

As you know your English proficiency heavily depends on the extent of your vocabulary. This is where you can begin.

100 frequent words (advanced level) for Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL)

1. abyss	hole so deep as to appear bottomless
2. acquiesce	agree, accept without protest
3. affable	polite and friendly, easy to talk to
4. affliction	distress, suffering
5. affluent	wealthy, abundant
6. agitate	move, shake, stir up
7. ambiguous	having more than one meaning
8. annex	take possession of
9. aqueous	of or like water
10. arduous	demanding great effort, strenuous
11. aroma	quality or surrounding atmosphere considered typical
12. atone	make repayment
13. avarice	greed
14. bellicose	inclined to fighting
15. calisthenics	exercises to develop strong bodies
16. captor	person who takes somebody captive
17. concoct	invent, prepare by mixing together
18. dangle	hand or swing loosely
19. deprive	take away from, prevent from using
20. diligent	hard-working
21. disrobe	undress
22. docile	easily trained or controlled
23. doleful	dismal, mournful
24. drought	a long period of dry weather
25. dubious	feeling doubt
26. dumb	stupid, unable to speak
27. efface	rub or wipe out, obliterate
28. elucidate	to make understandable
29. enchant	charm, delight
30. endeavor	to make an effort, to try very hard
31. endorse	approve, support a claim or statement
32. enthrall	take the whole attention, enslave
33. exploit	to use for selfish advantage or profit
34. extensive	far-reaching
35. extol	to praise highly
36. flimsy	lacking solidarity, strength
37. fraud	a fault, a deception
38. gaudy	too bright and showy
39. ghastly	death-like, pale and ill
40. grumble	to complain
41. harass	worry, trouble
42. heretic	very busy; active
43. impediment	something that hinders (esp. in speech)
44. indigenous	native

100 MOST FREQUENT WORDS

45. insatiate	ever satisfied
46. intrepid	fearless
47. irate	angry
48. in jeopardy	at risk
49. leash	control
50. loafer	an idle, lazy person
51. lucrative	profitable
52. lustrous	right; shining
53. malign	to slander
54. meddle	to interfere, to intrude
55. mend	to repair
56. mirth	being merry and happy
57. nausea	feeling of sickness
58. neglect	pay no attention to
59. nocturnal	for in the night
60. obese	very fat
61. obsolete	no longer useful, outdated
62. perch	take up a high position
63. pervade	spread through every part of
64. petulant	unreasonably impatient or irritable
65. pillage	plunder (esp. in war)
66. presumptuous	too bold or self-confident
67. quashed	annulled
68. quenching	satisfy, put an end to, put out
69. refurbished	make clean, as if like new
70. rejoicing	happiness, joy
71. reticent	in the habit of saying little
72. reverberate	be sent back, again and again
73. rigor	sternness, strictness, severe conditions
74. rotundity	state of being round
75. salvage	the saving of property from loss
76. scattered	not situated together
77. shatter	to break into many pieces
78. shunned	avoided, kept away from
79. sketchy	shortly, roughly, quickly
80. sporadic	happening from time to time
81. stifled	suppressed, kept back
82. strive	to make great efforts, to struggle
83. subsequent	following
84. succumb	yield, die
85. taciturn	not spoken, silent
86. tantalize	raise hopes that cannot be realized
87. tentative	uncertain, probable
88. torpid	dull and slow
89. treacherous	not to be trusted, perfidious
90. tremor	thrill
91. tyro	a beginner
92. uproar	noise and excitement
93. vanity	a foolish pride
94. vehemence	forcefulness; intensity; conviction

100 MOST FREQUENT WORDS

95. vigilance	watchfulness
96. vindicate	prove the truth
97. voluptuous	arousing sensual pleasures
98. wan	looking ill, not bright
99. wile	a trick
100. wrinkle	make small lines (e.g. forehead)

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