Excerpts from “Language Function and Early Generative Language”


Top Words Used by Toddlers

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Clinical Application

**First 8 Words:**

1. all done
2. help
3. want
4. mine
5. more
6. stop
7. that
8. what

**First 15 Words:**

1. all done
2. away
3. go
4. help
5. here
6. I
7. it
8. like
9. mine
10. more
11. stop
12. that
13. want
14. what
15. you

**First 30 Words:**

1. again
2. all done
3. away
4. big
5. do
6. down
7. get
8. go
9. help
10. here
11. I
12. in
13. it
14. like
15. little
16. mine
17. more
18. my
19. off
20. on
21. out
22. put
23. some
24. stop
25. that
26. there
27. up
28. want
29. what
30. you

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First 50 Words

1. again 14. get 27. mine 40. stop
2. all 15. go 28. more 41. tell
3. all done 16. good 29. my 42. that
4. away 17. happy 30. not 43. there
5. bad 18. help 31. now 44. turn
6. big 19. here 32. off 45. up
7. come 20. I 33. on 46. want
8. do 21. in 34. out 47. what
9. don’t 22. it 35. play 48. where
10. down 23. like 36. put 49. who
11. drink 24. little 37. read 50. why
12. eat 25. make 38. sad 51. you
13. feel 26. me 39. some

Adding to the Top 50

1. +ed 26. have 51. one 76. they
2. +ing 27. he 52. other 77. think
3. +s 28. hear 53. over 78. thirsty
4. after 29. hi 54. place 79. those
5. almost 30. hot 55. please 80. time
6. another 31. how 56. pretty 81. tired
7. any 32. hungry 57. problem 82. together
8. ask 33. idea 58. ready 83. try
9. be 34. is 59. ride 84. under
10. before 35. job 60. same 85. very
11. body 36. know 61. say 86. walk
12. can 37. later 62. she 87. way
13. cold 38. leave 63. sick 88. we
14. color 39. let 64. silly 89. when
15. did 40. listen 65. sing 90. win
16. different 41. live 66. sit 91. with
17. dress 42. lose 67. sleep 92. work
18. fall 43. love 68. slow 93. write
19. fast 44. maybe 69. sorry 94. wrong
20. favorite 45. much 70. start 95. your
21. for 46. myself 71. surprise 96.
22. fun 47. name 72. swim 97.
23. give 48. need 73. take 98.
24. goodbye 49. nice 74. thank you 99.
25. guess 50. of 75. these 100.

Adding Words to Get to 300+ Core Words

1. Add all the pronouns.
2. Add more adjectives and adverbs
3. Expand verbs, with tense variation

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