

Commonly Used Words

Commonly Used Pattern I Words

Pattern I

1. ask	29. form	57. me	85. right	113. too
2. all	30. get	58. mean	86. ring	114. true
3. ask	31. give	59. more	87. said	115. try
4. aunt	32. go	60. most	88. same	116. tube
5. back	33. good	61. much	89. saw	117. turn
6. bath	34. great	62. must	90. say	118. two
7. big	35. help	63. my	91. see	119. up
8. both	36. here	64. name	92. set	120. use
9. boy	37. home	65. new	93. show	121. wait
10. call	38. how	66. no	94. small	122. want
11. came	39. huge	67. noon	95. so	123. watch
12. chance	40. I'm	68. not	96. sound	124. way
13. come	41. if	69. now	97. stop	125. well
14. could	42. just	70. oil	98. such	126. when
15. day	43. know	71. old	99. sure	127. where
16. did	44. large	72. once	100. take	128. which
17. do	45. last	73. one	101. tell	129. who
18. does	46. laugh	74. out	102. that	130. will
19. don't	47. law	75. pale	103. their	131. wise
20. down	48. like	76. part	104. them	132. wood
21. drive	49. line	77. pass	105. then	133. word
22. each	50. live	78. place	106. there	134. work
23. eight	51. long	79. please	107. these	135. would
24. end	52. look	80. point	108. thing	136. would
25. even	53. made	81. put	109. think	137. write
26. find	54. make	82. quite	110. three	138. wrong
27. fine	55. man	83. rain	111. through	139. year
28. first	56. may	84. red	112. time	



Top 2,400 Words

The words printed in *red* in Intonation practice exercises are part of the "Top 1,200 Most Commonly Used Words in North American English." In addition, this pyramid icon signals commonly used adult vocabulary from the "Top 2,400 Most Commonly Used Words in North American English." These words are great adult vocabulary, and challenge you to broaden your language fluency. All High Intermediate+ speakers should be able to use these words in conversation. High Intermediate+ speakers should also be comfortable with various forms of these words that create: changes in time for verbs, adjectives/adverbs formed from nouns/verbs, plurals, contractions, etc. Can you easily use these words?

Commonly Used Pattern II Words

Pattern II

1. about	16. among	31. believe	46. disease	61. insult (v.)	76. report
2. above	17. amount	32. belong	47. effect	62. itself	77. result
3. across	18. appear	33. below	48. enjoy	63. machine	78. return
4. advice	19. around	34. beside	49. enough	64. object (v.)	79. severe
5. advise	20. arrived	35. between	50. entire	65. observe	80. subject (v.)
6. afraid	21. asleep	36. compare	51. escape	66. perhaps	81. supply
7. again	22. attack	37. complete	52. except	67. prepared	82. suppose
8. against	23. away	38. contain	53. expect	68. produce (v.)	83. surprise
9. agree	24. became	39. control	54. explain	69. progress (v.)	84. themselves
10. agreed	25. because	40. correct	55. express	70. provide	85. today
11. ahead	26. become	41. create	56. himself	71. received	86. tonight
12. allow	27. before	42. describe	57. include	72. refuse	87. until
13. alone	28. began	43. design	58. increase	73. relax	88. upon
14. along	29. begin	44. dessert	59. inside	74. remain	89. within
15. although	30. behind	45. direct	60. instead	75. repairs	90. without

Commonly Used Pattern III Words

Pattern III

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. able | 27. country | 53. island | 79. order | 105. shouldn't |
| 2. absence | 28. covered | 54. later | 80. other | 106. simple |
| 3. absent | 29. current | 55. letter | 81. over | 107. sixty |
| 4. actor | 30. desert (n.) | 56. license | 82. paper | 108. slowly |
| 5. after | 31. didn't | 57. lightning | 83. paper | 109. soften |
| 6. also | 32. difference | 58. listen | 84. pattern | 110. special |
| 7. always | 33. different | 59. little | 85. people | 111. story |
| 8. another | 34. distance | 60. many | 86. person | 112. study |
| 9. answer | 35. during | 61. matter | 87. picture | 113. subject (n.) |
| 10. any | 36. duty | 62. measure | 88. poison | 114. subject (noun) |
| 11. being | 37. early | 63. members | 89. power | 115. summer |
| 12. better | 38. either | 64. minutes | 90. problem | 116. surface |
| 13. body | 39. farmers | 65. money | 91. process (n.) | 117. system |
| 14. bother | 40. father | 66. morning | 92. produce (n.) | 118. table |
| 15. building | 41. figure | 67. mother | 93. products | 119. taken |
| 16. carefully | 42. figure | 68. mountain | 94. progress (n.) | 120. think |
| 17. carry | 43. finally | 69. music | 95. questions | 121. thousands |
| 18. center | 44. forest | 70. never | 96. quickly | 122. travel |
| 19. certain | 45. general | 71. nothing | 97. rather | 123. under |
| 20. children | 46. happened | 72. notice | 98. ready | 124. unit |
| 21. chimney | 47. heavy | 73. number | 99. ready | 125. very |
| 22. circle | 48. honor | 74. object (n.) | 100. really | 126. water |
| 23. city | 49. hundred | 75. object (noun) | 101. region | 127. winter |
| 24. color | 50. inches | 76. ocean | 102. river | 128. written |
| 25. coming | 51. insult (n.) | 77. often | 103. second | 129. written |
| 26. common | 52. into | 78. only | 104. several | |

Commonly Used Pattern IV Words

Pattern IV

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. addition | 11. condition | 21. discussion | 31. expensive | 41. severely |
| 2. advisor | 12. conditions | 22. divided | 32. however | 42. solution |
| 3. already | 13. consider | 23. division | 33. idea | 43. suggested |
| 4. already | 14. continued | 24. electric | 34. important | 44. together |
| 5. amusing | 15. courageous | 25. equation | 35. improvements | 45. tomato |
| 6. appointment | 16. decided | 26. exactly | 36. peculiar | 46. umbrella |
| 7. approval | 17. determine | 27. exactly | 37. position | 47. vacation |
| 8. beginning | 18. developed | 28. example | 38. remember | |
| 9. behavior | 19. direction | 29. exciting | 39. repeated | |
| 10. committee | 20. discovered | 30. existence | 40. September | |

Commonly Used Pattern V Words

Pattern V

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|--------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. advertise | 8. complement | 15. immigrate | 22. operate | 29. separate |
| 2. again | 9. complicate | 16. indicate | 23. paragraph | 30. substitute |
| 3. agency | 10. educate | 17. institute | 24. qualify | 31. symbolize |
| 4. alcohol | 11. exercise | 18. interview | 25. radio | 32. sympathize |
| 5. calculate | 12. gasoline | 19. magazine | 26. recognize | 33. universe |
| 6. certify | 13. hesitate | 20. moderate (v.) | 27. satisfy | |
| 7. classify | 14. imitate | 21. occupied | 28. separate | |

Commonly Used Pattern VI Words

Pattern VI

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. actually | 10. difficult | 19. government | 28. oxygen | 37. similar |
| 2. animal | 11. document | 20. hospital | 29. period | 38. studying |
| 3. area | 12. elements | 21. industry | 30. personal | 39. substances |
| 4. article | 13. energy | 22. instruments | 31. possible | 40. suddenly |
| 5. avenue | 14. excellent | 23. medicine | 32. president | 41. theater |
| 6. beautiful | 15. factories | 24. melody | 33. probably | 42. usually |
| 7. capital | 16. finally | 25. moderate | 34. property | |
| 8. comforting | 17. furniture | 26. natural | 35. regular | |
| 9. company | 18. general | 27. opposite | 36. scientists | |

Commonly Used Pattern VII Words

Pattern VII

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| 1. afternoon | 4. overcome | 7. souvenirs | 10. understand |
| 2. engineer | 5. represent | 8. twenty-one | 11. understood |
| 3. introduce | 6. seventeen | 9. underneath | |

Commonly Used Pattern VIII Words

Pattern VIII

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|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. absolutely | 11. composition | 21. entertainment | 31. institution | 41. recognition |
| 2. accusation | 12. conscientious | 22. entertainment | 32. interference | 42. reproduction |
| 3. admiration | 13. conservation | 23. exhibition | 33. interruption | 43. resignation |
| 4. application | 14. correspondence | 24. exploration | 34. introduction | 44. satisfaction |
| 5. artificial | 15. declaration | 25. hesitation | 35. mathematics | 45. separation |
| 6. calculation | 16. definition | 26. horizontal | 36. observation | 46. substitution |
| 7. cancellation | 17. democratic | 27. imitation | 37. operation | |
| 8. combination | 18. disappointment | 28. immigration | 38. politician | |
| 9. competition | 19. education | 29. independence | 39. population | |
| 10. complication | 20. energetic | 30. information | 40. preservation | |

Commonly Used Compound Words

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|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. birthday | 4. underwear | 7. typewriter | 10. understand |
| 2. anything | 5. grandfather | 8. anybody | |
| 3. everything | 6. newspaper | 9. afternoon | |