Kenosha Literacy Council Tutoring Activity 2008

Student's Name: _____

The First Hundred Most Commonly Used English Words

These most commonly used words are ranked by frequency. The first 25 make up about one-third of all printed material in English and the first 100 make up about one-half of all written material.

1. the	21. at	41. there	61. some	81. my
2. of	22. be	42. use	62. her	82. than
3. and	23. this	43. an	63. would	83. first
4. a	24. have	44. each	64. make	84. water
5. to	25. from	45. which	65. like	85. been
6. in	26. or	46. she	66. him	86. call
7. is	27. one	47. do	67. into	87. who
8. you	28. had	48. how	68. time	88. oil
9. that	29. by	49. their	69. has	89. its
10. it	30. word	50. if	70. look	90. now
11. he	31. but	51. will	71. two	91. find
12. was	32. not	52. up	72. more	92. long
13. for	33. what	53. other	73. write	93. down
14. on	34. all	54. about	74. go	94. day
15. are	35. were	55. out	75. see	95. did
16. as	36. we	56. many	76. number	96. get
17. with	37. when	57. then	77. no	97. come
18. his	38. your	58. them	78. way	98. made
19. they	39. can	59. these	79. could	99. may
20. I	40. said	60. so	80. people	100. part

Please write a sentence for each of the words on the list. Practice the correct pronunciation for each word. Learn to spell each of the words.

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Tutor Hint: Sight words are words that learners recognize instantly without having to stop to figure them out. The more proficient readers are, the more words they recognize by sight. Learning common sight words will help improve reading speed and comprehension.

Activity: Sight Word Concentration

1. Make a set of Concentration cards by writing selected sight words on index cards. There must be two of each word.
2. Lay all of the cards face down on the table.
3. The object of the game is to find as many pairs as you can. Turn over any two cards. Say the words from the cards out loud. Take the cards if the pair matches. Turn the cards back over if they do not match. Play continues until all the cards are matched. The winner is the player with the most cards.
4. For an extra challenge, create a sentence for each of your matched words.