

Five Hundred Words Most Frequently Used in Children's Writing

1. a
2. the
3. and
4. I
5. to
6. was
7. my
8. of
9. we
10. he
11. it
12. they
13. would
14. is
15. in
16. have
17. that
18. for
19. you
20. she
21. be
22. on
23. but
24. when
25. me
26. like
27. then
28. were
29. all
30. go
31. get
32. there
33. with
34. had
35. are
36. so

37. went
38. up
39. at
40. said
41. them
42. if
43. her
44. one
45. because
46. do
47. school
48. got
49. his
50. about
51. day
52. out
53. him
54. will
55. not
56. people
57. make
58. could
59. or
60. can
61. very
62. play
63. some
64. what
65. this
66. time
67. home
68. going
69. good
70. as
71. down
72. their
73. house
74. back

75. charge
76. came
77. from
78. friends
79. too
80. others
81. after
82. don't
83. our
84. no
85. just
86. has
87. lot
88. fun
89. things
90. by
91. little
92. know
93. want
94. saw
95. friend
96. did
97. more
98. see
99. big
100. us
101. your
102. every
103. didn't
104. two
105. dog
106. help
107. mother
108. an
109. also
110. around
111. started
112. now

113. think
114. come
115. Take
116. nice
117. first
118. best
119. put
120. how
121. man
122. mom
123. who
124. tell
125. over
126. dad
127. family
128. name
129. next
130. night
131. many
132. let
133. eat
134. give
135. told
136. world
137. right
138. again
139. try
140. way
141. well
142. have
143. off
144. even
145. thing
146. work
147. class
148. where
149. boy
150. another

151. ran
152. only
153. really
154. food
155. sometimes
156. football
157. called
158. father
159. something
160. took
161. old
162. once
163. new
164. children
165. much
166. car
167. into
168. made
169. run
170. years
171. team
172. kid
173. always
174. am
175. it's
176. wanted
177. found
178. bed
179. money
180. why
181. never
182. girl
183. away
184. each
185. everyone
186. room
187. sister
188. any

189. teacher
190. that's
191. favorite
192. brother
193. long
194. year
195. game
196. most
197. cat
198. homework
199. games
200. thought
201. should
202. bad
203. Christmas
204. water
205. clean
206. parents
207. before
208. better
209. I'm
210. live
211. bus
212. say
213. morning
214. still
215. here
216. looked
217. while
218. left
219. stop
220. air
221. can't
222. three
223. happy
224. everybody
225. everything
226. until

- 227. asked
- 228. different
- 229. place
- 230. sure
- 231. need
- 232. great
- 233. door
- 234. life
- 235. look
- 236. someone
- 237. ball
- 238. days
- 239. wouldn't
- 240. story
- 241. find
- 242. finally
- 243. together
- 244. lived
- 245. anything
- 246. every
- 247. been
- 248. swimming
- 249. keep
- 250. busy
- 251. heard
- 252. than
- 253. getting
- 254. end
- 255. I'd
- 256. last
- 257. named
- 258. talk
- 259. couldn't
- 260. books
- 261. stay
- 262. girls
- 263. hard
- 264. which

- 265. yes
- 266. hit
- 267. person
- 268. animals
- 269. through
- 270. fell
- 271. played
- 272. wish
- 273. watch
- 274. being
- 275. kind
- 276. walking
- 277. white
- 278. important
- 279. hope
- 280. mean
- 281. week
- 282. might
- 283. lots
- 284. knew
- 285. scared
- 286. boys
- 287. soon
- 288. read
- 289. lunch
- 290. store
- 291. whole
- 292. balloons
- 293. call
- 294. sea
- 295. horses
- 296. baseball
- 297. later
- 298. men
- 299. bear
- 300. real
- 301. start
- 302. almost

- 303. pretty
- 304. high
- 305. same
- 306. care
- 307. few
- 308. horse
- 309. decided
- 310. hurt
- 311. book
- 312. doing
- 313. black
- 314. ride
- 315. walk
- 316. gas
- 317. Mr.
- 318. teachers
- 319. wasn't
- 320. these
- 321. fish
- 322. goes
- 323. trees
- 324. coming
- 325. dream
- 326. gave
- 327. outside
- 328. sleep
- 329. boat
- 330. grader
- 331. tree
- 332. president
- 333. TV
- 334. playing
- 335. must
- 336. show
- 337. afraid
- 338. gets
- 339. dogs
- 340. street

- 341. cars
- 342. learn
- 343. he's
- 344. tried
- 345. candy
- 346. fights
- 347. likes
- 348. snow
- 349. done
- 350. use
- 351. baby
- 352. basketball
- 353. circus
- 354. four
- 355. lost
- 356. mad
- 357. clothes
- 358. grade
- 359. ready
- 360. trip
- 361. turned
- 362. won
- 363. does
- 364. probably
- 365. died
- 366. fast
- 367. own
- 368. walked
- 369. ask
- 370. land
- 371. maybe
- 372. nothing
- 373. running
- 374. you're
- 375. may
- 376. both
- 377. city
- 378. ship

- 379. Friday
- 380. grow
- 381. red
- 382. broke
- 383. job
- 384. looking
- 385. small
- 386. today
- 387. having
- 388. jump
- 389. ok
- 390. planet
- 391. hour
- 392. all
- 393. myself
- 394. oh
- 395. earth
- 396. hill
- 397. summer
- 398. beautiful
- 399. funny
- 400. happened
- 401. park
- 402. upon
- 403. eighth
- 404. comes
- 405. war
- 406. feet
- 407. set
- 408. without
- 409. being
- 410. country
- 411. ate
- 412. caught
- 413. five
- 414. change
- 415. responsibilities
- 416. they're

- 417. field
- 418. lady
- 419. Mrs.
- 420. turn
- 421. animal
- 422. enough
- 423. times
- 424. free
- 425. head
- 426. sports
- 427. build
- 428. except
- 429. bike
- 430. half
- 431. America
- 432. leave
- 433. move
- 434. police
- 435. states
- 436. feel
- 437. stuff
- 438. united
- 439. miss
- 440. suddenly
- 441. teach
- 442. catch
- 443. fire
- 444. party
- 445. doesn't
- 446. hair
- 447. pick
- 448. reason
- 449. second
- 450. winter
- 451. rest
- 452. kept
- 453. sit
- 454. eyes

- 455. top
- 456. trouble
- 457. fix
- 458. front
- 459. else
- 460. hot
- 461. math
- 462. seen
- 463. shot
- 464. dinner
- 465. its
- 466. sick
- 467. since
- 468. spare
- 469. sport
- 470. schools
- 471. Thanksgiving
- 472. ground
- 473. such
- 474. sudden
- 475. trying
- 476. used
- 477. future
- 478. music
- 479. problem
- 480. seventh
- 481. weeks
- 482. won't
- 483. liked
- 484. lives
- 485. stopped
- 486. talking
- 487. throw
- 488. win
- 489. woke
- 490. yard
- 491. believe
- 492. God

- 493. let's
- 494. mouse
- 495. cut
- 496. killed
- 497. making
- 498. riding
- 499. rules
- 500. become