

COMMON FIRST WORDS



The following is a list of common first words adapted from *The Rossetti Infant Toddler Language Scale (2006)* and from the research findings of Professor Leslie Altman Rescorla, the director of the Child Study Institute at Bryn Mawr College.

If your child is not yet using some of these words try targeting a few when participating in the play routines presented in the book, *My Toddler Talks: Strategies and Activities to Promote Your Child's Language Development*.



ADJECTIVES (Describing Words):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Big | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little | <input type="checkbox"/> Old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thirsty | <input type="checkbox"/> Tired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wet | <input type="checkbox"/> Yucky |

EARLY PRONOUNS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> You | <input type="checkbox"/> Me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I | <input type="checkbox"/> Mine |

PREPOSITIONS

(or Early Location Words):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Down | <input type="checkbox"/> Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In | <input type="checkbox"/> Here |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On | <input type="checkbox"/> There |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out | |

NOUNS (Person, Place, or Thing):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple | <input type="checkbox"/> Mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Bath | <input type="checkbox"/> Potty | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car | <input type="checkbox"/> Stove | <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> TV | <input type="checkbox"/> Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Bunny |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ears | <input type="checkbox"/> Ball | <input type="checkbox"/> Girl | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike | <input type="checkbox"/> Cup | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog/Doggie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mama/Mommy | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Key |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingers | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy | <input type="checkbox"/> Gum | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> Nose | <input type="checkbox"/> Bear/Teddy | <input type="checkbox"/> Purse | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat/Kitty | <input type="checkbox"/> Teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> Clock | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> Dada/Daddy | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes | <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandma | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse/Horsey | <input type="checkbox"/> Legs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Choo-choo | <input type="checkbox"/> Pizza | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair | <input type="checkbox"/> Sky | <input type="checkbox"/> Sock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stick | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Belly/Tummy | <input type="checkbox"/> Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaper | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Toes | <input type="checkbox"/> Coat | <input type="checkbox"/> Cracker | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot dog | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Banana | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandpa | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands | <input type="checkbox"/> Juice | |

SOCIAL WORDS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hi/Hello | <input type="checkbox"/> Shhh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bye | <input type="checkbox"/> Uh-oh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thank you | <input type="checkbox"/> What? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huh? | <input type="checkbox"/> What's that? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/Yeah |

VERBS (Action Words):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Done | <input type="checkbox"/> See |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put | <input type="checkbox"/> Come |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep | <input type="checkbox"/> Go |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Want | <input type="checkbox"/> Sit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drink | <input type="checkbox"/> Swing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall | |

ADDITIONAL TYPES

(These may include Quantity, Animal Sounds, and Rejection):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All (all gone) | <input type="checkbox"/> Neigh-neigh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Done (all done) | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moo | <input type="checkbox"/> Quack-quack |

