cool
climb	comedy	concentrate	constitute	cooperation
clinic	comfort	concentration	constitutional	cop
clinical	comfortable	concept	construct	cope
clock	command	concern	construction	copy
close	commander	concerned	consultant	core
closely	comment	concert	consume	corn
closer	commercial	conclude	consumer	corner
clothes	commission	conclusion	consumption	corporate
clothing	commit	concrete	contact	corporation
cloud	commitment	condition	contain	correct
club	committee	conduct	container	correspondent
clue	common	conference	contemporary	cost
cluster	communicate	confidence	content	cotton
coach	communication	confident	contest	couch
coal	community	confirm	context	could
coalition	company	conflict	continue	council
coast	compare	confront	continued	counselor
coat	comparison	confusion	contract	count
code	compete	Congress	contrast	counter
coffee	competition	congressional	contribute	country
cognitive			contribution	county



couple	cup	decline	describe	dinner
courage	curious	decrease	description	direct
course	current	deep	desert	direction
court	currently	deeply	deserve	directly
cousin	curriculum	deer	design	director
cover	custom	defeat	designer	dirt
coverage	customer	defend	desire	dirty
cow	cut	defendant	desk	disability
crack	cycle	defense	desperate	disagree
craft	dad	defensive	despite	disappear
crash	daily	deficit	destroy	disaster
crazy	damage	define	destruction	discipline
cream	dance	definitely	detail	discourse
create	danger	definition	detailed	discover
creation	dangerous	degree	detect	discovery
creative	dare	delay	determine	discrimination
creature	dark	deliver	develop	discuss
credit	darkness	delivery	developing	discussion
crew	data	demand	development	disease
crime	date	democracy	device	dish
criminal	daughter	Democrat	devote	dismiss
crisis	day	democratic	dialogue	disorder
criteria	dead	demonstrate	die	display
critic	deal	demonstration	diet	dispute
critical	dealer	deny	differ	distance
criticism	dear	department	difference	distant
criticize	death	depend	different	distinct
crop	debate	dependent	differently	distinction
cross	debt	depending	difficult	distinguish
crowd	decade	depict	difficulty	distribute
crucial	decide	depression	dig	distribution
cry	decision	depth	digital	district
cultural	deck	deputy	dimension	diverse
culture	declare	derive	dining	diversity



divide	dust	either	engage	etc
division	duty	elderly	engine	ethics
divorce	each	elect	engineer	ethnic
DNA	eager	election	engineering	European
do	ear	electric	English	evaluate
doctor	early	electricity	enhance	evaluation
document	earn	electronic	enjoy	even
dog	earnings	element	enormous	evening
domestic	earth	elementary	enough	event
dominant	ease	eliminate	ensure	eventually
dominate	easily	elite	enter	ever
door	east	else	enterprise	every
double	eastern	elsewhere	entertainment	everybody
doubt	easy	e-mail	entire	everyday
down	eat	embrace	entirely	everyone
downtown	economic	emerge	entrance	everything
dozen	economics	emergency	entry	everywhere
draft	economist	emission	environment	evidence
drag	economy	emotion	environmental	evolution
drama	edge	emotional	episode	evolve
dramatic	edition	emphasis	equal	exact
dramatically	editor	emphasize	equally	exactly
draw	educate	employ	equipment	examination
drawing	education	employee	era	examine
dream	educational	employer	error	example
dress	educator	employment	escape	exceed
drink	effect	empty	especially	excellent
drive	effective	enable	essay	except
driver	effectively	encounter	essential	exception
drop	efficiency	encourage	essentially	exchange
drug	efficient	end	establish	exciting
dry	effort	enemy	establishment	executive
due	egg	energy	estate	exercise
during	eight	enforcement	estimate	exhibit



exhibition	facility	feel	fit	forth
exist	fact	feeling	fitness	fortune
existence	factor	fellow	five	forward
existing	factory	female	fix	found
expand	faculty	fence	flag	foundation
expansion	fade	few	flame	founder
expect	fail	fewer	flat	four
expectation	failure	fiber	flavor	fourth
expense	fair	fiction	flee	frame
expensive	fairly	field	flesh	framework
experience	faith	fifteen	flight	free
experiment	fall	fifth	float	freedom
expert	false	fifty	floor	freeze
explain	familiar	fight	flow	French
explanation	family	fighter	flower	frequency
explode	famous	fighting	fly	frequent
explore	fan	figure	focus	frequently
explosion	fantasy	file	folk	fresh
expose	far	fill	follow	friend
exposure	farm	film	following	friendly
express	farmer	final	food	friendship
expression	fashion	finally	foot	from
extend	fast	finance	football	front
extension	fat	financial	for	fruit
extensive	fate	find	force	frustration
extent	father	finding	foreign	fuel
external	fault	fine	forest	full
extra	favor	finger	forever	fully
extraordinary	favorite	finish	forget	fun
extreme	fear	fire	form	function
extremely	feature	firm	formal	fund
eye	federal	first	formation	fundamental
fabric	fee	fish	former	funding
face	feed	fishing	formula	funeral



funny	gifted	grocery	headquarters	his
furniture	girl	ground	health	historian
furthermore	girlfriend	group	healthy	historic
future	give	grow	hear	historical
gain	given	growing	hearing	history
galaxy	glad	growth	heart	hit
gallery	glance	guarantee	heat	hold
game	glass	guard	heaven	hole
gang	global	guess	heavily	holiday
gap	glove	guest	heavy	holy
garage	go	guide	heel	home
garden	goal	guideline	height	homeless
garlic	God	guilty	helicopter	honest
gas	gold	gun	hell	honey
gate	golden	guy	hello	honor
gather	golf	habit	help	hope
gay	good	habitat	helpful	horizon
gaze	government	hair	her	horror
gear	governor	half	here	horse
gender	grab	hall	heritage	hospital
gene	grade	hand	hero	host
general	gradually	handful	herself	hot
generally	graduate	handle	hey	hotel
generate	grain	hang	hi	hour
generation	grand	happen	hide	house
genetic	grandfather	happy	high	household
gentleman	grandmother	hard	highlight	housing
gently	grant	hardly	highly	how
German	grass	hat	highway	however
gesture	grave	hate	hill	huge
get	gray	have	him	human
ghost	great	he	himself	humor
giant	greatest	head	hip	hundred
gift	green	headline	hire	hungry



hunter	impress	initial	interpretation	Jewish
hunting	impression	initially	intervention	job
hurt	impressive	initiative	interview	join
husband	improve	injury	into	joint
hypothesis	improvement	inner	introduce	joke
I	in	innocent	introduction	journal
ice	incentive	inquiry	invasion	journalist
idea	incident	inside	invest	journey
ideal	include	insight	investigate	joy
identification	including	insist	investigation	judge
identify	income	inspire	investigator	judgment
identity	incorporate	install	investment	juice
ie	increase	instance	investor	jump
if	increased	instead	invite	junior
ignore	increasing	institution	involve	jury
ill	increasingly	institutional	involved	just
illegal	incredible	instruction	involvement	justice
illness	indeed	instructor	Iraqi	justify
illustrate	independence	instrument	Irish	keep
image	independent	insurance	iron	key
imagination	index	intellectual	Islamic	kick
imagine	Indian	intelligence	island	kid
immediate	indicate	intend	Israeli	kill
immediately	indication	intense	issue	killer
immigrant	individual	intensity	it	killing
immigration	industrial	intention	Italian	kind
impact	industry	interaction	item	king
implement	infant	interest	its	kiss
implication	infection	interested	itself	kitchen
imply	inflation	interesting	jacket	knee
importance	influence	internal	jail	knife
important	inform	international	Japanese	knock
impose	information	Internet	jet	know
impossible	ingredient	interpret	Jew	knowledge



lab	learning	lip	machine	master
label	least	list	mad	match
labor	leather	listen	magazine	material
laboratory	leave	literally	mail	math
lack	left	literary	main	matter
lady	leg	literature	mainly	may
lake	legacy	little	maintain	maybe
land	legal	live	maintenance	mayor
landscape	legend	living	major	me
language	legislation	load	majority	meal
lap	legitimate	loan	make	mean
large	lemon	local	maker	meaning
largely	length	locate	makeup	meanwhile
last	less	location	male	measure
late	lesson	lock	mall	measurement
later	let	long	man	meat
Latin	letter	long-term	manage	mechanism
latter	level	look	management	media
laugh	liberal	loose	manager	medical
launch	library	lose	manner	medication
law	license	loss	manufacturer	medicine
lawn	lie	lost	manufacturing	medium
lawsuit	life	lot	many	meet
lawyer	lifestyle	lots	map	meeting
lay	lifetime	loud	margin	member
layer	lift	love	mark	membership
lead	light	lovely	market	memory
leader	like	lover	marketing	mental
leadership	likely	low	marriage	mention
leading	limit	lower	married	menu
leaf	limitation	luck	marry	mere
league	limited	lucky	mask	merely
lean	line	lunch	mass	mess
learn	link	lung	massive	message



metal	mood	my	newly	object
meter	moon	myself	news	objective
method	moral	mystery	newspaper	obligation
Mexican	more	myth	next	observation
middle	moreover	naked	nice	observe
might	morning	name	night	observer
military	mortgage	narrative	nine	obtain
milk	most	narrow	no	obvious
million	mostly	nation	nobody	obviously
mind	mother	national	nod	occasion
mine	motion	native	noise	occasionally
minister	motivation	natural	nomination	occupation
minor	motor	naturally	none	occupy
minority	mount	nature	nonetheless	occur
minute	mountain	near	nor	ocean
miracle	mouse	nearby	normal	odd
mirror	mouth	nearly	normally	odds
miss	move	necessarily	north	of
missile	movement	necessary	northern	off
mission	movie	neck	nose	offense
mistake	Mr	need	not	offensive
mix	Mrs	negative	note	offer
mixture	Ms	negotiate	nothing	office
mm-hmm	much	negotiation	notice	officer
mode	multiple	neighbor	notion	official
model	murder	neighborhood	novel	often
moderate	muscle	neither	now	oh
modern	museum	nerve	nowhere	oil
modest	music	nervous	n't	ok
mom	musical	net	nuclear	okay
moment	musician	network	number	old
money	Muslim	never	numerous	Olympic
monitor	must	nevertheless	nurse	on
month	mutual	new	nut	once



one	our	participant	perform	pink
ongoing	ourselves	participate	performance	pipe
onion	out	participation	perhaps	pitch
online	outcome	particular	period	place
only	outside	particularly	permanent	plan
onto	oven	partly	permission	plane
open	over	partner	permit	planet
opening	overall	partnership	person	planning
operate	overcome	party	personal	plant
operating	overlook	pass	personality	plastic
operation	owe	passage	personally	plate
operator	own	passenger	personnel	platform
opinion	owner	passion	perspective	play
opponent	pace	past	persuade	player
opportunity	pack	patch	pet	please
oppose	package	path	phase	pleasure
opposite	page	patient	phenomenon	plenty
opposition	pain	pattern	philosophy	plot
option	painful	pause	phone	plus
or	paint	pay	photo	PM
orange	painter	payment	photograph	pocket
order	painting	PC	photographer	poem
ordinary	pair	peace	phrase	poet
organic	pale	peak	physical	poetry
organization	Palestinian	peer	physically	point
organize	palm	penalty	physician	pole
orientation	pan	people	piano	police
origin	panel	pepper	pick	policy
original	pant	per	picture	political
originally	paper	perceive	pie	politically
other	parent	percentage	piece	politician
others	park	perception	pile	politics
otherwise	parking	perfect	pilot	poll
ought	part	perfectly	pine	pollution



pool	prefer	private	protein	quite
poor	preference	probably	protest	quote
pop	pregnancy	problem	proud	race
popular	pregnant	procedure	prove	racial
population	preparation	proceed	provide	radical
porch	prepare	process	provider	radio
port	prescription	produce	province	rail
portion	presence	producer	provision	rain
portrait	present	product	psychological	raise
portray	presentation	production	psychologist	range
pose	preserve	profession	psychology	rank
position	president	professional	public	rapid
positive	presidential	professor	publication	rapidly
possess	press	profile	publicly	rare
possibility	pressure	profit	publish	rarely
possible	pretend	program	publisher	rate
possibly	pretty	progress	pull	rather
post	prevent	project	punishment	rating
pot	previous	prominent	purchase	ratio
potato	previously	promise	pure	raw
potential	price	promote	purpose	reach
potentially	pride	prompt	pursue	react
pound	priest	proof	push	reaction
pour	primarily	proper	put	read
poverty	primary	properly	qualify	reader
powder	prime	property	quality	reading
power	principal	proportion	quarter	ready
powerful	principle	proposal	quarterback	real
practical	print	propose	question	reality
practice	prior	proposed	quick	realize
pray	priority	prosecutor	quickly	really
prayer	prison	prospect	quiet	reason
precisely	prisoner	protect	quietly	reasonable
predict	privacy	protection	quit	recall



receive	regulation	require	rich	safe
recent	reinforce	requirement	rid	safety
recently	reject	research	ride	sake
recipe	relate	researcher	rifle	salad
recognition	relation	resemble	right	salary
recognize	relationship	reservation	ring	sale
recommend	relative	resident	rise	sales
recommendati on	relatively	resist	risk	salt
record	relax	resistance	river	same
recording	release	resolution	road	sample
recover	relevant	resolve	rock	sanction
recovery	relief	resort	role	sand
recruit	religion	resource	roll	satellite
red	religious	respect	romantic	satisfaction
reduce	rely	respond	roof	satisfy
reduction	remain	respondent	room	sauce
refer	remaining	response	root	save
reference	remarkable	responsibility	rope	saving
reflect	remember	responsible	rose	say
reflection	remind	rest	rough	scale
reform	remote	restaurant	roughly	scandal
refugee	remove	restore	round	scared
refuse	repeat	restriction	route	scenario
regard	repeatedly	result	routine	scene
regarding	replace	retain	row	schedule
regardless	reply	retire	rub	scheme
regime	report	retirement	rule	scholar
region	reporter	return	run	scholarship
regional	represent	reveal	running	school
register	representation	revenue	rural	science
regular	representative	review	rush	scientific
regularly	Republican	revolution	Russian	scientist
regulate	reputation	rhythm	sacred	scope
	request	rice	sad	score



scream	serious	shooting	single	society
screen	seriously	shop	sink	soft
script	serve	shopping	sir	software
sea	service	shore	sister	soil
search	session	short	sit	solar
season	set	shortly	site	soldier
seat	setting	shot	situation	solid
second	settle	should	six	solution
secret	settlement	shoulder	size	solve
secretary	seven	shout	ski	some
section	several	show	skill	somebody
sector	severe	shower	skin	somehow
secure	sex	shrug	sky	someone
security	sexual	shut	slave	something
see	shade	sick	sleep	sometimes
seed	shadow	side	slice	somewhat
seek	shake	sigh	slide	somewhere
seem	shall	sight	slight	son
segment	shape	sign	slightly	song
seize	share	signal	slip	soon
select	sharp	significance	slow	sophisticated
selection	she	significant	slowly	sorry
self	sheet	significantly	small	sort
sell	shelf	silence	smart	soul
Senate	shell	silent	smell	sound
senator	shelter	silver	smile	soup
send	shift	similar	smoke	source
senior	shine	similarly	smooth	south
sense	ship	simple	snap	southern
sensitive	shirt	simply	snow	Soviet
sentence	shit	sin	so	space
separate	shock	since	so-called	Spanish
sequence	shoe	sing	soccer	speak
series	shoot	singer	social	speaker



special	station	strong	supply	take
specialist	statistics	strongly	support	tale
species	status	structure	supporter	talent
specific	stay	struggle	suppose	talk
specifically	steady	student	supposed	tall
speech	steal	studio	Supreme	tank
speed	steel	study	sure	tap
spend	step	stuff	surely	tape
spending	stick	stupid	surface	target
spin	still	style	surgery	task
spirit	stir	subject	surprise	taste
spiritual	stock	submit	surprised	tax
split	stomach	subsequent	surprising	taxpayer
spokesman	stone	substance	surprisingly	tea
sport	stop	substantial	surround	teach
spot	storage	succeed	survey	teacher
spread	store	success	survival	teaching
spring	storm	successful	survive	team
square	story	successfully	survivor	tear
squeeze	straight	such	suspect	teaspoon
stability	strange	sudden	sustain	technical
stable	stranger	suddenly	swear	technique
staff	strategic	sue	sweep	technology
stage	strategy	suffer	sweet	teen
stair	stream	sufficient	swim	teenager
stake	street	sugar	swing	telephone
stand	strength	suggest	switch	telescope
standard	strengthen	suggestion	symbol	television
standing	stress	suicide	symptom	tell
star	stretch	suit	system	temperature
stare	strike	summer	table	temporary
start	string	summit	tablespoon	ten
state	strip	sun	tactic	tend
statement	stroke	super	tail	tendency



tennis	thing	tomorrow	transformation	typically
tension	think	tone	transition	ugly
tent	thinking	tongue	translate	ultimate
term	third	tonight	transportation	ultimately
terms	thirty	too	travel	unable
terrible	this	tool	treat	uncle
territory	those	tooth	treatment	under
terror	though	top	treaty	undergo
terrorism	thought	topic	tree	understand
terrorist	thousand	toss	tremendous	understanding
test	threat	total	trend	unfortunately
testify	threaten	totally	trial	uniform
testimony	three	touch	tribe	union
testing	throat	tough	trick	unique
text	through	tour	trip	unit
than	throughout	tourist	troop	United
thank	throw	tournament	trouble	universal
thanks	thus	toward	truck	universe
that	ticket	towards	true	university
the	tie	tower	truly	unknown
theater	tight	town	trust	unless
their	time	toy	truth	unlike
them	tiny	trace	try	unlikely
theme	tip	track	tube	until
themselves	tire	trade	tunnel	unusual
then	tired	tradition	turn	up
theory	tissue	traditional	TV	upon
therapy	title	traffic	twelve	upper
there	to	tragedy	twenty	urban
therefore	tobacco	trail	twice	urge
these	today	train	twin	us
they	toe	training	two	use
thick	together	transfer	type	used
thin	tomato	transform	typical	useful



user	virtually	we	whom	work
usual	virtue	weak	whose	worker
usually	virus	wealth	why	working
utility	visible	wealthy	wide	works
vacation	vision	weapon	widely	workshop
valley	visit	wear	widespread	world
valuable	visitor	weather	wife	worried
value	visual	wedding	wild	worry
variable	vital	week	will	worth
variation	voice	weekend	willing	would
variety	volume	weekly	win	wound
various	volunteer	weigh	wind	wrap
vary	vote	weight	window	write
vast	voter	welcome	wine	writer
vegetable	vs	welfare	wing	writing
vehicle	vulnerable	well	winner	wrong
venture	wage	west	winter	yard
version	wait	western	wipe	yeah
versus	wake	wet	wire	year
very	walk	what	wisdom	yell
vessel	wall	whatever	wise	yellow
veteran	wander	wheel	wish	yes
via	want	when	with	yesterday
victim	war	whenever	withdraw	yet
victory	warm	where	within	yield
video	warn	whereas	without	you
view	warning	whether	witness	young
viewer	wash	which	woman	your
village	waste	while	wonder	yours
violate	watch	whisper	wonderful	yourself
violation	water	white	wood	youth
violence	wave	who	wooden	zone
violent	way	whole	word	



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