

The first 1,000 words of the General Service List

Tick the words you understand.									
A	✓	A-B	✓	B-C	✓	C-D	✓	D-E	✓
a		art		box		common		die	
able		article		boy		company		difference	
about		as		branch		compare		difficult	
above		ask		bread		complete		direct	
accept		association		breadth		concern		discover	
accord		at		break		condition		disease	
account		attack		bridge		connect		distance	
across		attempt		bright		consider		distinguish	
act		average		bring		contain		district	
actual		away		brother		content		divide	
add		back		build		continue		do	
address		bad		burn		control		doctor	
admit		ball		business		corner		dog	
adopt		bank		but		cost		door	
advance		bar		buy		could		double	
advantage		base		by		council		doubt	
affair		battle		call		count		down	
afford		be		can		country		draw	
after		bear		capital		course		dream	
again		beauty		car		court		dress	
against		because		care		cover		drive	
age		become		carry		creature		drop	
ago		bed		case		cross		dry	
agree		before		catch		crowd		due	
air		begin		cause		cry		during	
all		behind		centre		current		each	
allow		being		certain		custom		ear	
almost		believe		chance		cut		early	
alone		belong		change		dance		earth	
along		below		character		danger		east	
already		beneath		charge		dare		easy	
also		beside		chief		dark		eat	
although		best		child		date		edge	
always		better		choose		daughter		effect	
among		between		church		day		effort	
amount		beyond		circle		dead		either	
ancient		big		city		deal		else	
and		bill		claim		decide		employ	
animal		bird		class		declare		end	
another		bit		clean		deep		enemy	
answer		black		clear		degree		English	
any		blood		clock		deliver		enjoy	
appear		blow		close		demand		enough	
apply		blue		club		describe		enter	
appoint		board		coast		desert		entire	
arise		boat		cold		desire		equal	
arm		body		college		destroy		escape	
army		book		color		detail		even	
around		born		come		determine		evening	
arrive		both		command		develop		event	

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ever		fix		hard		join		manner	
every		floor		hardly		judge		manners	
everywhere		flower		have		just		many	
evil		follow		he		keep		march	
example		food		head		kill		mark	
excellent		for		health		kind		market	
except		force		hear		know		marry	
exchange		foreign		heat		lack		mass	
exercise		forget		heaven		lady		material	
exist		form		heavy		land		matter	
expect		former		hello		language		may	
expense		forth		help		large		me	
experience		fortune		her		last		mean	
experiment		forward		here		late		measure	
explain		free		hide		law		meet	
express		friend		high		lay		member	
extend		from		hill		lead		memory	
eye		front		his		learn		mention	
face		full		history		least		mere	
fact		further		hold		leave		metal	
factory		future		home		left		middle	
fail		gain		honor		length		might	
fair		game		hope		less		mile	
faith		garden		horse		let		mind	
fall		gate		hot		letter		mine	
familiar		gather		hour		level		minister	
family		general		house		library		minute	
famous		gentle		how		lie		miss	
farm		get		human		life		modern	
fashion		give		hurrah		lift		moment	
fast		glad		husband		light		money	
father		glass		I		like		month	
favorite		go		idea		likely		more	
favor		God		if		limit		moreover	
fear		gold		impossible		line		morning	
feed		good		in		listen		most	
feel		great		inch		little		mother	
fellow		green		include		live		motor	
few		ground		increase		local		mountain	
field		group		indeed		long		mouth	
figure		grow		independent		look		move	
fill		guard		influence		lose		much	
find		habit		instead		lost		music	
fine		half		intend		lot		must	
finger		hall		interest		love		my	
finish		hand		into		low		name	
fire		handle		introduce		machine		narrow	
first		hand		iron		main		nation	
fish		happen		it		make		native	
fit		happy		its		man		nature	

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N-O	✓	O-P	✓	P-Q-R	✓	R-S	✓	S	✓
near		owe		production		rich		she	
necessary		own		program		ride		shine	
neck		page		progress		right		shoe	
need		pain		promise		ring		shoot	
neighbour		paint		proof		rise		shore	
neither		paper		proper		river		short	
never		part		propose		road		should	
new		party		protect		roll		shoulder	
next		pass		prove		room		show	
night		past		provide		rough		side	
no		pay		public		round		sight	
none		peace		pull		rule		sign	
nor		people		purpose		ruler		silence	
north		perfect		put		run		silver	
not		perhaps		quality		rush		simple	
note		permanent		quarter		safe		since	
nothing		permit		quiet		sail		single	
notice		person		quite		same		sir	
now		picture		race		save		sister	
nowhere		piece		raise		saw		sit	
number		place		rank		say		situation	
object		plan		rate		scale		size	
observe		plant		rather		scarce		skill	
occasion		play		reach		scene		sky	
of		please		read		school		sleep	
off		point		ready		science		slight	
offer		political		real		sea		slow	
office		poor		reason		season		small	
often		popular		receive		seat		smile	
oil		population		recent		second		so	
old		position		recognize		secret		society	
once		possess		record		secretary		soft	
one		possible		red		see		soil	
only		post		reduce		seem		some	
open		pound		refuse		seize		son	
operation		poverty		regard		sell		soon	
opinion		power		regular		send		sort	
opportunity		practical		relation		sense		sound	
or		prepare		religion		separate		south	
order		present		remain		serious		space	
ordinary		preserve		remark		serve		speak	
organize		press		remember		set		special	
other		pretty		reply		settle		speed	
otherwise		prevent		repeat		several		spend	
ought		price		report		shadow		spirit	
ounce		print		represent		shake		spite	
our		private		respect		shall		spot	
out of		problem		rest		shape		spread	
out of		produce		result		share		spring	
over		product		return		shave		square	

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S-T	✓	T-U	✓	U-W	✓	W-Y	✓
stage		teach		until		winter	
stand		tell		up		wise	
standard		tear		upon		wish	
start		term		use		with	
state		terrible		usual		within	
station		test		valley		without	
stay		than		value		woman	
steal		that		various		wonder	
steel		the		very		wood	
step		their		view		word	
stick		them		village		work	
still		then		visit		world	
stock		there		voice		worse	
stone		therefore		vote		worth	
stop		these		wait		would	
store		they		walk		write	
storm		thing		wall		wrong	
story		think		want		year	
straight		this		war		yellow	
strange		though		warn		yes	
stream		thought		waste		yesterday	
street		through		watch		yet	
strength		throw		water		you	
stretch		thus		wave		young	
strike		time		way			
strong		to		we			
struggle		today		weak			
study		together		wear			
subject		too		week			
substance		top		welcome			
succeed		total		well			
such		touch		west			
sudden		toward		what			
suffer		town		when			
suggest		trade		where			
summer		train		whether			
sun		travel		which			
supply		tree		while			
support		trouble		white			
suppose		trust		who			
sure		truth		whose			
surface		try		why			
surprise		turn		wide			
surround		type		wife			
sweet		under		wild			
system		understand		will			
table		union		win			
take		unite		wind			
talk		university		window			
taste		unless		wing			

Note: As the GSL was made in 1953, some of the original 1st 1000 words are not here as they are no longer quite so useful to learners.

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