

THE INSTANT WORDS 1

FIRST HUNDRED

Words 1-25	Words 26-50	Words 51-75	Words 76-100
the	or	will	number
of	one	up	no
and	had	other	way
a	by	about	could
to	word	out	people
in	but	many	my
is	not	then	than
you	what	them	first
that	all	these	water
it	were	so	been
he	we	some	call
was	when	her	who
for	your	would	oil
on	can	make	its
are	said	like	now
as	there	him	find
with	use	into	long
his	an	time	down
they	each	has	day
I	which	look	did
at	she	two	get
be	do	more	come
this	how	write	made
have	their	go	may
from	if	see	part

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

THE INSTANT WORDS 2

SECOND HUNDRED

Words 101-125 Words 126-150 Words 151-175 Words 176-200

over	say	set	try
new	great	put	kind
sound	where	end	hand
take	help	does	picture
only	through	another	again
little	much	well	change
work	before	large	off
know	line	must	play
place	right	big	spell
year	too	even	air
live	mean	such	away
me	old	because	animal
back	any	turn	house
give	same	here	point
most	tell	why	page
very	boy	ask	letter
after	follow	went	mother
thing	came	men	answer
our	want	read	found
just	show	need	study
name	also	land	still
good	around	different	learn
sentence	farm	home	should
man	three	us	America
think	small	move	world

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THE INSTANT WORDS 3

THIRD HUNDRED

Words 201-225 Words 226-250 Words 251-275 Words 276-300

high	saw	important	miss
every	left	until	idea
near	don't	children	enough
add	few	side	eat
food	while	feet	face
between	along	car	watch
own	might	mile	far
below	chose	night	Indian
country	something	walk	really
plant	seem	white	almost
last	next	sea	let
school	hard	began	above
father	open	grow	girl
keep	example	took	sometimes
tree	begin	river	mountain
never	life	four	cut
start	always	carry	young
city	those	state	talk
earth	both	once	soon
eye	paper	book	list
light	together	hear	song
thought	got	stop	being
head	group	without	leave
under	often	second	family
story	run	late	it's

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PHRASES AND SHORT SENTENCES 1
FIRST HUNDRED

These phrases and short sentences contain the first 100 words from Fry's Instant Word Lists, which represent 50 percent of all words readers encounter in beginning-level materials.

The people	Look for some people.	Write it down.
By the water	So there you are.	Who will make it?
You and I	A long time	What will they do?
He called me.	Have you seen it?	We had their dog.
What did they say?	One more time	When would you go?
No way	All day long	A number of people
One or two	It's about time.	How long are they?
More than the other	Up in the air	Come and get it.
How many words?	Which way?	Part of the time
This is a good day.	He has it.	Can you see?
Sit down.	If we were older	Now and then
But not me	It's no use.	Go find her.
Not now	With his mom	At your house
From my room	As big as the first	It's been a long time.
Will you be good?	When will we go?	Give them to me.
Then we will go.	From here to there	Now is the time.
An angry cat	More people	May I go first?
Write your name.	Go down.	This is my cat.
That dog is big.	Did you like it?	Get on the bus.
Two of us	When did they go?	Did you see it?
The first word	She said to go.	How did they get it?
I like him.	Each of us	Number two
Out of the water	What are these?	Look up.
We were here.	There was an old man.	All or some
Could you go?	It may fall down.	A long way to go
We like to write.	See the water	For some people
Into the water	But not for me	The other people

PHRASES AND SHORT SENTENCES 2
SECOND HUNDRED

These phrases and short sentences contain the second 100 words from Fry's Instant Word Lists, which represent 50 percent of all words readers encounter in beginning-level materials.

Over the river	A good man	My new place
After the game	Another great sound	Most of the animals
Take a little.	Our best things	Give it back.
Just the same	Only a little	My last name
It's only me.	That's very good	I know why.
Think before you act	Three years ago	Mother says to now.
Live and play.	Where are you?	I need help.
Try your best.	I work too much.	Move over.
Any old time	We found it here.	Through the line
Study and learn	Right now	Kind of nice
Mother means it.	Spell your name.	Same time tomorrow
The good American	Tell the truth.	Change your clothes
A little boy	Play it again.	The following day
Back off.	We came home.	Give it away.
We want to go.	Answer the phone.	Show us around.
Turn the page.	Form two lines.	The air is warm.
A small house also	Read my letters.	Another old picture
It's still here.	Write one sentence.	Where in the world
Set it up.	We need more.	Put it there.
I study in school.	Where does it end?	I'm an American.
I don't feel well.	Such a mess	My home is large.
Point it out.	It turned out well.	Right now
Read the sentence.	It's a small world.	This must be it.
Big and small	Hand it over.	Home sweet home
Such a big house	Around the clock	The men asked for help.
Show and tell	A different land	You must be right.
They went here.	Tell the truth.	Get to the point.
Good and plenty	Because we should.	Help me out.
Even the animals	It turned out well.	It's your place.
I think so.	Good things	Read the book.

PHRASES AND SHORT SENTENCES 3

THIRD HUNDRED

These phrases and short sentences contain the third 100 words from Fry's Instant Word Lists, which represent 50 percent of all words readers encounter in beginning-level materials.

Near the car	Stay a while.	Between the lines
A few good men	My own father	Don't open the door.
In the country	You might be right.	Add it up.
It seemed too good.	Read every story.	Along the way
Below the water	Next time	Plants and flowers
It's hard to open.	Will it last?	Something good
Keep it up.	For example	Plant the trees.
In the beginning	Light the fire.	Those other people
The light in your eyes	A group of friends	In my head
We got together	Under the earth	We left it here.
We saw the food.	Both children	Close the door.
It's my life.	The big city	Always be kind.
We started the fire.	Read the paper.	It never happened.
Run for miles.	A good thought	Once upon a time.
Do it often.	Is it really true?	We walked four miles.
It's time to eat.	Until the end	Let me carry it.
A second later	Near the sea	Stop the music.
Talk to my father.	Read your book.	The young face
Sing your song.	The long list	State your case.
My family	I miss you.	I cut myself.
A very important person	Above the clouds	On my side
Watch the game.	I took the car.	The peaceful Indians
So far so good.	Without a care	The young girl
I like being on the team.	My feet hurt.	The tall mountains
The dark night	Next to me	A good idea
A few children	It began to grow.	A long life
Watch the river.	A group of Indians	White clouds
He started to cry.	Too soon	I hear the sea.
Leave it to me.	An important idea	I hear the waves.
The first day of school	Almost enough	Almost four miles