

Language Functions & Early Generative Language Production

Top Words Used by Toddlers

a	it	some	These words make up 96.3% of the total utterances by toddlers, ages 24-36 months.
all done/finished	mine	that	
go	more	the	
help	my	want	
here	no	what	
I	off	yes/yeah	
in	on	you	
is	out		

Banajee, M., DiCarlo, C., & Buras-Stricklin, S. (2003). Core Vocabulary Determination for Toddlers, *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 2, 67-73.

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First 8 Words:

all done	more
help	stop
want	that
mine	what

First 15 Words:

all done	I	stop
away	it	that
go	like	want
help	mine	what
here	more	you

First 30 Words:

again	get	it	off	that
all done	go	like	on	there
away	help	little	out	up
big	here	mine	put	want
do	I	more	some	what
down	in	my	stop	you

First 50 Words:

again	drink	in	now	tell
all	eat	it	off	that
all done	feel	like	on	there
away	get	little	out	turn
bad	go	make	play	up
big	good	me	put	want
come	happy	mine	read	what
do	help	more	sad	where
don't	here	my	some	who
down	I	not	stop	why
				you

Adding to the First 50 Words to get to 300+ Core Words:

+ed	did	hi	love	problem	surprise	very
+ing	different	hot	maybe	ready	swim	walk
+s	dress	how	much	ride	take	way
after	fall	hungry	myself	same	thank you	we
almost	fast	idea	name	say	these	when
another	favorite	is	need	she	they	win
any	for	job	nice	sick	think	with
ask	fun	know	of	silly	thirsty	work
be	give	later	one	sing	those	write
before	goodbye	leave	other	sit	time	wrong
body	guess	let	over	sleep	fired	your
can	have	listen	place	slow	together	all pronouns
cold	he	live	please	sorry	try	more adjectives/adverbs
color	hear	lose	pretty	start	under	expand verb tense