

### Commonly Used /r/ + Vowel Word List

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|------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. raining | 12. reduce    | 23. roll   | 34. rug   |
| 2. raise   | 13. refuse    | 24. rose   | 35. rush  |
| 3. rank    | 14. reference | 25. rots   | 36. rust  |
| 4. rate    | 15. rest      | 26. rotten | 37. wrap  |
| 5. reach   | 16. require   | 27. roof   | 38. wreck |
| 6. read    | 17. rice      | 28. root   | 39. wrong |
| 7. real    | 18. rip       | 29. route  | 40. wrote |
| 8. really  | 19. ripped    | 30. rude   |           |
| 9. rate    | 20. risk      | 31. round  |           |
| 10. read   | 21. rob       | 32. route  |           |
| 11. red    | 22. rock      | 33. rub    |           |



### Top 2,400 Words

*This pyramid icon signals notable words listed among the "Top 2,400 Most Commonly Used Words in North American English." These words (highlighted in red in the exercises) are great adult vocabulary and challenge you to broaden your language fluency. All High Intermediate level English speakers should be able to use these words in conversation. 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 Initial /br/ Blends Word List

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|-----------|----------|
| 1. branch | 5. bring |
| 2. brave  | 6. brown |
| 3. bread  | 7. brush |
| 4. bright |          |

### Commonly Used Initial /dr/ Blends Word List

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|----------|----------|
| 1. drag  | 4. drown |
| 2. drive | 5. drum  |
| 3. draw  | 6. dry   |

### Commonly Used Initial /fr/ Blends Word List

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1. fraction | 4. frightening |
| 2. fried    | 5. from        |
| 3. frighten |                |

### Commonly Used Initial /pr/ Blends Word List

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. practical | 4. pray      | 7. price    |
| 2. practice  | 5. precious  | 8. program  |
| 3. praise    | 6. prejudice | 9. promptly |

### Commonly Used Initial /spr/ Blends Word List

1. spray
2. spread

### Commonly Used Initial /str/ Blends Word List

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|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. straight | 5. street  | 9. strong     |
| 2. stranger | 6. stretch | 10. structure |
| 3. strap    | 7. string  |               |
| 4. straw    | 8. strip   |               |

**Commonly Used Recurrent /r/ Word List**

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|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. barber   | 8. rather        | 15. repair  | 22. ruler     |
| 2. border   | 9. razor         | 16. require | 23. rural     |
| 3. former   | 10. rear         | 17. retire  | 24. terror    |
| 4. mirror   | 11. refer        | 18. river   | 25. therefore |
| 5. moreover | 12. reference    | 19. roar    |               |
| 6. railroad | 13. refrigerator | 20. robber  |               |
| 7. rare     | 14. remember     | 21. rubber  |               |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /bl/ Word List**

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. able        | 13. miserable    | 25. remember    | 37. scribble  |
| 2. barber      | 14. moreover     | 26. repair      | 38. sensible  |
| 3. border      | 15. mumble       | 27. require     | 39. symbol    |
| 4. cable       | 16. possible     | 28. respectable | 40. table     |
| 5. comfortable | 17. railroad     | 29. responsible | 41. terrible  |
| 6. double      | 18. rare         | 30. retire      | 42. terror    |
| 7. enjoyable   | 19. rather       | 31. river       | 43. therefore |
| 8. former      | 20. razor        | 32. roar        | 44. tremble   |
| 9. gamble      | 21. rear         | 33. robber      | 45. valuable  |
| 10. honorable  | 22. refer        | 34. rubber      | 46. vegetable |
| 11. impossible | 23. reference    | 35. ruler       |               |
| 12. mirror     | 24. refrigerator | 36. rural       |               |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /dl/ Word List**

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. handle | 4. needle |
| 2. middle | 5. puddle |
| 3. model  |           |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /fl/ Word List**

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|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. awful     | 5. faithful | 9. skillful   |
| 2. beautiful | 6. grateful | 10. useful    |
| 3. careful   | 7. joyful   | 11. wonderful |
| 4. cheerful  | 8. pitiful  |               |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /kl/ Word List**

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|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. ankle   | 5. classical | 9. practical |
| 2. article | 6. critical  | 10. uncle    |
| 3. bicycle | 7. nickel    |              |
| 4. circle  | 8. political |              |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /pl/ Word List**

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|------------|-----------|
| 1. apple   | 5. sample |
| 2. example | 6. simple |
| 3. people  | 7. temple |
| 4. purple  |           |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /sl/ Word List**

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|------------|------------|
| 1. missile | 3. whistle |
| 2. pencil  | 4. wrestle |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /v/ Word List**

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|-------------|----------|
| 1. approval | 4. evil  |
| 2. arrival  | 5. level |
| 3. devil    | 6. rival |

**Commonly Used Syllabic /z/ Word List**

1. puzzle
2. refusal

**Commonly Used Coarticulated /l/ Word List**

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|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. blame   | 10. classified | 19. employee | 28. glove     |
| 2. blank   | 11. clear      | 20. flag     | 29. include   |
| 3. blanket | 12. climb      | 21. flame    | 30. neglect   |
| 4. bled    | 13. close      | 22. flat     | 31. plaid     |
| 5. blind   | 14. clothes    | 23. flavor   | 32. pleasant  |
| 6. blood   | 15. club       | 24. flower   | 33. plentiful |
| 7. blouse  | 16. complete   | 25. flour    |               |
| 8. blue    | 17. complicate | 26. flew     |               |
| 9. claim   | 18. diploma    | 27. glad     |               |

**Commonly Used Vowel + /l/ Word List**

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|---------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1. boil | 10. jail  | 19. roll   | 28. towel |
| 2. bowl | 11. jewel | 20. royal  | 29. while |
| 3. cool | 12. loyal | 21. rule   | 30. vowel |
| 4. deal | 13. mail  | 22. sail   |           |
| 5. fail | 14. mile  | 23. school |           |
| 6. feel | 15. nail  | 24. soil   |           |
| 7. file | 16. pile  | 25. stole  |           |
| 8. fool | 17. pool  | 26. soul   |           |
| 9. hole | 18. oil   | 27. tool   |           |

**Commonly Used Dental /l/ + /θ/ Word List**

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|--------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. although  | 5. healthiest | 9. wealthy |
| 2. health    | 6. wealth     |            |
| 3. healthy   | 7. wealthier  |            |
| 4. healthier | 8. wealthiest |            |

**Commonly Used Contrast for Vowel Length and Unreleased Stops**

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|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. back  | 14. dug   | 27. lack  | 40. rot   |
| 2. bag   | 15. feed  | 28. lid   | 41. sad   |
| 3. bake  | 16. feet  | 29. luck  | 42. sat   |
| 4. bed   | 17. flag  | 30. neat  | 43. seat  |
| 5. beg   | 18. foot  | 31. need  | 44. seed  |
| 6. bet   | 19. gap   | 32. pick  | 45. snack |
| 7. bug   | 20. got   | 33. pig   | 46. suit  |
| 8. cab   | 21. greed | 34. plug  | 47. tack  |
| 9. cap   | 22. greet | 35. rate  | 48. tribe |
| 10. cup  | 23. had   | 36. ride  | 49. wet   |
| 11. dead | 24. hat   | 37. right | 50. write |
| 12. debt | 25. hit   | 38. rip   |           |
| 13. duck | 26. lab   | 39. rope  |           |

**Commonly Used Glottal /t/ Word List**

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. bitten | 4. eaten  |
| 2. button | 5. rotten |
| 3. cotton |           |

**Commonly Used Flap /t/ Word List**

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. beater   | 8. city      | 15. hated   |
| 2. better   | 9. cutting   | 16. hunted  |
| 3. biting   | 10. daughter | 17. pointed |
| 4. brighter | 11. duty     | 18. rated   |
| 5. butter   | 12. fatter   | 19. rotted  |
| 6. cheated  | 13. fitted   | 20. sighted |
| 7. cheater  | 14. getting  |             |

**Commonly Used Flap /t/ versus /d/ Contrast Word List**

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|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. bleeding | 7. madder  | 13. sighted |
| 2. greater  | 8. matter  | 14. wetting |
| 3. heated   | 9. metal   | 15. whiter  |
| 4. knotted  | 10. nodded | 16. wider   |
| 5. ladder   | 11. odder  | 17. writer  |
| 6. latter   | 12. rider  |             |

**Commonly Used /t/ Variation Contrasts Word List**

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|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. added  | 5. letter  | 9. nodded   |
| 2. attend | 6. lighter | 10. quitter |
| 3. beater | 7. neater  | 11. ready   |
| 4. hitter | 8. needed  | 12. waiter  |

**Commonly Used Voicing Contrast in Word Pairs Word List**

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. back  | 9. come  | 17. gave | 25. tear |
| 2. bad   | 10. dear | 18. joke | 26. veil |
| 3. bill  | 11. fail | 19. pack | 27. very |
| 4. cab   | 12. fear | 20. pad  | 28. view |
| 5. came  | 13. few  | 21. pan  | 29. zip  |
| 6. cap   | 14. fine | 22. pill | 30. zone |
| 7. chest | 15. game | 23. sewn | 31. zoo  |
| 8. chin  | 16. gap  | 24. sink |          |

**Commonly Used Final Consonant Duration Word List**

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|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. age     | 13. half  | 25. match  | 37. relieve |
| 2. bath    | 14. have  | 26. once   | 38. safe    |
| 3. believe | 15. ice   | 27. ones   | 39. search  |
| 4. breath  | 16. laws  | 28. peace  | 40. save    |
| 5. breathe | 17. leaf  | 29. peas   | 41. seas    |
| 6. close   | 18. leave | 30. piece  | 42. sees    |
| 7. clothes | 19. life  | 31. price  | 43. sieze   |
| 8. dies    | 20. live  | 32. proof  | 44. spice   |
| 9. edge    | 21. loose | 33. prove  | 45. teeth   |
| 10. eyes   | 22. lose  | 34. race   | 46. wave    |
| 11. five   | 23. loss  | 35. raise  |             |
| 12. grows  | 24. lunch | 36. relief |             |

### Commonly Used Voicing Strength in /r/, /l/, /w/ Blends Word List

1. black	42. grain	83. praise	124. swing
2. bleed	43. grass	84. prayed	125. thread
3. blind	44. grave	85. prays	126. threw
4. block	45. gray	86. pretty	127. throat
5. blouse	46. great	87. price	128. through
6. blue	47. greed	88. pride	129. throw
7. branch	48. green	89. prove	130. track
8. bread	49. greet	90. rain	131. train
9. breast	50. grew	91. raise	132. tray
10. brick	51. ground	92. rank	133. trick
11. class	52. group	93. rate	134. tried
12. clause	53. grow	94. reach	135. trip
13. clean	54. laid	95. read	136. truck
14. close	55. lake	96. red	137. true
15. clothes	56. land	97. rest	138. try
16. cram	57. lane	98. rice	139. twice
17. dream	58. lap	99. ripped	140. warm
18. credit	59. late	100. risk	141. watch
19. cruel	60. lay/lays	101. rob	142. way
20. cry	61. law	102. root	143. was
21. dress	62. lead	103. route	144. wear
22. dried	63. leak	104. rose	145. weed
23. drink	64. led	105. round	146. week
24. drop	65. leis	106. row	147. weep
25. drove	66. lie	107. rub	148. weigh
26. drug	67. light	108. rug	149. well
27. drunk	68. lip	109. rude	150. wet
28. dry	69. lock	110. rush	151. wharf
29. flag	70. log	111. rust	152. wheat
30. flame	71. lot	112. slap	153. where
31. flash	72. low	113. slice	154. which
32. flight	73. lump	114. slide	155. win
33. flush	74. plane	115. slight	156. wing
34. fly	75. plain	116. slip	157. wipe
35. from	76. planned	117. slow	158. wish
36. front	77. plate	118. swallow	159. world
37. froze	78. play	119. swear	160. worn
38. fruit	79. plastic	120. sweat	161. wreck
39. glad	80. pleasant	121. sweep	162. wrote
40. glass	81. plow	122. sweet	
41. grab	82. plenty	123. swell	

### Commonly Used Voiced -s Ending Word List

1. aches	23. dogs	45. makes	67. shifts
2. advantages	24. ducks	46. man's	68. ships
3. ages	25. children's	47. masses	69. shops
4. attacks	26. crowds	48. matches	70. sizes
5. baths	27. edges	49. meetings	71. slaves
6. beaches	28. encourages	50. misses	72. socks
7. bells	29. evenings	51. mouse's	73. songs
8. bits	30. fights	52. moves	74. suits
9. branches	31. fires	53. nieces	75. supposes
10. breathes	32. girls	54. noises	76. teachers
11. brushes	33. grabs	55. notices	77. times
12. bugs	34. groups	56. pages	78. towns
13. bunches	35. guests	57. places	79. uses
14. catches	36. halves	58. pleases	80. voices
15. chins	37. hats	59. prescribes	81. washes
16. classes	38. haves	60. pulls	82. webs
17. clauses	39. itches	61. races	83. wings
18. cliffs	40. lamps	62. roars	84. wrongs
19. clocks	41. laughs	63. roses	85. yeses
20. completes	42. lids	64. sails	
21. confesses	43. lights	65. sales	
22. creeps	44. lunches	66. shakes	

### Commonly Used Voiced -ed Ending Word List

86. accused	100. chained	114. looked	128. sized
87. addressed	101. coughed	115. minded	129. smashed
88. aged	102. decided	116. netted	130. smelled
89. aimed	103. faded	117. nodded	131. soiled
90. aired	104. fielded	118. phoned	132. threaded
91. amazed	105. fished	119. practiced	133. thrilled
92. arrived	106. fitted	120. proved	134. used
93. bagged	107. folded	121. raised	135. voted
94. bandaged	108. greeted	122. resigned	136. waited
95. blamed	109. guided	123. rooted	137. weighted
96. braved	110. improved	124. routed	
97. breaded	111. listened	125. rubbed	
98. calmed	112. loaded	126. sailed	
99. cashed	113. longed	127. signaled	