

Excerpts from "Language Function and Early Generative Language"

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### Top Words Used by Toddlers

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|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. a                 | 9. it         | 17. some            |
| 2. all done/finished | 10. mine      | 18. that            |
| 3. go                | 11. more      | 19. <i>the</i>      |
| 4. help              | 12. my        | 20. want            |
| 5. here              | 13. <i>no</i> | 21. what            |
| 6. I                 | 14. off       | 22. <i>yes/yeah</i> |
| 7. in                | 15. on        | 23. you             |
| 8. is                | 16. out       |                     |

### Clinical Application

#### First 8 Words:

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

#### First 15 Words:

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

#### First 30 Words:

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

Excerpts from "Language Function and Early Generative Language" (continued)

**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