

List 14. INSTANT WORDS

These are the most common words in English, ranked in frequency order. The first 25 make up about a third of all printed material. The first 100 make up about half of all written material, and the first 300 make up about 65 percent of all written material. Is it any wonder that all students must learn to recognize these words instantly and to spell them correctly also?

FIRST HUNDRED

WORDS

1-25

the
of
and
a
to
in
is
you
it
he
was
for
on
are
as
with
his
they
I
at
be
this
have
from

WORDS

26-50

or
one
had
by
word
but
not
what
were
we
when
your
can
said
there
use
an
each
which
she
do
how
their
if

WORDS

51-75

will
up
other
about
out
many
then
them
so
some
her
would
make
like
him
into
time
has
look
two
more
write
go
see

WORDS

75-100

number
no
way
could
people
my
than
first
been
call
who
oil
its
now
find
long
down
day
did
get
come
made
may
part

Common suffixes: *-s, -ing, -ed, -er, -ly, -est*