

Commonly Used Words

Commonly Used Pattern I Words

Pattern I

1. address	31. get	61. mean	91. quite	121. think
2. all	32. give	62. more	92. rain	122. three
3. ask	33. go	63. most	93. record	123. through
4. aunt	34. good	64. much	94. red	124. time
5. back	35. great	65. must	95. refuse	125. too
6. bath	36. help	66. my	96. right	126. true
7. big	37. here	67. name	97. ring	127. try
8. birthday	38. home	68. new	98. said	128. tube
9. both	39. how	69. no	99. same	129. turn
10. boy	40. huge	70. noon	100. saw	130. two
11. call	41. I'm	71. not	101. say	131. up
12. came	42. if	72. now	102. see	132. use
13. chance	43. inside	73. object	103. set	133. wait
14. come	44. insult	74. oil	104. show	134. want
15. could	45. just	75. old	105. small	135. watch
16. day	46. know	76. once	106. so	136. way
17. desert	47. large	77. one	107. sound	137. well
18. did	48. last	78. out	108. stop	138. when
19. don't	49. laugh	79. outside	109. subject	139. where
20. does	50. law	80. pale	110. such	140. which
21. down	51. like	81. part	111. sure	141. who
22. drive	52. line	82. pass	112. take	142. will
23. each	53. live	83. permit	113. tell	143. wise
24. eight	54. long	84. place	114. that	144. wood
25. end	55. look	85. please	115. their	145. word
26. even	56. made	86. point	116. them	146. work
27. find	57. make	87. present	117. then	147. would
28. fine	58. man	88. produce	118. there	148. write
29. first	59. may	89. progress	119. these	149. wrong
30. form	60. me	90. put	120. thing	150. year



Top 2,400 Words

These Commonly Used Words are 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 would create changes in time for verbs, and adjectives/adverbs formed from nouns/verbs, plurals, contractions. Can you easily use these words?

Commonly Used Pattern II Words

Pattern II

1. about	15. although	29. began	43. describe	57. express	71. permit	85. return
2. above	16. among	30. begin	44. design	58. himself	72. prepared	86. severe
3. across	17. amount	31. behind	45. dessert	59. include	73. present	87. subject (v.)*
4. address	18. anything	32. believe	46. direct	60. increase	74. produce (v.)*	88. supply
5. advice	19. appear	33. belong	47. disease	61. inside	75. progress (v.)*	89. suppose
6. advise	20. around	34. below	48. effect	62. instead	76. provide	90. surprise
7. afraid	21. arrived	35. beside	49. enjoy	63. insult (v.)*	77. received	91. themselves
8. again	22. asleep	36. between	50. enough	64. itself	78. record	92. today
9. against	23. attack	37. compare	51. entire	65. look	79. refuse	93. tonight
10. agreed	24. away	38. complete	52. escape	66. machine	80. relax	94. underwear
11. ahead	25. became	39. contain	53. everything	67. object (v.)*	81. remain	95. until
12. allow	26. because	40. control	54. except	68. observe	82. repairs	96. upon
13. alone	27. become	41. correct	55. expect	69. outside	83. report	97. within
14. along	28. before	42. create	56. explain	70. perhaps	84. result	98. without

* What if this word is used as a noun? What Pattern would it be?

Commonly Used Pattern III Words

Pattern III

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

* What if this word is used as a verb? What Pattern would it be?

Commonly Used Pattern IV Words

Pattern IV

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

* What if these -ed past tense verbs were present tense? What Pattern would they be?

Commonly Used Pattern V Words

Pattern V

- | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. advertise | 8. complement (v.)* | 15. immigrate | 22. operate | 29. substitute |
| 2. afternoon | 9. complicate | 16. indicate | 23. paragraph | 30. symbolize |
| 3. agency | 10. educate | 17. institute | 24. qualify | 31. sympathize |
| 4. alcohol | 11. exercise | 18. interview | 25. radio | 32. understand |
| 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 (v.)* | |

*What if this word is used as a noun? What Pattern would it be?

Commonly Used Pattern VI Words

Pattern VI

- | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. actually | 10. comforting | 20. furniture | 30. opposite | 40. regular |
| 2. animal | 11. company | 21. general | 31. oxygen | 41. scientist(s)* |
| 3. anyone | 12. difficult | 22. government | 32. period | 42. similar |
| 4. area | 13. document | 23. hospital | 33. personal | 43. studying |
| 5. article | 14. element(s)* | 24. industry | 34. possible | 44. substances |
| 6. avenue | 15. energy | 25. instrument(s)* | 35. practical | 45. suddenly |
| 7. beautiful | 16. excellent | 26. medicine | 36. president | 46. theater |
| 8. capital | 17. factory/factories* | 27. melody | 37. probably | 47. usually |
| 9. certainly | 18. finally | 28. moderate | 38. property | 48. wonderful |
| | 19. flavoring | 29. natural | 39. recently | |

*These words have a plural -s marker. What if these words were singular nouns? What Pattern would they be?

Commonly Used Pattern VII Words

Pattern VII

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

Commonly Used Pattern VIII Words

Pattern VIII

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