

List of 200 words of the Basic Core Vocabulary, as set out by Morris Swadesh, from "Archaeology and Language" by Colin Renfrew.

This list was intended to include the words most likely to be present in any language as native vocabulary (not borrowed). The words are listed in alphabetical order.

- 001 ALL
- 002 AND
- 003 ANIMAL
- 004 ASHES
- 005 AT
- 006 BACK
- 007 BAD
- 008 BARK (OF A TREE)
- 009 BECAUSE
- 010 BELLY
- 011 BIG
- 012 BIRD
- 013 TO BITE
- 014 BLACK
- 015 BLOOD
- 016 TO BLOW (WIND)
- 017 BONE
- 018 TO BREATHE
- 019 TO BURN (INTRANSITIVE)
- 020 CHILD (YOUNG)
- 021 CLOUD
- 022 COLD (WEATHER)
- 023 TO COME
- 024 TO COUNT
- 025 TO CUT
- 026 DAY (NOT NIGHT)
- 027 TO DIE
- 028 TO DIG
- 029 DIRTY
- 030 DOG
- 031 TO DRINK
- 032 DRY (SUBSTANCE)
- 033 DULL (KNIFE)
- 034 DUST
- 035 EAR
- 036 EARTH (SOIL)
- 037 TO EAT
- 038 EGG
- 039 EYE
- 040 TO FALL (DROP)

041 FAR
042 FAT (SUBSTANCE)
043 FATHER
044 TO FEAR
045 FEATHER (LARGE)
046 FEW
047 TO FIGHT
048 FIRE
049 FISH
050 FIVE
051 TO FLOAT
052 TO FLOW
053 FLOWER
054 TO FLY
055 FOG
056 FOOT
057 FOUR
058 TO FREEZE
059 FRUIT
060 TO GIVE
061 GOOD
062 GRASS
063 GREEN
064 GUTS
065 HAIR
066 HAND
067 HE
068 HEAD
069 TO HEAR
070 HEART
071 HEAVY
072 HERE
073 TO HIT
074 HOLD (IN HAND)
075 HOW
076 TO HUNT (GAME)
077 HUSBAND
078 I
079 ICE
080 IF
081 IN
082 TO KILL
083 KNOW (FACTS)
084 LAKE
085 TO LAUGH
086 LEAF

087 LEFT (HAND)
088 LEG
089 TO LIE (ON SIDE)
090 TO LIVE
091 LIVER
092 LONG
093 LOUSE
094 MAN (MALE)
095 MANY
096 MEAT (FLESH)
096b MOON
097 MOTHER
098 MOUNTAIN
099 MOUTH
100 NAME
101 NARROW
102 NEAR
103 NECK
104 NEW
105 NIGHT
106 NOSE
107 NOT
108 OLD
109 ONE
110 OTHER
111 PERSON
112 TO PLAY
113 TO PULL
114 TO PUSH
115 TO RAIN
116 RED
117 RIGHT (CORRECT)
118 RIGHT (HAND)
119 RIVER
120 ROAD
121 ROOT
122 ROPE
123 ROTTEN (LOG)
124 RUB
125 SALT
126 SAND
127 TO SAY
128 SCRATCH (ITCH)
129 SEA (OCEAN)
130 TO SEE
131 SEED

132 TO SEW
133 SHARP (KNIFE)
134 SHORT
135 TO SING
136 TO SIT
137 SKIN (OF PERSON)
138 SKY
139 TO SLEEP
140 SMALL
141 TO SMELL (PERCEIVE ODOR)
142 SMOKE
143 SMOOTH
144 SNAKE
145 SNOW
146 SOME
147 TO SPIT
148 TO SPLIT
149 TO SQUEEZE
150 TO STAB (OR STICK)
151 TO STAND
152 STAR
153 STICK (OF WOOD)
154 STONE
155 STRAIGHT
156 TO SUCK
157 SUN
158 TO SWELL
159 TO SWIM
160 TAIL
161 THAT
162 THERE
163 THEY
164 THICK
165 THIN
166 TO THINK
167 THIS
168 THOU/YOU
169 THREE
170 TO THROW
171 TO TIE
172 TONGUE
173 TOOTH (FRONT)
174 TREE
175 TO TURN (VEER)
176 TWO
177 TO VOMIT

178 TO WALK
179 WARM (WEATHER)
180 TO WASH
181 WATER
182 WE
183 WET
184 WHAT
185 WHEN
186 WHERE
187 WHITE
188 WHO
189 WIDE
190 WIFE
191 WIND (BREEZE)
192 WING
193 WIPE
194 WITH (ACCOMPANYING)
195 WOMAN
196 WOODS
197 WORM
198 YE
199 YEAR
200 YELLOW