



52 core words to use every day

Keep this list on the fridge. Use these words all day, and point to them as you say them.

People

8 words

-  **I**
I want · I did it
-  **you**
you go · I see you
-  **we**
we go · we did it
-  **he**
he likes it · he is up
-  **she**
she has it · she is here
-  **they**
they go · they did it
-  **it**
get it · it is hot
-  **mine**
mine! · not mine

Social words

8 words

-  **yes**
yes please · yes, go
-  **no**
no more · no, stop
-  **hi**
hi Mom · hi, dog
-  **bye**
bye car · bye bath
-  **please**
help please · more please
-  **thank you**
thank you, Dad
-  **uh oh**
uh oh, it fell · uh oh!
-  **all done**
all done eating · all done?

Actions

16 words

-  **want**
want more · I want that
-  **need**
need help · I need it
-  **like**
I like it · like that
-  **go**
go outside · let's go
-  **stop**
stop it · stop the music
-  **help**
help me · help open
-  **get**
get it · get down
-  **give**
give me · give it
-  **put**
put in · put it on
-  **make**
make it go · make a tower
-  **eat**
eat more · eat it
-  **drink**
drink water · drink it
-  **play**
play ball · play again
-  **look**
look at that · look up
-  **open**
open it · open the door
-  **wait**
wait for me · wait, stop

Describing words

10 words

-  **more**
more juice · more tickles
-  **again**
do it again · again!
-  **big**
big ball · so big
-  **little**
little bite · a little
-  **hot**
hot! · not hot
-  **cold**
cold water · cold hands
-  **good**
good job · it's good
-  **bad**
it's bad · bad day
-  **fast**
go fast · too fast
-  **slow**
slow down · go slow

Little words

10 words

-  **not**
not that · not now
-  **in**
in the box · get in
-  **out**
out! · take it out
-  **on**
put it on · turn on
-  **off**
take it off · off!
-  **up**
pick me up · up high
-  **down**
sit down · fall down
-  **that**
that one · get that
-  **what**
what's that? · what?
-  **where**
where's Dad? · where?

Say it and point. When you say one of these words, point to it on the board or the card.

Use one word in many places.
more works at snack, in the bath and on the swing.

Add one word. When your child uses a word, say it back with one more: "more" → "more juice".