

## 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?



### Challenge

**For nouns**, change number to plural or possibly possessive (-s).

**For verbs**, create simple past tense (-ed), if appropriate.

**Does the intonation remain the same?**

### Commonly Used Pattern II Words

#### Pattern II

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

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

## Commonly Used Pattern III Words

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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	

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## Commonly Used Pattern IV Words

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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

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|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 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

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|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 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

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|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 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/<br>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 |                  |

\* Can you identify the verb form (when appropriate) of the many nouns listed? What intonation pattern would they be??