

**Dale-Chall Word List (Dale & Chall, 1948)*

a able aboard about above absent accept accident account ache aching acorn acre across act acts add address admire adventure afar afraid after afternoon afterward afterwards again against age aged ago agree ah ahead aid aim air airfield airport airplane airship airy alarm alike alive all alley alligator allow almost alone along aloud already also always am America American among amount an and angel anger angry animal another answer ant any anybody anyhow anyone anything anyway anywhere apart apartment ape apiece appear apple April apron are aren't arise arithmetic arm armful army arose around arrange arrive arrived arrow art artist as ash ashes aside ask asleep at ate attack attend attention August aunt author auto automobile autumn avenue awake awaken away awful awfully awhile ax axe

b baa babe bay babies back background backward backwards bacon bad badly badge bag bake baker baking bakery ball balloon banana band bandage bang banjo bank banker bar barber bare barely barefoot bark barn barrel base baseball basement basket bat batch bath bathe bathing bathroom bathtub battle battleship bay be being beach bead beam bean bear beard beast beat beating beautiful beautify beauty became because become becoming bed bedbug bedroom bedspread bedtime bee beech beef beefsteak beehive been beer beet before beg began beggar begged begin beginning begun behave behind believe bell belong below belt beneath bench bend bent berry berries beside besides best bet better between bib bible bicycle bid big bigger bill billboard bin bind bird birth birthday biscuit bit bite biting bitter black blackberry blackbird blackboard blackness blacksmith blame blank blanket blast blaze bleed bless blessing blew blind blinds blindfold block blood bloom blossom blot blow blue blueberry bluebird bluejay blush board boast boat bob bobwhite body bodies boil boiler bold bone bonnet boo book bookcase bookkeeper boom boot born borrow boss both bother bottle bottom bought bounce bow bowl bow-wow box boxes boxcar boxer boy boyhood bracelet brain brake bran branch brass brave bread break breakfast breast breath breathe breeze brick bride bridge bright brightness bring broad broadcast broke broken brook broom brother brought brown brush bubble bucket buckle bud buffalo bug buggy build building built bulb bull bullet bum bumblebee bump bun bunch bundle bunny burn burst bury bus bush bushel business busy but butcher butt butter buttercup butterfly buttermilk butterscotch button buttonhole buy buzz by bye

c cab cabbage cabin cabinet cackle cage cake calendar calf call caller calling came camel camp campfire can canal canary candle candlestick candy cane cannon cannot canoe can't canyon cap cape capital captain car card cardboard care careful careless carelessness carload carpenter carpet carriage carrot carry cart carve case cash cashier castle cat catbird catch catcher caterpillar catfish catsup cattle caught cause cave ceiling cell cellar cent center cereal certain certainly chain chair chalk champion chance change chap charge charm chart chase chatter cheap cheat check checkers cheek cheer cheese cherry chest chew chick chicken chief child childhood children chill chilly chimney chin china chip chipmunk chocolate choice choose chop chorus chose chosen christen Christmas church churn cigarette circle circus citizen city clang clap class classmate classroom claw clay clean cleaner clear clerk clever click cliff climb clip cloak clock close closet cloth clothes clothing cloud cloudy clover clown club cluck clump coach coal coast coat cob cobbler cocoa coconut cocoon cod codfish coffee coffeepot coin cold collar college color colored colt column comb come comfort comic coming company compare conductor cone connect coo cook cooked cooking cooky cookie cookies cool cooler coop copper copy cord cork corn corner correct cost cot cottage cotton couch cough could couldn't count counter country county course court cousin cover cow coward cowardly cowboy cozy crab crack cracker cradle cramps cranberry crank cranky crash crawl crazy cream creamy creek

creep crept cried croak crook crooked crop cross crossing cross-eyed crow crowd crowded crown cruel crumb crumble crush crust cry cries cub cuff cup cuff cup cupboard cupful cure curl curly curtain curve cushion custard customer cut cute cutting

d *dab dad daddy daily dairy daisy dam damage dame damp dance dancer dancing dandy danger dangerous dare dark darkness darling darn dart dash date daughter dawn day daybreak daytime dead deaf deal dear death December decide deck deed deep deer defeat defend defense delight den dentist depend deposit describe desert deserve desire desk destroy devil dew diamond did didn't die died dies difference different dig dim dime dine ding-dong dinner dip direct direction dirt dirty discover dish dislike dismiss ditch dive diver divide do dock doctor does doesn't dog doll dollar dolly done donkey don't door doorbell doorknob doorstep dope dot double dough dove down downstairs downtown dozen drag drain drank draw drawer draw drawing dream dress dresser dressmaker drew dried drift drill drink drip drive driven driver drop drove drown drowsy drub drum drunk dry duck due dug dull dumb dump during dust dusty duty dwarf dwell dwelt dying*

e *each eager eagle ear early earn earth east eastern easy eat eaten edge egg eight eighteen eighth eighty either elbow elder eldest electric electricity elephant eleven elf elm else elsewhere empty end ending enemy engine engineer English enjoy enough enter envelope equal erase eraser errand escape eve even evening ever every everybody everyday everyone everything everywhere evil exact except exchange excited exciting excuse exit expect explain extra eye eyebrow*

f *fable face facing fact factory fail faint fair fairy faith fake fall false family fan fancy far faraway fare farmer farm farming far-off farther fashion fast fasten fat father fault favor favorite fear feast feather February fed feed feel feet fell fellow felt fence fever few fib fiddle field fife fifteen fifth fifty fig fight figure file fill film finally find fine finger finish fire firearm firecracker fireplace fireworks firing first fish fisherman fist fit fits five fix flag flake flame flap flash flashlight flat flea flesh flew flies flight flip flip-flop float flock flood floor flop flour flow flower flowery flutter fly foam fog foggy fold folks follow following fond food fool foolish foot football footprint for forehead forest forget forgive forgot forgotten fork form fort forth fortune forty forward fought found fountain four fourteen fourth fox frame free freedom freeze freight French fresh fret Friday fried friend friendly friendship frighten frog from front frost frown froze fruit fry fudge fuel full fully fun funny fur furniture further fuzzy*

g *gain gallon gallop game gang garage garbage garden gas gasoline gate gather gave gay gear geese general gentle gentleman gentlemen geography get getting giant gift gingerbread girl give given giving glad gladly glance glass glasses gleam glide glory glove glow glue go going goes goal goat gobble God god godmother gold golden goldfish golf gone good goods goodbye good-by goodbye good-bye good-looking goodness goody goose gooseberry got govern government gown grab gracious grade grain grand grandchild grandchildren granddaughter grandfather grandma grandmother grandpa grandson grandstand grape grapes grapefruit grass grasshopper grateful grave gravel graveyard gravy gray graze grease great green greet grew grind groan grocery ground group grove grow guard guess guest guide gulf gum gun gunpowder guy*

h *ha habit had hadn't hail hair haircut hairpin half hall halt ham hammer hand handful handkerchief handle handwriting hang happen happily happiness happy harbor hard hardly hardship hardware hare hark harm harness harp harvest has hasn't haste hasten hasty hat hatch hatchet hate haul have haven't having hawk hay hayfield haystack he head headache heal health healthy heap hear hearing heard heart heat heater heaven heavy he'd heel height held hell he'll hello helmet help helper helpful hem hen henhouse*

her hers herd here here's hero herself he's hey hickory hid hidden hide high highway hill hillside hilltop hilly him himself hind hint hip hire his hiss history hit hitch hive ho hoe hog hold holder hole holiday hollow holy home homely homesick honest honey honeybee honeymoon honk honor hood hoof hook hoop hop hope hopeful hopeless horn horse horseback horseshoe hose hospital host hot hotel hound hour house housetop housewife housework how however howl hug huge hum humble hump hundred hung hunger hungry hunk hunt hunter hurrah hurried hurry hurt husband hush hut hymn

***i** I ice icy I'd idea ideal if ill I'll I'm important impossible improve in inch inches income indeed Indian indoors ink inn insect inside instant instead insult intend interested interesting into invite iron is island isn't it its it's itself I've ivory ivy*

***j** jacket jacks jail jam January jar jaw jay jelly jellyfish jerk jig job jockey join joke joking jolly journey joy joyful joyous judge jug juice juicy July jump June junior junk just*

***k** keen keep kept kettle key kick kid kill killed kind kindly kindness king kingdom kiss kitchen kite kitten kitty knee kneel knew knife knit knives knob knock knot know known*

***l** lace lad ladder ladies lady laid lake lamb lame lamp land lane language lantern lap lard large lash lass last late laugh laundry law lawn lawyer lay lazy lead leader leaf leak lean leap learn learned least leather leave leaving led left leg lemon lemonade lend length less lesson let let's letter letting lettuce level liberty library lice lick lid lie life lift light lightness lightning like likely liking lily limb lime limp line linen lion lip list listen lit little live lives lively liver living lizard load loaf loan loaves lock locomotive log lone lonely lonesome long look lookout loop loose lord lose loser loss lost lot loud love lovely lover low luck lucky lumber lump lunch lying*

***m** ma machine machinery mad made magazine magic maid mail mailbox mailman major make making male mama mamma man manager mane manger many map maple marble march March mare mark market marriage married marry mask mast master mat match matter mattress may May maybe mayor maypole me meadow meal mean means meant measure meat medicine meet meeting melt member men mend meow merry mess message met metal mew mice middle midnight might mighty mile milk milkman mill miler million mind mine miner mint minute mirror mischief miss Miss misspell mistake misty mitt mitten mix moment Monday money monkey month moo moon moonlight moose mop more morning morrow moss most mostly mother motor mount mountain mouse mouth move movie movies moving mow Mr. Mrs. much mud muddy mug mule multiply murder music must my myself*

***n** nail name nap napkin narrow nasty naughty navy near nearby nearly neat neck necktie need needle needn't Negro neighbor neighborhood neither nerve nest net never nevermore new news newspaper next nibble nice nickel night nightgown nine nineteen ninety no nobody nod noise noisy none noon nor north northern nose not note nothing notice November now nowhere number nurse nut*

***o** oak oar oatmeal oats obey ocean o'clock October odd of off offer office officer often oh oil old old-fashioned on once one onion only onward open or orange orchard order ore organ other otherwise ouch ought our ours ourselves out outdoors outfit outlaw outline outside outward oven over overalls overcoat overeat overhead overhear overnight overturn owe owing owl own owner ox*

***p** pa pace pack package pad page paid pail pain painful paint painter painting pair pal palace pale pan pancake pane pansy pants papa paper parade pardon parent park part*

partly partner party pass passenger past paste pasture pat patch path patter pave
pavement paw pay payment pea peas peace peaceful peach peaches peak peanut pear
pearl peck peek peel peep peg pen pencil penny people pepper peppermint perfume
perhaps person pet phone piano pick pickle picnic picture pie piece pig pigeon piggy pile
pill pillow pin pine pineapple pink pint pipe pistol pit pitch pitcher pity place plain plan
plane plant plate platform platter play player playground playhouse playmate plaything
pleasant please pleasure plenty plow plug plum pocket pocketbook poem point poison
poke pole police policeman polish polite pond ponies pony pool poor pop popcorn popped
porch pork possible post postage postman pot potato potatoes pound pour powder power
powerful praise pray prayer prepare present pretty price prick prince princess print prison
prize promise proper protect proud prove prune public puddle puff pull pump pumpkin
punch punish pup pupil puppy pure purple purse push puss pussy pussycat put putting
puzzle

q quack quart quarter queen queer question quick quickly quiet quilt quit quite

r rabbit race rack radio radish rag rail railroad railway rain rainy rainbow raise raisin rake
ram ran ranch rang rap rapidly rat rate rather rattle raw ray reach read reader reading
ready real really reap rear reason rebuild receive recess record red redbird redbreast
refuse reindeer rejoice remain remember remind remove rent repair repay repeat report
rest return review reward rib ribbon rice rich rid riddle ride rider riding right rim ring rip
ripe rise rising river road roadside roar roast rob robber robe robin rock rocky rocket rode
roll roller roof room rooster root rope rose rosebud rot rotten rough round route row
rowboat royal rub rubbed rubber rubbish rug rule ruler rumble run rung runner running
rush rust rusty rye

s sack sad saddle sadness safe safety said sail sailboat sailor saint salad sale salt same
sand sandy sandwich sang sank sap sash sat satin satisfactory Saturday sausage savage
save savings saw say scab scales scare scarf school schoolboy schoolhouse schoolmaster
schoolroom scorch score scrap scrape scratch scream screen screw scrub sea seal seam
search season seat second secret see seeing seed seek seem seen seesaw select self
selfish sell send sense sent sentence separate September servant serve service set setting
settle settlement seven seventeen seventh seventy several sew shade shadow shady
shake shaker shaking shall shame shan't shape share sharp shave she she'd she'll she's
shear shears shed sheep sheet shelf shell shepherd shine shining shiny ship shirt shock
shoe shoemaker shone shook shoot shop shopping shore short shot should shoulder
shouldn't shout shovel show shower shut shy sick sickness side sidewalk sideways sigh
sight sign silence silent silk sill silly silver simple sin since sing singer single sink sip sir sis
sissy sister sit sitting six sixteen sixth sixty size skate skater ski skin skip skirt sky slam
slap slate slave sled sleep sleepy sleeve sleigh slept slice slid slide sling slip slipped slipper
slippery slit slow slowly sly smack small smart smell smile smoke smooth snail snake snap
snapping sneeze snow snowy snowball snowflake snuff snug so soak soap sob socks sod
soda sofa soft soil sold soldier sole some somebody somehow someone something
sometime sometimes somewhere son song soon sore sorrow sorry sort soul sound soup
sour south southern space spade spank sparrow speak speaker spear speech speed spell
spelling spend spent spider spike spill spin spinach spirit spit splash spoil spoke spook
spoon sport spot spread spring springtime sprinkle square squash squeak squeeze squirrel
stable stack stage stair stall stamp stand star stare start starve state station stay steak
steal steam steamboat steamer steel steep steeple steer stem step stepping stick sticky
stiff still stillness sting stir stitch stock stocking stole stone stood stool stoop stop stopped
stopping store stork stories storm stormy story stove straight strange stranger strap
straw strawberry stream street stretch string strip stripes strong stuck study stuff stump
stung subject such suck sudden suffer sugar suit sum summer sun Sunday sunflower sung

*sunk sunlight sunny sunrise sunset sunshine supper suppose sure surely surface surprise
swallow swam swamp swan swat swear sweat sweater sweep sweet sweetness
sweetheart swell swept swift swim swimming swing switch sword swore*

t *table tablecloth tablespoon tablet tack tag tail tailor take taken taking tale talk talker tall
tame tan tank tap tape tar tardy task taste taught tax tea teach teacher team tear tease
teaspoon teeth telephone tell temper ten tennis tent term terrible test than thank thanks
thankful Thanksgiving that that's the theater thee their them then there these they they'd
they'll they're they've thick thief thimble thin thing think third thirsty thirteen thirty this
tho thorn those though thought thousand thread three threw throat throne through throw
thrown thumb thunder Thursday thy tick ticket tickle tie tiger tight till time tin tinkle tiny
tip tiptoe tire tired tis title to toad toadstool toast tobacco today toe together toilet told
tomato tomorrow ton tone tongue tonight too took tool toot tooth toothbrush toothpick
top tore torn toss touch tow toward towards towel tower town toy trace track trade train
tramp trap tray treasure treat tree trick tricycle tried trim trip trolley trouble truck true
truly trunk trust truth try tub Tuesday tug tulip tumble tune tunnel turkey turn turtle
twelve twenty twice twig twin two*

u *ugly umbrella uncle under understand underwear undress unfair unfinished unfold
unfriendly unhappy unhurt uniform United States unkind unknown unless unpleasant until
unwilling up upon upper upset upside upstairs uptown upward us use used useful*

v *valentine valley valuable value vase vegetable velvet very vessel victory view village
vine violet visit visitor voice vote*

w *wag wagon waist wait wake waken walk wall walnut want war warm warn was wash
washer washtub wasn't waste watch watchman water watermelon waterproof wave wax
way wayside we weak weakness weaken wealth weapon wear weary weather weave web
we'd wedding Wednesday wee weed week we'll weep weigh welcome well went were we're
west western wet we've whale what what's wheat wheel when whenever where which
while whip whipped whirl whisky whiskey whisper whistle white who who'd whole who'll
whom who's whose why wicked wide wife wiggle wild wildcat will willing willow win wind
windy windmill window wine wing wink winner winter wipe wire wise wish wit witch with
without woke wolf woman women won wonder wonderful won't wood wooden woodpecker
woods wool woolen word wore work worker workman world worm worn worry worse worst
worth would wouldn't wound wove wrap wrapped wreck wren wring write writing written
wrong wrote wrung*

x

y *yard yarn year yell yellow yes yesterday yet yolk yonder you you'd you'll young
youngster your yours you're yourself yourselves youth you've*

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