# Talk a Lot 

## Foundation Course

## The 100 Most Common Words in Written English

The Oxford University list of the top 100 high-frequency words in written English is based on an analysis of the Oxford English Corpus, which is a collection of texts in English that has a combined total of over one billion words. This analysis was done by Oxford Online, in association with the Oxford English Dictionary. Of these top 100 words, 60 are function words, including all but 2 of the top 30 words! "the" is the most common word in written English.

From Wikipedia:
"Note that the items listed may represent more than one actual word; they are lemmas. For instance the entry "be" contains within it the occurrences of "are", "is", "were", and "was". Note also that these top 100 lemmas listed below account for $50 \%$ of all the words in the Oxford English Corpus." [emphasis mine]

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Most_common_words_in_English, accessed on 04.04.2011
Function words are highlighted and weak forms (where possible) are shown with the Clear Alphabet:

| 1. | the | th | 36. | all |  | 71. | than | thn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | be | bi | 37. | would | wd | 72. | then |  |
| 3. | to | t | 38. | there | th | 73. | now |  |
| 4. | of | uhv | 39. | their | th | 74. | look |  |
| 5. | and | uhn | 40. | what |  | 75. | only |  |
| 6. | a | uh | 41. | so |  | 76. | come |  |
| 7. | in |  | 42. | up |  | 77. | its | uh_s |
| 8. | that | th_ | 43. | out | au | 78. | over |  |
| 9. | have | uhv | 44. | if | uhf | 79. | think |  |
| 10. | I | uh | 45. | about | uh bau_ | 80. | also |  |
| 11. | it | i_ | 46. | who |  | 81. | back |  |
| 12. | for | f | 47. | get |  | 82. | after |  |
| 13. | not |  | 48. | which |  | 83. | use |  |
| 14. | on |  | 49. | go |  | 84. | two |  |
| 15. | with | w | 50. | me | mi | 85. | how |  |
| 16. | he | i | 51. | when |  | 86. | our | ar |
| 17. | as | uhz | 52. | make |  | 87. | work |  |
| 18. | you | y | 53. | can | kn | 88. | first |  |
| 19. | do | d | 54. | like |  | 89. | well |  |
| 20. | at | uh_ | 55. | time |  | 90. | way |  |
| 21. | this |  | 56. | no |  | 91. | even |  |
| 22. | but | b | 57. | just |  | 92. | new |  |
| 23. | his | iz | 58. | him | im | 93. | want |  |
| 24. | by | b | 59. | know |  | 94. | because | b kz |
| 25. | from | frm | 60. | take |  | 95. | any | uh nii |
| 26. | they | th | 61. | person |  | 96. | these |  |
| 27. | we | w | 62. | into |  | 97. | give |  |
| 28. | say |  | 63. | year |  | 98. | day |  |
| 29. | her | uh | 64. | your | y | 99. | most |  |
| 30. | she | sh | 65. | good |  | 100. | us | uhz |
| 31. | or | uh | 66. | some | sm |  |  |  |
| 32. | an | uhn | 67. | could | kd |  |  |  |
| 33. | will | uhl | 68. | them | thm |  |  |  |
| 34. | my | m | 69. | see |  |  |  |  |
| 35. | one |  | 70. | other |  |  |  |  |

