

100 Most Frequent Words in Books for Beginning Readers

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| 1. the | 26. he | 51. be | 76. cat |
| 2. a | 27. out | 52. now | 77. them |
| 3. and | 28. that | 53. when | 78. tree |
| 4. to | 29. one | 54. there | 79. where |
| 5. I | 30. big | 55. into | 80. away |
| 6. in | 31. go | 56. day | 81. time |
| 7. is | 32. was | 57. look | 82. as |
| 8. on | 33. like | 58. eat | 83. water |
| 9. you | 34. what | 59. make | 84. home |
| 10. it | 35. not | 60. his | 85. made |
| 11. of | 36. do | 61. here | 86. long |
| 12. said | 37. then | 62. your | 87. has |
| 13. can | 38. this | 63. an | 88. help |
| 14. for | 39. no | 64. back | 89. good |
| 15. my | 40. too | 65. mom | 90. going |
| 16. but | 41. she | 66. dog | 91. by |
| 17. all | 42. went | 67. very | 92. how |
| 18. we | 43. see | 68. did | 93. house |
| 19. are | 44. will | 69. her | 94. dad |
| 20. up | 45. so | 70. from | 95. or |
| 21. at | 46. some | 71. had | 96. two |
| 22. with | 47. down | 72. got | 97. red |
| 23. me | 48. little | 73. put | 98. am |
| 24. they | 49. come | 74. came | 99. over |
| 25. have | 50. get | 75. just | 100. saw |

This list was derived from a survey of 1,000 pre-primer, early, and first readers.

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