



# The General Service List 英文最常用词汇表

The General Service List is a list of the basic vocabulary of English in order of frequency. It was first created by West in 1953. The version used here was adapted by Baumann and Culligan in 1995. It contains almost 2,300 words.

Here, the General Service List is divided into smaller sublists. Sublist 1 has the first 500 words. Sublist 2 the next 500 words etc.

Sublist 1 of the General Service List This sublist contains the most frequent words of the GSL: 001 - 500



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| the   | take    | tell     | word     |
|-------|---------|----------|----------|
| be    | come    | write    | program  |
| of    | these   | become   | problem  |
| and   | know    | here     | however  |
| a     | See     | show     | lead     |
| to    | use     | house    | system   |
| in    | get     | both     | set      |
| he    | like    | between  | order    |
| have  | then    | need     | eye      |
| it    | first   | mean     | plan     |
| that  | any     | call     | run      |
| for   | work    | develop  | keep     |
| they  | now     | under    | face     |
| I     | may     | last     | fact     |
| with  | such    | right    | group    |
| as    | give    | move     | play     |
| not   | over    | thing    | stand    |
| on    | think   | general  | increase |
| she   | most    | school   | early    |
| at    | even    | never    | course   |
| by    | find    | same     | change   |
| this  | day     | another  | help     |
| we    | also    | begin    | line     |
| you   | after   | while    | city     |
| do    | way     | number   | put      |
| but   | many    | part     | close    |
| from  | must    | turn     | case     |
| or    | look    | real     | force    |
| which | before  | leave    | meet     |
| one   | great   | might    | once     |
| would | back    | want     | water    |
| all   | through | point    | upon     |
| will  | long    | form     | war      |
| there | where   | off      | build    |
| say   | much    | child    | hear     |
| who   | should  | few      | light    |
| make  | well    | small    | unite    |
| when  | people  | since    | live     |
| can   | down    | against  | every    |
| more  | own     | ask      | country  |
| if    | just    | late     | bring    |
| no    | because | home     | center   |
| man   | good    | interest | let      |
| out   | each    | large    | side     |
| other | those   | person   | try      |
| SO    | feel    | end      | provide  |
| what  | seem    | open     | continue |
| time  | how     | public   | name     |
| up    | high    | follow   | certain  |
| go    | too     | during   | power    |
| about | place   | present  | pay      |
| than  | little  | without  | result   |
| into  | world   | again    | question |
| could | very    | hold     | study    |
| state | still   | govern   | woman    |
| only  | nation  | around   | member   |
| new   | hand    | possible | until    |
| year  | old     | head     | far      |
| some  | life    | consider | night    |
|       |         |          |          |



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always service away report something company week church toward start social room figure nature though young less enough almost read include president nothing yet better big boy cost business value second why clear expect family complete act sense mind experience art next near direct car law industry important girl god several matter usual rather per often kind among white

reason action return foot care simple within love human along appear doctor believe speak active student month drive concern best door hope example inform body ever least probable understand reach effect different idea whole control condition field pass fall note special talk particular today measure walk teach low hour type carry rate remain full street easy although record sit

determine level local sure receive thus moment spirit train college religion perhaps music grow free cause serve age book board recent sound office cut step class TRUE history position above strong friend necessary add court deal tax support party whether either land material happen education death agree arm mother across auite anything town past view society manage answer break

organize half fire lose money stop actual already effort wait department able political learn voice air together shall cover common subject draw short wife treat limit road letter color behind produce send term total university rise century success minute remember purpose test fight watch situation south ago difference stage father table rest bear entire market prepare explain offer plant



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| charge  | modern  | observe   | further  |
|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| ground  | dark    | future    | pressure |
| west    | surface | wall      | property |
| picture | rule    | farm      | morning  |
| hard    | regard  | claim     | amount   |
| front   | dance   | firm      | top      |
| lie     | peace   | operation | outside  |

## Sublist 2 of the General Service List

This sublist contains the next most frequent words of the GSL: 501 - 1000

| piece       | son        | equal       | serious       |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| sometimes   | exist      | east        | attack        |
| beauty      | north      | event       | floor         |
| trade       | suggest    | employ      | association   |
| fear        | station    | defense     | spring        |
| demand      | effective  | derenee     | lot           |
| wonder      | food       | smile       | stock         |
| list        | deep       | river       | lack          |
| accept      | wide       | improve     | hair          |
| judge       | alone      | game        | science       |
| paint       | character  | detail      | relation      |
| mile        | english    | account     | profession    |
| soon        | happy      | cent        | pattern       |
| responsible | critic     | sort        | quick         |
| allow       | unit       | reduce      | medical       |
| secretary   | product    | club        | influence     |
| heart       | respect    | buy         | occasion      |
| union       | drop       | attention   | machine       |
| slow        | nor        | ship        | compare       |
| island      | fill       | decision    | husband       |
| enter       | cold       | wear        | blue          |
| drink       | represent  | inside      | international |
| story       | sudden     | win         | fair          |
| experiment  | basic      | suppose     | especially    |
| stay        | kill       | ride        | indeed        |
| paper       | fine       | operate     | imagine       |
| space       | trouble    | realize     | surprise      |
| apply       | mark       | sale        | average       |
| decide      | single     | choose      | official      |
| share       | press      | park        | temperature   |
| desire      | heavy      | square      | difficult     |
| spend       | attempt    | vote        | sing          |
| sign        | origin     | price       | hit           |
| therefore   | standard   | district    | tree          |
| various     | everything | dead        | race          |
| visit       | committee  | foreign     | police        |
| supply      | moral      | window      | touch         |
| officer     | black      | beyond      | relative      |
| doubt       | red        | direction   | throw         |
| private     | bad        | strike      | quality       |
| immediate   | earth      | instead     | former        |
| wish        | accord     | trial       | pull          |
| contain     | else       | practice    | chance        |
| feed        | mere       | catch       | prove         |
| raise       | die        | opportunity | argue         |
| describe    | remark     | likely .    | settle        |
| ready       | basis      | recognize   | growth        |
| horse       | except     | permit      | date          |



heat save performance count production listen main pick size cool army patient combine summer hall slight command enjoy length proper express health chief evening store language degree lav current gun dog hotel strange separate boat fail clean dress anyone gain pain object knowledge depend relate below dollar advance shape arrange population ves sell mention dry check poet sleep join

hot bed electric dream due season manner fit left progress neither strength notice finish opinion bill western truth wrong travel suit bank exact honor brother quiet marry corner handle danger hospital pool promise blood shoot scene literature arrive film base freedom bar maybe hang suffer manufacture frequent rock loss burn sun audience essential glass prevent poem poor inch song

skill post popular radio animal conscious worth eat election faith wave murder model forget extend edge distance memory recommend division staff leg discussion address fly dependent ball shake frame extreme engineer thick comfort latter camp oil discover examine difficulty tooth middle choice refer enemy practical marriage bridae declare lady cross dailv afternoon attend director balance wash capital speed block

mouth hill green please motor agency encourage aovernor worry affair shoulder bright mass sample pretty repeat roll push trip council clothe parent forward sharp straight gas weight discuss fix load master whatever round rapid laugh finger spot propose shop broad replace reply extent lock employee ahead sight spread wind approve destroy none pound fame importance reflect advantage match

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citizen



regular wage refuse existence hardly perform title tend exercise thin coat bit mountain youth behavior newspaper secret ability sea

soft justice reasonable circle solid page weapon fast representative search pure escape crowd stick telephone avoid garden favor news

unless dinner someone signal yard ideal warm miss shelter soldier article cry captain familiar seat guest weak excite

king

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everyone wine hole duty beat perfect bottom compose battle expense cattle flow kitchen dust bottle admit

## Sublist 3 of the General Service List

This sublist contains the next most frequent words of the GSL: 1001 - 1500

| tear<br>tire<br>expression<br>exception<br>application<br>belong<br>rich<br>failure | wheel<br>solution<br>aim<br>gather<br>invite<br>moreover<br>fresh | request<br>appoint<br>agent<br>dependence<br>bird<br>wild<br>motion | dirt<br>delight<br>trust<br>nobody<br>valley<br>tool<br>presence |
|---|---|---|--|
| struggle  | forest<br>winter  | guess<br>neighbor   | cook<br>railroad   |
| instrument  | box   | seed  | minister   |
| variety   | belief  | fashion   | coffee   |
| narrow  | ordinary  | loan  | brush  |
| theater   | impossible  | correct   | beside   |
| collection  | print   | plain   | collect  |
| rain  | gray  | mail  | guide  |
| review  | taste   | retire  | luck   |
| preserve  | lip   | opposite  | profit   |
| leadership  | speech  | prefer  | lord   |
| clay  | reference   | safe  | everybody  |
| daughter  | stain   | evil  | prison   |
| fellow  | connection  | double  | cloud  |
| swing   | otherwise   | wood  | slave  |
| thank   | stretch   | empty   | chairman   |
| library   | knife   | baby  | soil   |
| fat   | village   | advise  | distinguish  |
| reserve   | blow  | content   | introduce  |
| tour  | mistake   | sport   | urge   |
| nice  | sweet   | lift  | blind  |
| warn  | shout   | literary  | arise  |
| ring  | divide  | curious   | upper  |
| bitter  | guard   | tie   | curve  |
| chair   | worse   | flat  | membership   |
| yesterday   | exchange  | message   | key  |
| scientific  | rare  | neck  | entertain  |
| flower  | commercial  | hate  | soul   |



neighborhood friendly pair stone lean protect advertise mystery welcome knee jump snake stream avenue brown disease hat excellent formal snow sheet somehow unity sky rough smooth weather steadv threaten depth oppose deliver ancient pray adopt birth appearance universe busy hurry coast forth smell furnish female hide wire proposal ouaht victory quarter engine customer waste fool intend intention desk

politics passage lawyer root climb metal gradual hunt protection satisfy roof branch pleasure witness loose nose mine band aside risk tomorrow remind ear fish shore operator civilize being silent screen bind earn pack colony besides slip cousin scale relief explore stem brain musician defend bend somebody shadow mix smoke description fruit guilt yield sensitive salt pale sweep completion throat

agriculture admire gentle dozen particle pleasant bay cup competition moon terrible strip mechanic shock conversation angle tall plenty star yellow sick thorough absolute succeed surround proud dear card lake breath afraid silence onto shoe somewhere chain slide copy machinery wake severe pocket bone honest freeze dictionary calm swim ice male skin crack rush wet meat commerce joint gift host

suspect path uncle afford instant satisfactory height track confidence grass suggestion favorite breakfast apart chest entrance march sink northern iron alive ill bag disturb native bedroom violent beneath pause tough substance threat charm absence factory spite meal universal accident highway sentence liberty wise noise discovery tube flash twist fence childhood joy sister sad efficiency disappear defeat extensive rent comparison

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possess grace flesh liquid scientist ease heaven milk sympathy rank restaurant frequency angry shade accuse necessity knock loud permanent row lovely confuse gold frighten solve grave salary photograph advice abroad wound virtue dare queen extra attract numerous pink gate expensive shut chicken forgive holy wooden prompt crime sorry republic anger visitor pile violence steel wing stair partner delay gentleman

pour confusion damage kick safety burst network resistance screw pride till hire verb preach clerk everywhere anyway fan connect egg efficient grain calculate drag opposition worship arrest discipline string harbor camera mechanism cow grand funny insurance reduction strict lesson tight sand plate qualify elsewhere mad interference pupil fold roval valuable whisper anybody hurt excess quantity fun mud extension

recognition

kiss crop sail attractive habit relieve wisdom

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## Sublist 4 of the General Service List

This sublist contains the next most frequent words of the GSL: 1501 - 2000

persuade certainty cloth eager deserve sympathetic cure trap puzzle powder raw mankind glad blame whenever anxiety bus tremble sacred fortunate glory golden neat weekend treasury overcome cat sacrifice complain elect roar sake temple self compete nurse stuff stomach peculiar repair storm ton desert allowance servant hunger conscience bread crash tip strengthen proof generous sir tonight

whip tongue mill merchant coal ruin introduction courage actor belt stir package punish reflection breathe anywhere amuse dull fate net fellowship fault furniture beam pencil border disappoint flame joke bless corn shell tempt supper destruction dive anxious shine cheap dish distant greet flood excuse insect ocean ceremony decrease prize harm insure verse pot sincere cotton

leaf rub medicine stroke bite lung lonely admission stupid scratch composition broadcast drum resist neglect absent passenger adventure beq pipe beard bold meanwhile devil cheer nut split melt swear sugar bury wipe faint creature tail wealth earnest translate suspicion noble inquiry journey hesitate extraordinary borrow owe funeral ambition mixture slope criminal seldom map spin praise

spare plow telegraph barrel straighten scarce lunch slavery creep sweat gay stiff brave seize convenient horizon moderate complicate dig curse weigh priest excessive quarrel widow modest dine politician custom educate salesman nail tap eastern possession satisfaction behave mercy scatter objection silver tent saddle wrap nest grind spell plaster arch swell friendship bath bundle grateful crown



boundary nowhere asleep clock boil altogether lend holiday precious wander ualy reputation ticket pretend dismiss delicate despair awake tea FALSE fortune cap thread haste bare shirt bargain leather rail butter dot inquire warmth decisive vessel pity steam pin bound companion toe reward forbid wherever tower bathe lodge swallow multiply bow kingdom garage permission pump prevention urgent aunt zero idle

fever christmas regret jaw soap pronounce empire bowl outline organ imitation caution mineral disagree blade trick treasure immense convenience disapprove destructive fork noon ownership tune polish poison shame lovaltv cottage astonish shave feather sauce lid debt fade confess classification descend cape mild clever envelope invention sheep splendid stamp float brick rice businessman backward qualification artificial attraction lamp curl shower

elder bunch bell steer flavor spit rob cream interrupt pen weave orange rescue crush humble fancy decay polite tribe bleed coin fond autumn classify omit loyal needle lessen complaint pad steep skirt curtain calculation laughter solemn grease interfere explode fasten flag resign postpone patience boast rope envy airplane rid shield veil kneel tray explosive brass taxi wax duck

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button invent remedy bush thunder weaken poverty scrape arrow tender cruel soften mouse hav anyhow alike circular juice shelf bake hatred cautious basket wreck width confident log heap suck ladder gap obey hut axe translation collar delivery reproduce confession pan prejudice voyage tobacco simplicity paste cake elephant ribbon harvest ashamed cave customary thief damp sew rust separation waiter pet



straw upset towel refresh essence fur ambitious defendant daylight dip suspicious imaginary ash carriage educator saw stove rubber rug misery awkward rival roast deed preference . explosion theatrical cultivate collector miserable wrist rabbit accustom tide insult thumb lump annoy toy heal shallow repetition soup whistle scenery



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## Sublist 5 of the General Service List

This sublist contains the final words of the GSL: 2001 - 2284

| apple       | nursery    | sword        | ray             |
|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| offense     | pint       | messenger    | lazy            |
| cork        | fierce     | vain         | limb            |
| ripe        | imitate    | castle       | grammatical     |
| temper      | aloud      | elastic      | beast           |
| sore        | gaiety     | comb         | monkey          |
| pinch       | robbery    | rod          | jewel           |
| diamond     | tighten    | widen        | persuasion      |
| razor       | perfection | sorrow       | obedience       |
| imaginative | scorn      | inventor     | sock            |
| hook        | whoever    | cliff        | vowel           |
| copper      | trunk      | umbrella     | hammer          |
| landlord    | wool       | interruption | inn             |
| influential | sailor     | merry        | chimney         |
| rot         | competitor | gallon       | dissatisfaction |
| hollow      | moonlight  | conquest     | annoyance       |
| enclose     | deer       | headache     | ornament        |
| harden      | bean       | tailor       | honesty         |
| wicked      | everyday   | bucket       | outward         |
| stiffen     | drawer     | scent        | sharpen         |
| silk        | disregard  | signature    | handkerchief    |
| upright     | nowadays   | cart         | greed           |
| selfish     | patriotic  | darken       | heavenly        |
| stripe      | tin        | sometime     | thirst          |
| pig         | penny      | applaud      | niece           |
| inward      | cage       | underneath   | spill           |
| excellence  | pardon     | hello        | loaf            |
| rake        | lately     | pretense     | wheat           |
| purple      | offend     | descent      | worm            |
| hasten      | coarse     | conquer      | secrecy         |
| shorten     | spoil      | framework    | rude            |
| applause    | horizontal | confidential | heighten        |
| ache        | sting      | adoption     | flatten         |
| apology     | ditch      | disgust      | loosen          |
| knot        | librarian  | waist        | cheese          |
| nephew      | meantime   | momentary    | rivalry         |
| cushion     | cough      | receipt      | royalty         |
| drown       | deaf       | pearl        | discontent      |
|             |            |              |                 |



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complication saucer rejoice berry fright cheat lighten madden indoor congratulate pigeon scold flour discomfort hinder weekday actress enclosure rotten bravery congratulation disrespect attentive baggage ounce paw noun widower fry overflow amongst deafen everlasting dissatisfy grammar donkey multiplication businesslike goat cultivation ink whichever companionship motherhood disappearance tidy rubbish sadden reproduction bribe modesty handshake thicken mend woolen calculator avoidance stocking deepen headdress spoon feast pastry scissors strap nuisance cupboard translator deceive thorn quart possessor lengthen tame canal shilling inclusive notebook revenge redden correction homemade deceit motherly descendant handwriting parcel whose hesitation chalk cultivator brighten moderation spade sour whom basin slippery punctual homework weed hurrah electrician procession omission ripen lipstick oar old-fashioned jealous uppermost bribery bicycle jealousy fatten sweeten breadth liar conqueror sow homecoming hindrance pronunciation photography coward barber cowardice beak whiten obedient mat plural

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