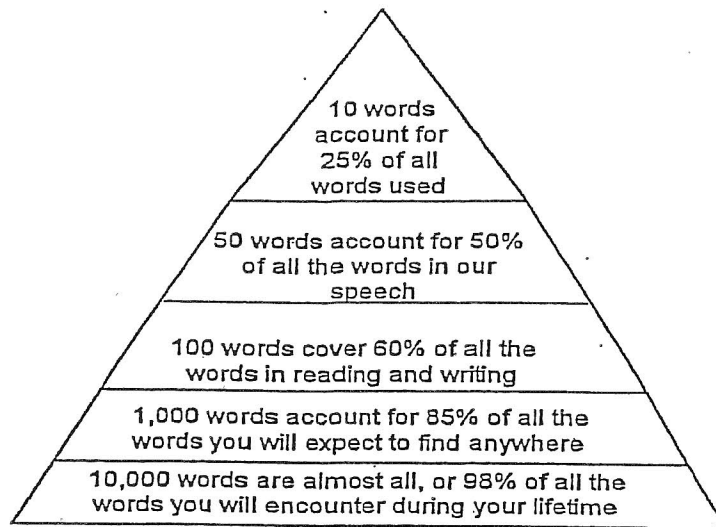


About English

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
 But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese.
 Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a whole lot of mice.
 But the plural of house is houses, not hice.
If the plural of man is always called men,
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
 But the plural of vow is vows, not vine.
And I speak of foot and you show me your feet.
 But I give you a boot.... would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and the whole set are teeth,
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
If the singular is this and the plural is these,
 Why shouldn't the plural of kiss be nicknamed
kese?
Then one may be that, and three may be those,
 Yet the plural of hat would never be hose.
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.
The masculine pronouns are he, his, and him.
 But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim!
So our English, I think you will all agree,
 Is the trickiest language you ever did see.

The English Word Pyramid



The 10 most useful words in English are:

a and be for have in of that the to

These 50 words are used most often in writing letters:

I	it	at	very	do
the	that	was	my	been
and	if	with	had	letter
to	your	but	our	can
a	have	on	from	would
you	will	is	am	she
of	her	all	one	when
in	are	so	him	about
we	not	me	he	they
for	as	this	get	any

These 50 words are found most often in what you read:

the	he	at	we	there
and	you	on	ask	this
a	for	have	all	as
to	had	but	one	out
of	is	me	from	said
I	with	my	are	would
in	her	not	were	what
was	she	be	or	their
that	his	him	when	no
it	as	they	up	if

There are about a half million words in the largest English dictionary, but you can expect to see most of them very rarely, only in 2% or less of everything you read.

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