

# 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.



## ADJECTIVES (Describing Words):

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

## EARLY PRONOUNS:

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

## PREPOSITIONS

(or Early Location Words):

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

## NOUNS (Person, Place, or Thing):

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

## SOCIAL WORDS:

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

## VERBS (Action Words):

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb           | <input type="checkbox"/> Go out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Done           | <input type="checkbox"/> Put    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drink          | <input type="checkbox"/> See    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go bed         | <input type="checkbox"/> Swing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go bye-bye     | <input type="checkbox"/> Want   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go night-night |                                 |

## ADDITIONAL TYPES

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

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All (all gone)  | <input type="checkbox"/> No          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Done (all done) | <input type="checkbox"/> Moo         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't           | <input type="checkbox"/> Quack-quack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neigh-neigh     |                                      |

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*.

Or, read *My Toddler's First Words: A Step-By-Step Guide to Jump-Start, Track, and Expand Your Toddler's Language* to learn how to strategically facilitate your toddler's first words.



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