

The first 1,000 words of the

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A	A-B	B-C	C-D	D-E					
a	art	box	comm on	die					
able	article	boy	compa ny	differe nce					
about	as	branch	compa re	difficul t					
above	ask	bread	compl ete	direct					
accept	association	breadt h	concer n	discov er					
accord	at	break	conditi on	diseas e					
accou nt	attack	bridge	conne ct	distan ce					
across	attem pt	bright	consid er	disting uish					
act	avera ge	bring	contai n	district					
actual	away	brother	conten t	divide					
add	back	build	contin ue	do					
addres s	bad	burn	contro l	doctor					
admit	ball	busine ss	corner	dog					
adopt	bank	but	cost	door					
advan ce	bar	buy	could	double					
advant age	base	by	counci l	doubt					
affair	battle	call	count	down					
afford	be	can	countr y	draw					
after	bear	capital	course	dream					
again	beaut y	car	court	dress					
against	becau se	care	cover	drive					
age	becom e	carry	creatu re	drop					
ago	bed	case	cross	dry					
agree	before	catch	crowd	due					
air	begin	cause	cry	during					
all	behind	centre	curren t	each					
allow	being	certain	custo m	ear					
almost	believ e	chance	cut	early					
alone	belong	change	dance	earth					
along	below	charac ter	dange r	east					
alread y	benea th	charge	dare	easy					
also	beside	chief	dark	eat					

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although	best	child	date	edge
always	better	choose	daughter	effect
among	between	church	day	effort
amount	beyond	circle	dead	either
ancient	big	city	deal	else
and	bill	claim	decide	employ
animal	bird	class	declare	end
another	bit	clean	deep	enemy
answer	black	clear	degree	English
any	blood	clock	deliver	enjoy
appear	blow	close	demand	enough
apply	blue	club	describe	enter
appoint	board	coast	desert	entire
arise	boat	cold	desire	equal
arm	body	college	destroy	escape
army	book	color	detail	even
around	born	come	determine	evening
arrive	both	command	develop	event

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E - F		F-G-H		H - I		J-K-L-M	M-N
ever		fix		hard		join	mann er
every		floor		hardly		judge	mann ers
everywhere		flower		have		just	many
evil		follow		he		keep	march
exam ple		food		head		kill	mark
excell ent		for		health		kind	marke t
except		force		hear		know	marry
excha nge		foreign		heat		lack	mass
exerci se		forget		heaven		lady	materi al
exist		form		heavy		land	matter
expect		former		hello		langua ge	may
expen se		forth		help		large	me
experience		fortun e		her		last	mean
experiment		forward		here		late	measu re
explai n		free		hide		law	meet
expres s		friend		high		lay	memb er
extend		from		hill		lead	memo ry
eye		front		his		learn	menti on
face		full		history		least	mere
fact		further		hold		leave	metal
factor y		future		home		left	middle
fail		gain		honor		length	might
fair		game		hope		less	mile
faith		garden		horse		let	mind
fall		gate		hot		letter	mine
familia r		gather		hour		level	minist er
family		gener al		house		library	minut e
famous		gentle		how		lie	miss
farm		get		human		life	moder n
fashio n		give		hurrah		lift	mome nt
fast		glad		husban d		light	money
father		glass		I		like	month

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favorite	go	idea	likely	more
favor	God	if	limit	moreover
fear	gold	impossible	line	morning
feed	good	in	listen	most
feel	great	inch	little	mother
fellow	green	include	live	motor
few	ground	increase	local	mountain
field	group	indeed	long	mouth
figure	grow	independent	look	move
fill	guard	influence	lose	much
find	habit	instead	lost	music
fine	half	intend	lot	must
finger	hall	interest	love	my
finish	hand	into	low	name
fire	handle	introduce	machine	narrow
first	hand	iron	main	nation
fish	happen	it	make	native
fit	happy	its	man	nature

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N-O	✓	O-P	✓	P-Q-R	✓	R-S	✓	S	✓
near		owe		production		rich		she	
necessary		own		program		ride		shine	
neck		page		progress		right		shoe	
need		pain		promise		ring		shoot	
neighbour		paint		proof		rise		shore	
neither		paper		proper		river		short	
never		part		propose		road		should	
new		party		protect		roll		shoulder	
next		pass		prove		room		show	
night		past		provide		rough		side	
no		pay		public		round		sight	
none		peace		pull		rule		sign	
nor		people		purpose		ruler		silence	
north		perfect		put		run		silver	
not		perhaps		quality		rush		simple	
note		permanent		quarter		safe		since	
nothing		permit		quiet		sail		single	
notice		person		quite		same		sir	
now		picture		race		save		sister	
nowhere		piece		raise		saw		sit	
number		place		rank		say		situation	
object		plan		rate		scale		size	
observe		plant		rather		scarce		skill	
occasion		play		reach		scene		sky	
of		please		read		school		sleep	
off		point		ready		science		slight	
offer		political		real		sea		slow	
office		poor		reason		season		small	
often		popular		receive		seat		smile	
oil		population		recent		second		so	
old		position		recognize		secret		society	

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once		posses s		record		secret ary		soft	
one		possib le		red		see		soil	
only		post		reduce		seem		some	
open		pound		refuse		seize		son	
operat ion		povert y		regard		sell		soon	
opinio n		power		regular		send		sort	
opportunity		practic al		relatio n		sense		sound	
or		prepar e		religio n		separa te		south	
order		presen t		remain		seriou s		space	
ordina ry		preser ve		remark		serve		speak	
organi ze		press		remem ber		set		specia l	
other		pretty		reply		settle		speed	
otherw ise		preve nt		repeat		severa l		spend	
ought		price		report		shado w		spirit	
ounce		print		repres ent		shake		spite	
our		privat e		respec t		shall		spot	
out of		proble m		rest		shape		spread	
out of		produ ce		result		share		spring	
over		produ ct		return		shave		square	

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S - T	✓	T-U	✓	U-W	✓	W- Y	✓		
	stage				teach			until	
stand		tell		up		wise			
standa rd		tear		upon		wish			
start		term		use		with			
state		terribl e		usual		within			
station		test		valley		withou t			
stay		than		value		woma n			
steal		that		various		wonde r			
steel		the		very		wood			
step		their		view		word			
stick		them		village		work			
still		then		visit		world			
stock		there		voice		worse			
stone		theref ore		vote		worth			
stop		these		wait		would			
store		they		walk		write			
storm		thing		wall		wrong			
story		think		want		year			
strai ^g ht		this		war		yellow			
strang e		thoug h		warn		yes			
strea m		thoug ht		waste		yester day			
street		throug h		watch		yet			
streng th		throw		water		you			
stretc h		thus		wave		young			
strike		time		way					
strong		to		we					
strugg le		today		weak					
study		togeth er		wear					
subjec t		too		week					
substa nce		top		welco me					
succee d		total		well					
such		touch		west					
sudde n		towar d		what					
suffer		town		when					
sugge		trade		where					

Note: As the GSL was made in 1953, some of the original 1st 1000 words are not here as they are no longer quite so useful to learners.

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summ er		train		whethe r					
sun		travel		which					
supply		tree		while					
suppor t		troubl e		white					
suppo se		trust		who					
sure		truth		whose					
surfac e		try		why					
surpris e		turn		wide					
surrou nd		type		wife					
sweet		under		wild					
system		understand		will					
table		union		win					
take		unite		wind					
talk		univer sity		windo w					
taste		unless		wing					

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