

a	1	an	1b	beautiful	4	bought	8	case	6	common	5
able	3	ancient	7	became	4	box	4	cat	7	compare	9
about	1b	and	1	because	2	boy	3	catch	7	complete	4
above	3	angry	10	become	4	bread	9	cattle	8	contain	9
according	9	animals	3	bed	5	break	8	caught	6	continue	10
across	3	another	2	been	1b	breakfast	10	cause	8	control	8
act	8	answer	3	before	2	breath	10	cells	10	cool	8
action	8	any	2	began	3	bright	5	center	5	copy	7
actually	8	anyone	8	begin	4	bring	4	century	8	corn	8
add	4	anything	4	behind	4	British	8	certain	4	corner	7
addition	7	apart	9	believe	9	broken	8	chair	9	correct	6
afraid	8	appear	9	below	2	brother	6	chance	8	cost	9
Africa	9	are	1	beside	5	brought	4	change	3	cotton	9
after	1b	area	4	best	3	brown	8	check	6	could	1b
afternoon	7	arm	9	better	3	build	5	chief	10	couldn't	6
again	2	army	10	between	2	built	4	children	3	count	10
against	3	around	2	beyond	8	business	6	choose	7	country	3
age	6	as	1	big	2	busy	8	Christmas	9	course	4
ago	4	ask	2	bill	5	but	1b	church	10	cover	6
ahead	6	at	1	bird	4	buy	6	circle	6	cried	6
air	2	ate	9	bit	7	by	1b	city	3	crops	10
alike	8	attention	8	black	4	cabin	10	class	3	cross	8
all	1b	away	2	blood	7	California	10	clean	8	crowd	10
almost	3	baby	6	blow	10	call	1b	clear	6	cut	3
alone	5	back	2	blue	5	came	2	climb	9	dance	10
along	2	bad	6	board	8	camp	9	close	4	danger	10
already	4	ball	4	boat	5	can	1b	clothes	7	dark	5
also	2	band	10	body	3	cannot	4	cloud	9	day	2
although	5	bank	9	bold	5	can't	4	coast	8	dead	7
always	2	base	5	bones	9	capital	8	coat	10	deal	8
am	5	basic	9	book	4	car	3	cold	4	dear	10
America	4	be	1	born	8	care	5	color	6	death	8
among	4	bear	7	both	2	carefully	5	column	9	decided	6
amount	7	beat	8	bottom	5	carry	5	come	2	deep	5

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describe	9	easy	5	express	10	five	3	glad	8	heat	6
desert	9	eat	4	eyes	3	flat	7	glass	5	heavy	5
develop	7	edge	6	face	3	flew	10	go	2	held	5
did	1b	effect	10	fact	5	floor	5	gold	5	help	2
didn't	3	eggs	6	fair	10	flower	7	gone	5	Henry	10
died	9	eight	7	fall	6	fly	6	good	2	her	1b
difference	6	either	5	familiar	10	follow	3	got	3	here	2
different	2	electric	9	family	3	food	2	government	6	herself	10
difficult	7	elements	9	famous	7	foot	5	grass	6	he's	7
dinner	9	else	5	far	3	for	1	gray	9	high	3
direction	7	empty	10	farm	6	force	7	great	2	hill	10
discover	7	end	2	farther	9	forest	7	Greek	10	him	1b
divided	8	energy	6	fast	4	form	2	green	4	himself	3
do	1b	engine	8	father	3	forth	9	grew	6	his	1
doctor	10	English	4	fear	9	forward	7	ground	4	history	6
does	2	enjoy	10	feed	10	found	2	group	4	hit	8
doesn't	7	enough	3	feel	4	four	3	grow	4	hold	4
dog	4	entire	10	feet	3	free	6	guess	7	hole	8
dollars	9	equal	9	fell	6	fresh	8	had	1b	home	2
done	4	especially	7	felt	4	friend	5	hair	6	hope	8
don't	2	Europe	7	few	2	from	1	half	4	horse	4
door	3	even	2	field	5	front	4	hand	3	hot	4
down	1b	evening	8	fight	8	fruit	10	happen	5	hour	5
draw	4	ever	3	figure	6	full	4	happy	3	house	2
dress	10	every	2	filled	7	fun	7	hard	3	how	1b
drive	8	everyone	5	finally	5	game	5	hardly	10	however	3
drop	8	everything	5	find	1b	garden	7	has	1b	huge	7
dry	5	exactly	7	fine	5	gas	7	hat	9	human	7
during	3	example	3	fingers	8	gave	4	have	1	hundred	4
each	1b	except	6	finish	7	general	7	he	1	hungry	10
early	4	exercise	8	fire	4	George	10	head	3	hurt	9
ears	8	expect	10	first	1b	get	2	hear	3	I	1
earth	3	experiment	9	fish	4	girl	5	heard	3	ice	5
east	8	explain	6	fit	9	give	2	heart	5	I'd	9

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idea	4	kept	4	light	3	meet	6	myself	10	of	1
if	1b	key	9	like	1b	members	6	name	2	off	2
I'll	4	kill	9	line	2	men	2	narrow	9	office	9
imagine	10	kind	3	list	4	met	9	nation	9	often	2
important	2	king	7	listen	6	metal	9	natural	6	oh	4
in	1	kitchen	8	little	1b	method	8	nature	9	oil	7
inches	6	knew	3	live	3	middle	6	near	3	old	2
include	9	know	1b	long	1b	might	2	nearly	6	on	1
indeed	10	knowledge	9	look	2	miles	3	necessary	7	once	3
Indians	4	lady	8	lost	6	milk	7	neck	10	one	1b
information	6	laid	10	lot	7	million	8	need	3	only	1b
insects	9	land	3	loud	10	mind	5	neither	9	onto	10
inside	4	language	6	love	8	minutes	6	never	2	open	4
instead	5	large	2	low	5	miss	5	new	2	opposite	8
instruments	10	last	2	machine	6	modern	7	NewYork	7	or	1b
interest(ing)	7	later	3	made	1b	moment	6	next	2	order	4
into	1b	laugh	8	main	5	money	3	nice	10	original	10
iron	7	law	10	major	9	months	7	night	3	other	1b
is	1	lay	5	make	1b	moon	5	nine	9	our	2
island	8	lead	7	man	2	more	1b	no	1b	out	1b
isn't	7	learn	3	many	1b	morning	3	noise	10	outside	5
it	1	least	5	map	6	most	1b	none	10	over	1b
it's	3	leave	5	mark	6	mother	3	nor	7	own	2
its	1b	led	6	market	10	motion	10	north	6	page	3
itself	5	left	2	Mary	4	mountain	5	nose	8	paid	10
I've	7	legs	6	material	7	mouth	6	not	1b	pair	7
jack	8	length	6	matter	4	move	3	note	7	paper	3
job	6	less	4	may	1b	movement	9	nothing	4	paragraph	9
Joe	10	let	3	maybe	6	Mr.	2	notice	4	parents	9
John	3	let's	5	me	2	Mrs.	4	noun	10	part	2
join	9	letter	4	mean	3	much	2	now	1b	particular	9
jumped	9	level	8	meant	8	music	6	number	2	party	7
just	1b	lie	10	measure	6	must	2	object	7	passed	6
keep	2	life	3	meat	7	my	1b	ocean	6	past	5

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path 9	product 6	rest 4	second 3	silver 8	space 4
pattern 6	proper 10	result 7	section 8	similar 8	Spanish 10
Paul 10	proud 10	return 8	see 1b	simple 5	speak 7
pay 7	public 9	rich 7	seed 8	simply 9	special 4
people 1b	pull 6	ride 7	seemed 4	since 3	speech 9
per 6	purpose 10	right 2	seen 3	sing 9	speed 6
perhaps 4	push 10	ring 8	sell 9	single 6	spend 8
period 7	put 2	rise 10	send 8	sister 10	spent 8
person 4	questions 5	river 5	sense 8	sit 8	spoke 8
Peter 10	quick 10	road 5	sent 5	six 4	spot 9
picked 8	quick(ly) 5	rock 5	sentence 3	size 5	spread 8
picture 3	quiet 7	rode 10	separate 9	skin 7	spring 6
piece 5	quite 5	room 3	set 2	sky 5	square 6
place 2	race 7	root 10	settle 10	sleep 7	stand 4
plan 6	radio 8	rope 9	seven 7	slowly 4	stars 7
plane 6	rain 5	rose 9	several 3	small 2	started 4
plants 4	raised 8	round 5	shall 5	snow 5	state 4
play 3	ran 4	row 9	shape 7	so 1b	statement 10
please 8	rather 6	rule 8	share 10	soft 7	stay 5
point 4	reach 6	run 4	sharp 8	soil 6	steel 9
poor 6	read 2	safe 9	she 1b	sold 9	step 6
position 8	ready 4	said 1b	sheep 9	soldiers 8	stick 8
possible 5	real 5	salt 9	ship 5	solid 10	still 2
pounds 8	really 4	same 2	shoes 9	solve 10	stone 7
power 5	reason 6	sand 7	shore 9	some 1b	stood 4
practice 7	receive 10	sat 5	short 4	someone 5	stop 5
present 6	record 7	saw 2	shot 9	something 2	store 7
president 9	red 4	say 2	should 2	sometimes 3	story 3
pressure 10	region 7	scale 8	shoulder 10	son 8	straight 6
pretty 8	regular 10	school 2	shouted 8	song 8	strange 6
probably 4	remember 4	science 8	show 2	soon 3	street 6
problem 5	replied 10	scientists 6	side 3	sort 10	strength 10
process 9	report 10	sea 3	sight 8	sound 2	string 10
produce 8	represent 10	season 10	sign 7	south 6	strong 4

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student 9	them 1b	touch 9	various 7	wheel 9	wrote 6
study 3	themselves 5	toward 3	verb 10	when 1b	yard 9
subject 7	then 1b	town 4	very 1b	where 1b	years 2
such 2	there 1b	trade 10	village 7	whether 5	yellow 7
sudden(ly) 5	therefore 8	train 8	visit 9	which 1b	yes 4
sugar 9	there's 8	travel 6	voice 4	while 2	yet 4
summer 5	these 1b	trees 3	vowel 10	white 3	you 1
sun 3	they 1	tried 5	wait 7	who 1b	you'll 8
supply 10	thick 8	trip 7	walk 6	whole 3	young 3
suppose 6	thin 7	trouble 7	wall 7	whose 6	your 1b
sure 3	thing 3	truck 9	want 2	why 2	you're 6
surface 5	think 2	true 4	war 6	wide 5	yourself 6
surprise 10	third 5	try 3	warm 5	wife 8	
symbol 10	this 1	tube 10	was 1	wild 5	
system 5	those 2	turn 3	Washington 8	will 1b	
table 4	though 4	twenty 10	wasn't 7	window 6	
tail 7	thought 3	twice 9	watch 5	wings 9	
take 2	thousands 6	two 1b	water 1b	winter 5	
talk 5	three 2	type 8	waves 7	wire 9	
tall 6	through 2	uncle 9	way 1b	wish 6	
teacher 6	throughout 9	under 2	ways 3	with 1	
team 7	thus 6	understand 5	we 1b	within 5	
teeth 8	tied 10	unit 7	wear 9	without 3	
television 10	time 1b	UnitedStates 4	weather 5	woman 7	
tell 2	tiny 5	unless 9	week 6	women 8	
temperature 7	tired 9	until 2	weight 7	won 9	
ten 4	to 1	up 1b	we'll 8	wonder 9	
terms 10	today 3	upon 3	well 2	won't 7	
test 7	together 2	us 2	went 2	wood 6	
than 1b	told 3	use 1b	we're 10	words 1b	
that 1	too 2	useful 9	were 1b	work 2	
that's 4	took 3	usually 4	west 9	world 2	
the 1	top 3	value 9	what 1b	would 1b	
their 1b	total 9	variety 10	what's 10	wouldn't 8	
				write 2	
				wrong 7	

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