

200 Core English Words

ENGLISH FOR REAL LIFE

High-value words for speaking and understanding everyday English. The most frequent grammar words are recycled naturally inside the examples, so students meet them again and again in context.

Essential Verbs	60 words
Everyday Nouns	50 words
Useful Adjectives	30 words
Time, Frequency & Quantity	25 words
Conversation Builders	35 words

How this list was built: This is not simply a frequency list. It prioritizes words that give A1-B1 learners real communicative power. Very frequent words such as the, a, to, in, on, is, are appear naturally and repeatedly in the example sentences.

Part 1: Words only

Part 2: The same 200 words in real sentences

Part 3: Power words with more than one real-life use

Part 1 - 200 words only

Use this section for recognition, pronunciation and quick review.

Essential Verbs

1	be	2	have	3	do	4	go
5	come	6	get	7	make	8	take
9	want	10	need	11	like	12	love
13	know	14	think	15	feel	16	see
17	look	18	hear	19	listen	20	speak
21	say	22	tell	23	ask	24	answer
25	give	26	bring	27	put	28	keep
29	find	30	use	31	work	32	study
33	learn	34	understand	35	remember	36	forget
37	start	38	finish	39	try	40	help
41	call	42	meet	43	wait	44	live
45	stay	46	leave	47	arrive	48	eat
49	drink	50	buy	51	pay	52	cook
53	watch	54	read	55	write	56	sleep
57	wake	58	travel	59	play	60	choose

Everyday Nouns

61	time	62	day	63	week	64	weekend
65	morning	66	afternoon	67	evening	68	night
69	home	70	house	71	family	72	friend
73	people	74	person	75	parent	76	child
77	job	78	school	79	class	80	teacher
81	student	82	food	83	water	84	coffee
85	money	86	car	87	bus	88	phone
89	place	90	city	91	country	92	life

93	problem	94	question	95	idea	96	thing
97	way	98	name	99	number	100	room
101	meeting	102	trip	103	restaurant	104	store
105	office	106	English	107	language	108	music
109	movie	110	book				

Useful Adjectives

111	good	112	bad	113	big	114	small
115	new	116	old	117	young	118	easy
119	hard	120	difficult	121	important	122	different
123	same	124	busy	125	free	126	tired
127	happy	128	sad	129	ready	130	hungry
131	thirsty	132	late	133	early	134	right
135	wrong	136	nice	137	interesting	138	favorite
139	expensive	140	cheap				

Time, Frequency & Quantity

141	always	142	usually	143	often	144	sometimes
145	never	146	now	147	today	148	tomorrow
149	yesterday	150	again	151	already	152	still
153	really	154	very	155	more	156	much
157	many	158	some	159	any	160	every
161	first	162	last	163	next	164	before
165	after						

Conversation Builders

166	what	167	where	168	when	169	who
170	why	171	how	172	which	173	because
174	but	175	so	176	if	177	and

178	or	179	with	180	without	181	for
182	from	183	about	184	here	185	there
186	this	187	that	188	these	189	those
190	something	191	nothing	192	someone	193	everyone
194	yes	195	no	196	maybe	197	please
198	sorry	199	thanks	200	together		

Part 2 - The same 200 words in real sentences

Read each sentence aloud. Notice how common grammar words are recycled naturally around the target word.

Essential Verbs

1 BE

I want to be more confident when I speak English.

3 DO

What do you usually do after dinner?

5 COME

Can you come to my house after work?

7 MAKE

I make breakfast before I leave home.

9 WANT

I want to travel more next year.

11 LIKE

I like this place because it is quiet.

13 KNOW

I know a good restaurant near here.

15 FEEL

I often feel tired after a busy day.

17 LOOK

Look at this photo from my last trip.

19 LISTEN

I listen to music when I cook.

21 SAY

What do you usually say when you meet someone new?

23 ASK

I want to ask you a question about the class.

2 HAVE

I have a meeting at work this afternoon.

4 GO

I go to work by bus during the week.

6 GET

I usually get home at about seven.

8 TAKE

I take the bus to work every morning.

10 NEED

I need some time to finish this today.

12 LOVE

I love spending time with my family.

14 THINK

I think this is a really good idea.

16 SEE

I see my friends on the weekend.

18 HEAR

I can hear music from the next room.

20 SPEAK

I want to speak English more naturally.

22 TELL

Can you tell me about your weekend?

24 ANSWER

Please answer the question in a complete sentence.

25 GIVE

Can you give me a few more minutes?

27 PUT

I always put my phone on the table at night.

29 FIND

I can't find my keys this morning.

31 WORK

I work from home two days a week.

33 LEARN

I want to learn new words in context.

35 REMEMBER

I remember your name, but I don't remember the number.

37 START

I start work at eight every day.

39 TRY

I try to speak English every day.

41 CALL

I call my family when I get home.

43 WAIT

I usually wait for the bus near my office.

45 STAY

I usually stay home on Sunday night.

47 ARRIVE

I usually arrive at work before nine.

49 DRINK

I drink a lot of water during the day.

51 PAY

I usually pay my bills online.

26 BRING

Please bring your book to class tomorrow.

28 KEEP

I keep my notes in the same place.

30 USE

I use English at work and when I travel.

32 STUDY

I study English in the evening.

34 UNDERSTAND

I understand the question, but I need time to answer.

36 FORGET

I sometimes forget to bring my water bottle.

38 FINISH

I usually finish work at about six.

40 HELP

Can you help me with this question?

42 MEET

I often meet my friends for coffee.

44 LIVE

I live in a busy part of the city.

46 LEAVE

I leave home early when I have a meeting.

48 EAT

I eat breakfast at home every morning.

50 BUY

I buy food for the week on Saturday.

52 COOK

I cook dinner at home most nights.

53 WATCH

I watch a movie when I have free time.

55 WRITE

I write emails in English at work.

57 WAKE

I usually wake up before seven.

59 PLAY

I sometimes play games with my family.

54 READ

I read a few pages before I sleep.

56 SLEEP

I try to sleep eight hours every night.

58 TRAVEL

I want to travel to a new country next year.

60 CHOOSE

It is hard to choose just one favorite movie.

Everyday Nouns

61 TIME

I don't have much time in the morning.

63 WEEK

I study English twice a week.

65 MORNING

I drink coffee every morning.

67 EVENING

I usually study in the evening.

69 HOME

I get home at about seven.

71 FAMILY

I have lunch with my family on Sundays.

73 PEOPLE

There are a lot of people in the restaurant today.

75 PARENT

A parent often has a very busy routine.

77 JOB

I like my job, but some days are difficult.

79 CLASS

Our English class starts at seven.

62 DAY

I have a busy day at work today.

64 WEEKEND

I usually relax at home on the weekend.

66 AFTERNOON

I have a meeting this afternoon.

68 NIGHT

I don't drink coffee at night.

70 HOUSE

There is a small park near my house.

72 FRIEND

My best friend lives in another city.

74 PERSON

She is a very friendly person.

76 CHILD

The child is reading a book in the living room.

78 SCHOOL

The school is near my house.

80 TEACHER

My teacher always gives clear examples.

81 STUDENT

Every student learns in a different way.

83 WATER

I always take water with me when I go out.

85 MONEY

I don't have much money with me today.

87 BUS

The bus usually arrives at this stop at eight.

89 PLACE

This is a nice place to study.

91 COUNTRY

I want to visit a different country next year.

93 PROBLEM

I have a small problem with my computer.

95 IDEA

That's a good idea for the weekend.

97 WAY

This is an easy way to practice every day.

99 NUMBER

Can you give me your phone number?

101 MEETING

I have an important meeting tomorrow morning.

103 RESTAURANT

There is a good restaurant near my office.

105 OFFICE

My office is about twenty minutes from home.

107 LANGUAGE

Learning a new language takes time and practice.

82 FOOD

The food at this restaurant is very good.

84 COFFEE

I usually have coffee after breakfast.

86 CAR

My car is at home, so I am taking the bus.

88 PHONE

I use my phone to listen to music.

90 CITY

I live in a big city with a lot of traffic.

92 LIFE

I want more time for the important things in my life.

94 QUESTION

Can I ask you a question?

96 THING

The first thing I do in the morning is drink water.

98 NAME

Sorry, what is your name again?

100 ROOM

There is a table and two chairs in the room.

102 TRIP

I need to buy a few things before my trip.

104 STORE

I need to go to the store after work.

106 ENGLISH

I use English when I travel and at work.

108 MUSIC

I listen to music when I am at home.

109 MOVIE

We usually watch a movie on Friday night.

110 BOOK

I am reading a really interesting book.

Useful Adjectives

111 GOOD

This is a good place to have coffee.

112 BAD

I had a bad day, but I feel better now.

113 BIG

I live in a big city, but my neighborhood is quiet.

114 SMALL

I have a small family and we are very close.

115 NEW

I started a new job last month.

116 OLD

My phone is old, but it still works well.

117 YOUNG

She is young, but she has a lot of experience.

118 EASY

This exercise is easy when you understand the rule.

119 HARD

It is hard to speak when you are nervous.

120 DIFFICULT

Some questions are difficult, so take your time.

121 IMPORTANT

It is important to practice a little every day.

122 DIFFERENT

My routine is different on the weekend.

123 SAME

We work in the same office.

124 BUSY

I am usually busy during the week.

125 FREE

I am free on Saturday afternoon.

126 TIRED

I feel tired when I don't sleep well.

127 HAPPY

I feel happy when I have time with my family.

128 SAD

I feel sad when a good trip ends.

129 READY

I am ready to start the class.

130 HUNGRY

I am hungry because I didn't have breakfast.

131 THIRSTY

I am thirsty, so I need some water.

132 LATE

I don't like to be late for meetings.

133 EARLY

I usually wake up early during the week.

134 RIGHT

Your first answer is right.

135 WRONG

This number is wrong; please check it again.

137 INTERESTING

This book is interesting and easy to read.

139 EXPENSIVE

That restaurant is good, but it is expensive.

136 NICE

It is a nice day, so let's go outside.

138 FAVORITE

Friday is my favorite day of the week.

140 CHEAP

The bus is a cheap way to travel around the city.

Time, Frequency & Quantity

141 ALWAYS

I always check my phone before I leave home.

143 OFTEN

I often listen to podcasts when I travel.

145 NEVER

I never drink coffee before I eat something.

147 TODAY

I have a lot of things to do today.

149 YESTERDAY

I was very tired yesterday after work.

151 ALREADY

I already have plans for this weekend.

153 REALLY

I really like this part of the city.

155 MORE

I want to speak English more often.

157 MANY

How many people are in your class?

159 ANY

Do you have any questions before we finish?

161 FIRST

The first thing I do is check my calendar.

142 USUALLY

I usually have lunch at about one.

144 SOMETIMES

I sometimes work from home on Fridays.

146 NOW

I am busy now, but I can call you later.

148 TOMORROW

I have an English class tomorrow evening.

150 AGAIN

Can you say that again, please?

152 STILL

I am still at work, but I will leave soon.

154 VERY

This question is very easy.

156 MUCH

I don't have much free time during the week.

158 SOME

I need some help with this exercise.

160 EVERY

I try to read something in English every day.

162 LAST

I went to a really good restaurant last weekend.

163 NEXT

I want to travel morenextyear.

165 AFTER

I often feel tiredafterwork.

164 BEFORE

I usually drink waterbeforebreakfast.

Conversation Builders

166 WHAT

Whatdo you usually do on weekends?

168 WHEN

Whendo you usually study English?

170 WHY

Whydo you want to learn English?

172 WHICH

Whichmovie do you want to watch?

174 BUT

I like coffee,butI don't drink it at night.

176 IF

IfI have time, I usually read before bed.

178 OR

Would you like coffeeorwater?

180 WITHOUT

I don't like to start the daywithoutbreakfast.

182 FROM

I workfromhome two days a week.

184 HERE

I usually wait for the bushere.

186 THIS

Thisis my favorite restaurant.

188 THESE

Thesequestions are easy to understand.

167 WHERE

Wheredo you normally have lunch?

169 WHO

Whodo you talk to every day?

171 HOW

Howdo you usually get to work?

173 BECAUSE

I study EnglishbecauseI want to travel more.

175 SO

I am tired,soI am going home early.

177 AND

I workandstudy during the week.

179 WITH

I livewithmy family.

181 FOR

This book isformy English class.

183 ABOUT

Tell meaboutyour typical day.

185 THERE

Thereis a good café near my office.

187 THAT

I thinkthatthis is a good idea.

189 THOSE

Thosebooks are for the English class.

190 SOMETHING

I want to eatsomethingbefore the meeting.

192 SOMEONE

I needsomeonetohelp me with this.

194 YES

Yes, I do. I usually study at night.

196 MAYBE

Maybe we can meet after work tomorrow.

198 SORRY

Sorry, I don't understand the question.

200 TOGETHER

We usually have dinnertogetheron Sundays.

191 NOTHING

There isnothingin the fridge, so we need to shop.

193 EVERYONE

Everyonein my family likes this restaurant.

195 NO

No, I don't. I usually stay home on Sundays.

197 PLEASE

Can you speak more slowly,please?

199 THANKS

Thanksfor your help with my English.

Part 3 - Power words

Some common verbs change meaning depending on the words around them. Learn the pattern, not only the translation.

get

ARRIVE I **get** home at about seven.

BECOME I **get** tired after a long day.

RECEIVE I **get** a lot of emails at work.

OBTAIN I need to **get** a new phone.

have

POSSESS I **have** two brothers.

EAT / DRINK I **have** breakfast at home.

EXPERIENCE I **have** a meeting this afternoon.

TIME I don't **have** much free time today.

take

TRANSPORT I **take** the bus to work.

ROUTINE I **take** a shower in the morning.

PAUSE Let's **take** a short break.

PHOTO Can you **take** a photo for me?

make

CREATE / PREPARE I **make** dinner at home.

DECISION I need to **make** a decision today.

PLAN Let's **make** a plan for the weekend.

MISTAKE It is okay to **make** mistakes when you learn.

do

ACTIVITY What **do** you do after work?

TASK I need to **do** my homework tonight.

EXERCISE I **do** exercise three times a week.

GENERAL ACTION What can I **do** to improve my English?

go

MOVEMENT I **go** to work by bus.

ACTIVITY I **go** shopping on Saturday.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY We **go** out for dinner sometimes.

FUTURE PLAN I want to **go** to another country next year.

come

MOVE HERE Can you **come** here for a minute?

ARRIVE What time do you **come** home?

JOIN Do you want to **come** with us?

ORIGIN Coffee can **come** from many different countries.

feel

EMOTION I **feel** happy when I travel.

PHYSICAL STATE I **feel** tired after work.

IMPRESSION I **feel** this is the right choice.

CHANGE I **feel** better after I rest.

think

OPINION I **think** this is a good idea.

CONSIDER I need time to **think** about it.

BELIEF I **think** she is at home now.

POSSIBILITY I often **think** about taking a new trip.

work

JOB I **work** in an office.

FUNCTION My phone doesn't **work** very well.

EFFORT I need to **work** on my pronunciation.

SCHEDULE I **work** from home on Fridays.

Make it personal: Choose 5 words from this material and make true sentences about your life. Then say them aloud without reading.