Frequency Word List

Based on an extensive analysis of children's literature we have listed the 500 most frequently used words in decreasing order of usage. The following 50 samples are taken from the extended list.

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Category	Word	Sentence
Words 1-100	the	A cat sat on the red mat.
Words 1-100	and	The girl can run and skip.
Words 1-100	said	He said he wants to play.
Words 1-100	you	Can you play with me?
Words 1-100	she	She goes to school every day.
Words 1-100	was	I was sick but now I'm well.
Words 1-100	they	They all got wet in the rain.
Words 1-100	for	I go home for lunch.
Words 1-100	little	The little mouse darted through the tiny hole.
Words 1-100	all	We all like to play games.
Words 101-200	their	I saw their new puppy and he is very cute.
Words 101-200	baby	A baby is small, but it will grow.
Words 101-200	how	How long have you been here?
Words 101-200	around	I ran around the school oval.
Words 101-200	let	I will let you pat my dog.
Words 101-200	stop	The red light says stop!
Words 101-200	saw	I saw our new car today.
Words 101-200	why	I don't know why I did such a silly thing.
Words 101-200	way	Do you know the way to school?
Words 101-200	find	If you find the lost money I'll be very happy.
Words 201-300	fell	Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall.
Words 201-300	outside	The children went outside to play in the sandpit.
Words 201-300	together	If we work together we can change the way things are done.
Words 201-300	bread	We went to the shop to buy a loaf of bread.
Words 201-300	name	My name is Ned.
Words 201-300	round	You cannot put round pegs in square holes.
Words 201-300	soup	The vegetable soup is yummy with buttered toast.
Words 201-300	water	We need water to live.
Words 201-300	someone	She heard someone knocking at the door.
Words 201-300	wolf	The wolf dressed up in grandma's clothes.
Words 301-400	live	Do you live in that large house on the corner?
Words 301-400	mind	I can still see that beach in my mind and wish I was there.
Words 301-400	surprise	Our visit will give them a pleasant surprise.
Words 301-400	quack	My pet duck gives me a quack to say hello.
Words 301-400	elephant	The big, grey elephant swayed its trunk.
Words 301-400	floor	She used a broom to sweep the floor.
Words 301-400	Friday	The day after Thursday is always Friday.
Words 301-400	ship	The big ship sailed on the sea.
Words 301-400	bottle	Please put the glass bottle in the recycle bin.
Words 301-400	brother	Ken is my brother and Karen is my sister.
Words 401-500	swim	In summer I swim at the pool.
Words 401-500	terrible	The teacher went home with a terrible headache.
Words 401-500	caught	Glen caught the ball on the full and the batsman was out.
Words 401-500	drink	I like to drink milk.
Words 401-500	egg	The hen laid an egg.
Words 401-500	honey	Bees gather nectar to make honey.
Words 401-500	horse	The jockey rode the horse back to the stable.
Words 401-500	money	I am saving up my pocket money to buy a new bike.
Words 401-500	ride	I can ride a horse.
Words 401-500	shelf	I put the book on the library shelf.