

ESOL Level 1–2: 200 High-Utility Core Words (Word Families)

Word family (base)	Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
access	access	access	accessible	—
accept	acceptance	accept	acceptable	acceptably
achieve	achievement	achieve	achievable	—
acknowledge	acknowledgement	acknowledge	acknowledged	—
adapt	adaptation	adapt	adaptable	—
advise	advice	advise	advisable	—
affect	effect	affect	effective	effectively
analyse	analysis	analyse	analytical	analytically
announce	announcement	announce	announced	—
apply	application	apply	applicable	—
approve	approval	approve	approved	—
argue	argument	argue	argumentative	—
arrange	arrangement	arrange	arranged	—
assist	assistance	assist	helpful	helpfully
assess	assessment	assess	assessable	—
assume	assumption	assume	assumed	—
attend	attendance	attend	attentive	attentively
attract	attraction	attract	attractive	attractively
avoid	avoidance	avoid	avoidable	—
balance	balance	balance	balanced	—
behave	behaviour	behave	well-behaved	—
benefit	benefit	benefit	beneficial	beneficially
blame	blame	blame	blameless	—
borrow	borrowing	borrow	borrowed	—
breathe	breath	breathe	breathless	—
build	building	build	built	—
calculate	calculation	calculate	calculable	—
cancel	cancellation	cancel	cancelled	—
care	care	care	careful	carefully
cause	cause	cause	causal	—
challenge	challenge	challenge	challenging	—
change	change	change	changeable	—
choose	choice	choose	chosen	—
claim	claim	claim	claimed	—

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collect	collection	collect	collective	collectively
comment	comment	comment	commented	—
compare	comparison	compare	comparable	comparably
compete	competition	compete	competitive	competitively
complain	complaint	complain	complaining	—
complete	completion	complete	complete	completely
conclude	conclusion	conclude	conclusive	conclusively
conduct	conduct	conduct	conductive	—
confirm	confirmation	confirm	confirmed	—
connect	connection	connect	connected	—
consider	consideration	consider	considerate	considerately
consist	consistency	consist	consistent	consistently
consult	consultation	consult	consultative	—
consume	consumption	consume	consumable	—
contain	container	contain	contained	—
contribute	contribution	contribute	contributory	—
control	control	control	controllable	—
convenience	convenience	convene	convenient	conveniently
convince	conviction	convince	convincing	convincingly
cooperate	cooperation	cooperate	cooperative	cooperatively
create	creation	create	creative	creatively
criticise	criticism	criticise	critical	critically
decide	decision	decide	decisive	decisively
define	definition	define	definite	definitely
deliver	delivery	deliver	delivered	—
demand	demand	demand	demanding	—
depend	dependence	depend	dependent	dependently
describe	description	describe	descriptive	descriptively
design	design	design	designed	—
develop	development	develop	developed	—
differ	difference	differ	different	differently
direct	direction	direct	direct	directly
disagree	disagreement	disagree	disagreeable	—
discover	discovery	discover	discoverable	—
discuss	discussion	discuss	discussed	—
distribute	distribution	distribute	distributive	—
divide	division	divide	divided	—
educate	education	educate	educational	educationally
efficient	efficiency	—	efficient	efficiently

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employ	employment	employ	employed	—
enable	enablement	enable	able	ably
encourage	encouragement	encourage	encouraging	—
engage	engagement	engage	engaged	—
enquire	enquiry	enquire	enquiring	—
ensure	assurance	ensure	sure	surely
estimate	estimate	estimate	estimated	—
evidence	evidence	evidence	evident	evidently
examine	examination	examine	examinable	—
explain	explanation	explain	explanatory	—
express	expression	express	expressive	expressively
extend	extension	extend	extensive	extensively
fail	failure	fail	failed	—
finance	finance	finance	financial	financially
focus	focus	focus	focused	—
force	force	force	forceful	forcefully
form	formation	form	formal	formally
function	function	function	functional	functionally
generate	generation	generate	generative	—
govern	government	govern	governmental	—
grant	grant	grant	granted	—
guide	guidance	guide	guiding	—
harm	harm	harm	harmful	harmfully
identify	identification	identify	identifiable	—
ignore	ignorance	ignore	ignorant	ignorantly
illustrate	illustration	illustrate	illustrative	—
imagine	imagination	imagine	imaginative	imaginatively
impact	impact	impact	impactful	—
imply	implication	imply	implicit	implicitly
include	inclusion	include	inclusive	inclusively
increase	increase	increase	increased	—
indicate	indication	indicate	indicative	—
influence	influence	influence	influential	—
inform	information	inform	informative	informatively
initial	initial	initial	initial	initially
inspect	inspection	inspect	inspectable	—
instruct	instruction	instruct	instructive	—
intend	intention	intend	intentional	intentionally
interpret	interpretation	interpret	interpretative	—

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introduce	introduction	introduce	introductory	—
invest	investment	invest	invested	—
involve	involvement	involve	involved	—
judge	judgement	judge	judicial	—
justify	justification	justify	justifiable	justifiably
know	knowledge	know	knowledgeable	—
labour	labour	labour	laborious	laboriously
limit	limit	limit	limited	—
maintain	maintenance	maintain	maintainable	—
manage	management	manage	manageable	—
measure	measurement	measure	measurable	measurably
mention	mention	mention	mentioned	—
modify	modification	modify	modifiable	—
monitor	monitoring	monitor	monitorable	—
motivate	motivation	motivate	motivational	—
negotiate	negotiation	negotiate	negotiable	—
notice	notice	notice	noticeable	noticeably
observe	observation	observe	observant	observantly
occur	occurrence	occur	occasional	occasionally
offer	offer	offer	offered	—
operate	operation	operate	operational	operationally
oppose	opposition	oppose	opposed	—
organise	organisation	organise	organised	—
participate	participation	participate	participatory	—
persuade	persuasion	persuade	persuasive	persuasively
plan	plan	plan	planned	—
predict	prediction	predict	predictable	predictably
prefer	preference	prefer	preferable	preferably
prepare	preparation	prepare	prepared	—
prevent	prevention	prevent	preventable	—
prioritise	priority	prioritise	prior	—
proceed	procedure	proceed	procedural	—
produce	production	produce	productive	productively
progress	progress	progress	progressive	progressively
propose	proposal	propose	proposed	—
protect	protection	protect	protective	protectively
provide	provision	provide	provided	—
publish	publication	publish	published	—
qualify	qualification	qualify	qualified	—

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question	question	question	questionable	questionably
react	reaction	react	reactive	—
realise	realisation	realise	realistic	realistically
recommend	recommendation	recommend	recommended	—
reduce	reduction	reduce	reduced	—
refer	reference	refer	referable	—
reflect	reflection	reflect	reflective	reflectively
refuse	refusal	refuse	refused	—
regulate	regulation	regulate	regulatory	—
rely	reliance	rely	reliable	reliably
remove	removal	remove	removable	—
replace	replacement	replace	replaceable	—
report	report	report	reportable	—
require	requirement	require	required	—
respond	response	respond	responsive	responsively
review	review	review	reviewable	—
risk	risk	risk	risky	riskily
save	safety	save	safe	safely
select	selection	select	selective	selectively
separate	separation	separate	separate	separately
signify	significance	signify	significant	significantly
solve	solution	solve	solvable	—
specify	specification	specify	specific	specifically
state	statement	state	state	—
strategy	strategy	strategise	strategic	strategically
strengthen	strength	strengthen	strong	strongly
structure	structure	structure	structural	structurally
succeed	success	succeed	successful	successfully
suggest	suggestion	suggest	suggestive	—
suit	suitability	suit	suitable	suitably
support	support	support	supportive	supportively
supply	supply	supply	supplementary	—
suspect	suspicion	suspect	suspicious	suspiciously
sustain	sustainability	sustain	sustainable	sustainably
teach	teaching	teach	teachable	—
test	test	test	testable	—
think	thought	think	thoughtful	thoughtfully
translate	translation	translate	translatable	—
transport	transport	transport	transportable	—

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treat	treatment	treat	treatable	—
trust	trust	trust	trustworthy	trustworthily
typify	type	typify	typical	typically
understand	understanding	understand	understandable	understandably
use	use	use	useful	usefully
value	value	value	valuable	valuably
vary	variety	vary	varied	—
warn	warning	warn	warning	—
widen	width	widen	wide	widely
write	writing	write	written	—