



Dale-Chall Word List

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A

a	ahead	answer
able	aid	ant
aboard	aim	any
about	air	anybody
above	airfield	anyhow
absent	airplane	anyone
accept	airport	anything
accident	airship	anyway
account	airy	anywhere
ache	alarm	apart
aching	alike	apartment
acorn	alive	ape
acre	all	apiece
across	alley	appear
act	alligator	apple
acts	allow	april
add	almost	apron
address	alone	are
admire	along	aren't
adventure	aloud	arise
afar	already	arithmetic
afraid	also	arm
after	always	armful
afternoon	am	army
afterward	america	arose
afterwards	american	around
again	among	arrange
against	amount	arrive
age	an	arrived
aged	and	arrow
ago	angel	art
agree	anger	artist
ah	angry	as
	animal	ash
	another	ashes

aside	banana	become
ask	band	becoming
asleep	bandage	bed
at	bang	bedbug
ate	banjo	bedroom
attack	bank	bedspread
attend	banker	bedtime
attention	bar	bee
august	barber	beech
aunt	bare	beef
author	barefoot	beefsteak
auto	barely	beehive
automobile	bark	been
autumn	barn	beer
avenue	barrel	beet
awake	base	before
awaken	baseball	beg
away	basement	began
awful	basket	beggar
awfully	bat	begged
awhile	batch	begin
ax	bath	beginning
axe	bathe	begun
	bathing	behave
B	bathroom	behind
baa	bathtub	being
babe	battle	believe
babies	battleship	bell
back	bay	belong
background	be	below
backward	beach	belt
backwards	bead	bench
bacon	beam	bend
bad	bean	beneath
badge	bear	bent
badly	beard	berries
bag	beast	berry
bake	beat	beside
baker	beating	besides
bakery	beautiful	best
baking	beautify	bet
ball	beauty	better
balloon	became	between
	because	bib

bible	blush	bread
bicycle	board	break
bid	boast	breakfast
big	boat	breast
bigger	bob	breath
bill	bobwhite	breathe
billboard	bodies	breeze
bin	body	brick
bind	boil	bride
bird	boiler	bridge
birth	bold	bright
birthday	bone	brightness
biscuit	bonnet	bring
bit	boo	broad
bite	book	broadcast
biting	bookcase	broke
bitter	bookkeeper	broken
black	boom	brook
blackberry	boot	broom
blackbird	born	brother
blackboard	borrow	brought
blackness	boss	brown
blacksmith	both	brush
blame	bother	bubble
blank	bottle	bucket
blanket	bottom	buckle
blast	bought	bud
blaze	bounce	buffalo
bleed	bow	bug
bless	bow-wow	buggy
blessing	bowl	build
blew	box	building
blind	boxcar	built
blindfold	boxer	bulb
blinds	boxes	bull
block	boy	bullet
blood	boyhood	bum
bloom	bracelet	bumblebee
blossom	brain	bump
blot	brake	bun
blow	bran	bunch
blue	branch	bundle
blueberry	brass	bunny
bluebird	brave	burn

burst	candle	cellar
bury	candlestick	cent
bus	candy	center
bush	cane	cereal
bushel	cannon	certain
business	cannot	certainly
busy	canoe	chain
but	canyon	chair
butcher	cap	chalk
butt	cape	champion
butter	capital	chance
buttercup	captain	change
butterfly	car	chap
buttermilk	card	charge
butterscotch	cardboard	charm
button	care	chart
buttonhole	careful	chase
buy	careless	chatter
buzz	carelessness	cheap
by	carload	cheat
bye	carpenter	check
	carpet	checkers
	carriage	cheek
C	carrot	cheer
cab	carry	cheese
cabbage	cart	cherry
cabin	carve	chest
cabinet	case	chew
cackle	cash	chick
cage	cashier	chicken
cake	castle	chief
calendar	cat	child
calf	catbird	childhood
call	catch	children
caller	catcher	chill
calling	caterpillar	chilly
came	catfish	chimney
camel	catsup	chin
camp	cattle	china
campfire	caught	chip
can	cause	chipmunk
can't	cave	chocolate
canal	ceiling	choice
canary	cell	choose

chop	coal	corner
chorus	coast	correct
chose	coat	cost
chosen	cob	cot
christen	cobbler	cottage
christmas	cocoa	cotton
church	coconut	couch
churn	cocoon	cough
cigarette	cod	could
circle	codfish	couldn't
circus	coffee	count
citizen	coffeepot	counter
city	coin	country
clang	cold	county
clap	collar	course
class	college	court
classmate	color	cousin
classroom	colored	cover
claw	colt	cow
clay	column	coward
clean	comb	cowardly
cleaner	come	cowboy
clear	comfort	cozy
clerk	comic	crab
clever	coming	crack
click	company	cracker
cliff	compare	cradle
climb	conductor	cramps
clip	cone	cranberry
cloak	connect	crank
clock	coo	cranky
close	cook	crash
closet	cooked	crawl
cloth	cookie	crazy
clothes	cookies	cream
clothing	cooking	creamy
cloud	cool	creek
cloudy	cooler	creep
clover	coop	crept
clown	copper	cried
club	copy	cries
cluck	cord	croak
clump	cork	crook
coach	corn	crooked

crop	dancer	dew
cross	dancing	diamond
cross-eyed	dandy	did
crossing	danger	didn't
crow	dangerous	die
crowd	dare	died
crowded	dark	dies
crown	darkness	difference
cruel	darling	different
crumb	darn	dig
crumble	dart	dim
crush	dash	dime
crust	date	dine
cry	daughter	ding-dong
cub	dawn	dinner
cuff	day	dip
cup	daybreak	direct
cupboard	daytime	direction
cupful	dead	dirt
cure	deaf	dirty
curl	deal	discover
curly	dear	dish
curtain	death	dislike
curve	december	dismiss
cushion	decide	ditch
custard	deck	dive
customer	deed	diver
cut	deep	divide
cute	deer	do
cutting	defeat	dock
	defend	doctor
	defense	does
D	delight	doesn't
dab	den	dog
dad	dentist	doll
daddy	depend	dollar
daily	deposit	dolly
dairy	describe	don't
daisy	desert	done
dam	deserve	donkey
damage	desire	door
dame	desk	doorbell
damp	destroy	doorknob
dance	devil	doorstep

dope	dusty	engine
dot	duty	engineer
double	dwarf	english
dough	dwelt	enjoy
dove	dwelt	enough
down	dying	enter
downstairs		envelope
downtown		equal
dozen	E	erase
drag	each	eraser
drain	eager	errand
drank	eagle	escape
draw	ear	eve
drawer	early	even
drawing	earn	evening
dream	earth	ever
dress	east	every
dresser	eastern	everybody
dressmaker	easy	everyday
drew	eat	everyone
dried	eaten	everything
drift	edge	everywhere
drill	egg	evil
drink	eh	exact
drip	eight	except
drive	eighteen	exchange
driven	eighth	excited
driver	eighty	exciting
drop	either	excuse
drove	elbow	exit
drown	elder	expect
drowsy	eldest	explain
drub	electric	extra
drum	electricity	eye
drunk	elephant	eyebrow
dry	eleven	
duck	elf	F
due	elm	fable
dug	else	face
dull	elsewhere	facing
dumb	empty	fact
dump	end	factory
during	ending	fail
dust	enemy	

faint	fifteen	flood
fair	fifth	floor
fairly	fifty	flop
faith	fig	flour
fake	fight	flow
fall	figure	flower
false	file	flowery
family	fill	flutter
fan	film	fly
fancy	finally	foam
far	find	fog
far-off	fine	foggy
faraway	finger	fold
fare	finish	folks
farm	fire	follow
farmer	firearm	following
farming	firecracker	fond
farther	fireplace	food
fashion	fireworks	fool
fast	firing	foolish
fasten	first	foot
fat	fish	football
father	fisherman	footprint
fault	fist	for
favor	fit	forehead
favorite	fits	forest
fear	five	forget
feast	fix	forgive
feather	flag	forgot
february	flake	forgotten
fed	flame	fork
feed	flap	form
feel	flash	fort
feet	flashlight	forth
fell	flat	fortune
fellow	flea	forty
felt	flesh	forward
fence	flew	fought
fever	flies	found
few	flight	fountain
fib	flip	four
fiddle	flip-flop	fourteen
field	float	fourth
fife	flock	fox

frame	gasoline	gone
free	gate	good
freedom	gather	good-by
freeze	gave	good-bye
freight	gay	good-looking
french	gear	goodbye
fresh	geese	goodness
fret	general	goods
friday	gentle	goody
fried	gentleman	goose
friend	gentlemen	gooseberry
friendly	geography	got
friendship	get	govern
frighten	getting	government
frog	giant	gown
from	gift	grab
front	gingerbread	gracious
frost	girl	grade
frown	give	grain
froze	given	grand
fruit	giving	grandchild
fry	glad	grandchildren
fudge	gladly	granddaughter
fuel	glance	grandfather
full	glass	grandma
fully	glasses	grandmother
fun	gleam	grandpa
funny	glide	grandson
fur	glory	grandstand
furniture	glove	grape
further	glow	grapefruit
fuzzy	glue	grapes
	go	grass
	goal	grasshopper
G	goat	grateful
gain	gobble	grave
gallon	god	gravel
gallop	godmother	graveyard
game	goes	gravy
gang	going	gray
garage	gold	graze
garbage	golden	grease
garden	goldfish	great
gas	golf	green

greet	harbor	heaven
grew	hard	heavy
grind	hardly	heel
groan	hardship	height
grocery	hardware	held
ground	hare	hell
group	hark	hello
grove	harm	helmet
grow	harness	help
guard	harp	helper
guess	harvest	helpful
guest	has	hem
guide	hasn't	hen
gulf	haste	henhouse
gum	hasten	her
gun	hasty	herd
gunpowder	hat	here
guy	hatch	here's
	hatchet	hero
	hate	hers
H	haul	herself
ha	have	hey
habit	haven't	hickory
had	having	hid
hadn't	hawk	hidden
hail	hay	hide
hair	hayfield	high
haircut	haystack	highway
hairpin	he	hill
half	he'd	hillside
hall	he'll	hilltop
halt	he's	hilly
ham	head	him
hammer	headache	himself
hand	heal	hind
handful	health	hint
handkerchief	healthy	hip
handle	heap	hire
handwriting	hear	his
hang	heard	hiss
happen	hearing	history
happily	heart	hit
happiness	heat	hitch
happy	heater	hive

ho	hug	ink
hoe	huge	inn
hog	hum	insect
hold	humble	inside
holder	hump	instant
hole	hundred	instead
holiday	hung	insult
hollow	hunger	intend
holy	hungry	interested
home	hunk	interesting
homely	hunt	into
homesick	hunter	invite
honest	hurrah	iron
honey	hurried	is
honeybee	hurry	island
honeymoon	hurt	isn't
honk	husband	it
honor	hush	it's
hood	hut	its
hoof	hymn	itself
hook		ivory
hoop		ivy
hop	I	
hope	i	J
hopeful	i'd	jacket
hopeless	i'll	jacks
horn	i'm	jail
horse	i've	jam
horseback	ice	january
horseshoe	icy	jar
hose	idea	jaw
hospital	ideal	jay
host	if	jelly
hot	ill	jellyfish
hotel	important	jerk
hound	impossible	jig
hour	improve	job
house	in	jockey
housetop	inch	join
housewife	inches	joke
housework	income	joking
how	indeed	jolly
however	indian	journey
howl	indoors	

joy	know	leaving
joyful	known	led
joyous		left
judge		leg
jug	L	lemon
juice		lemonade
juicy	lace	lend
july	lad	length
jump	ladder	less
june	ladies	lesson
junior	lady	let
junk	laid	let's
just	lake	letter
	lamb	letting
	lame	lettuce
K	lamp	level
	land	liberty
keen	lane	library
keep	language	lice
kept	lantern	lick
kettle	lap	lid
key	lard	lie
kick	large	life
kid	lash	lift
kill	lass	light
killed	last	lightness
kind	late	lightning
kindly	laugh	like
kindness	laundry	likely
king	law	liking
kingdom	lawn	lily
kiss	lawyer	limb
kitchen	lay	lime
kite	lazy	limp
kitten	lead	line
kitty	leader	linen
knee	leaf	lion
kneel	leak	lip
knew	lean	list
knife	leap	listen
knit	learn	lit
knives	learned	little
knob	least	live
knock	leather	lively
knot	leave	

liver	magazine	measure
lives	magic	meat
living	maid	medicine
lizard	mail	meet
load	mailbox	meeting
loaf	mailman	melt
loan	major	member
loaves	make	men
lock	making	mend
locomotive	male	meow
log	mama	merry
lone	mamma	mess
lonely	man	message
lonesome	manager	met
long	mane	metal
look	manger	mew
lookout	many	mice
loop	map	middle
loose	maple	midnight
lord	marble	might
lose	march	mighty
loser	mare	mile
loss	mark	miler
lost	market	milk
lot	marriage	milkman
loud	married	mill
love	marry	million
lovely	mask	mind
lover	mast	mine
low	master	miner
luck	mat	mint
lucky	match	minute
lumber	matter	mirror
lump	mattress	mischief
lunch	may	miss
lying	maybe	misspell
	mayor	mistake
	maypole	misty
M	me	mitt
	meadow	mitten
ma	meal	mix
machine	mean	moment
machinery	means	monday
mad	meant	money
made		

monkey	narrow	nose
month	nasty	not
moo	naughty	note
moon	navy	nothing
moonlight	near	notice
moose	nearby	november
mop	nearly	now
more	neat	nowhere
morning	neck	number
morrow	necktie	nurse
moss	need	nut
most	needle	
mostly	needn't	
mother	negro	O
motor	neighbor	o'clock
mount	neighborhood	oak
mountain	neither	oar
mouse	nerve	oatmeal
mouth	nest	oats
move	net	obey
movie	never	ocean
movies	nevermore	october
moving	new	odd
mow	news	of
mr.	newspaper	off
mrs.	next	offer
much	nibble	office
mud	nice	officer
muddy	nickel	often
mug	night	oh
mule	nightgown	oil
multiply	nine	old
murder	nineteen	old-fashioned
music	ninety	on
must	no	once
my	nobody	one
myself	nod	onion
	noise	only
	noisy	onward
N	none	open
nail	noon	or
name	nor	orange
nap	north	orchard
napkin	northern	order

ore	paint	pearl
organ	painter	peas
other	painting	peck
otherwise	pair	peek
ouch	pal	peel
ought	palace	peep
our	pale	peg
ours	pan	pen
ourselves	pancake	pencil
out	pane	penny
outdoors	pansy	people
outfit	pants	pepper
outlaw	papa	peppermint
outline	paper	perfume
outside	parade	perhaps
outward	pardon	person
oven	parent	pet
over	park	phone
overalls	part	piano
overcoat	partly	pick
overeat	partner	pickle
overhead	party	picnic
overhear	pass	picture
overnight	passenger	pie
overturn	past	piece
owe	paste	pig
owing	pasture	pigeon
owl	pat	piggy
own	patch	pile
owner	path	pill
ox	patter	pillow
	pave	pin
	pavement	pine
P	paw	pineapple
pa	pay	pink
pace	payment	pint
pack	pea	pipe
package	peace	pistol
pad	peaceful	pit
page	peach	pitch
paid	peaches	pitcher
pail	peak	pity
pain	peanut	place
painful	pear	plain

plan	pot	pussycat
plane	potato	put
plant	potatoes	putting
plate	pound	puzzle
platform	pour	
platter	powder	
play	power	Q
player	powerful	
playground	praise	quack
playhouse	pray	quart
playmate	prayer	quarter
plaything	prepare	queen
pleasant	present	queer
please	pretty	question
pleasure	price	quick
plenty	prick	quickly
plow	prince	quiet
plug	princess	quilt
plum	print	quit
pocket	prison	quite
pocketbook	prize	
poem	promise	
point	proper	R
poison	protect	rabbit
poke	proud	race
pole	prove	rack
police	prune	radio
policeman	public	radish
polish	puddle	rag
polite	puff	rail
pond	pull	railroad
ponies	pump	railway
pony	pumpkin	rain
pool	punch	rainbow
poor	punish	rainy
pop	pup	raise
popcorn	pupil	raisin
popped	puppy	rake
porch	pure	ram
pork	purple	ran
possible	purse	ranch
post	push	rang
postage	puss	rap
postman	pussy	rapidly

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

S

sack
sad
saddle
sadness
safe
safety
said
sail
sailboat
sailor
saint
salad
sale
salt
same
sand
sandwich
sandy
sang
sank
sap
sash
sat
satin
satisfactory
saturday
sausage
savage

save	sentence	ship
savings	separate	shirt
saw	september	shock
say	servant	shoe
scab	serve	shoemaker
scales	service	shone
scare	set	shook
scarf	setting	shoot
school	settle	shop
schoolboy	settlement	shopping
schoolhouse	seven	shore
schoolmaster	seventeen	short
schoolroom	seventh	shot
scorch	seventy	should
score	several	shoulder
scrap	sew	shouldn't
scrape	shade	shout
scratch	shadow	shovel
scream	shady	show
screen	shake	shower
screw	shaker	shut
scrub	shaking	shy
sea	shall	sick
seal	shame	sickness
seam	shan't	side
search	shape	sidewalk
season	share	sideways
seat	sharp	sigh
second	shave	sight
secret	she	sign
see	she'd	silence
seed	she'll	silent
seeing	she's	silk
seek	shear	sill
seem	shears	silly
seen	shed	silver
seesaw	sheep	simple
select	sheet	sin
self	shelf	since
selfish	shell	sing
sell	shepherd	singer
send	shine	single
sense	shining	sink
sent	shiny	sip

sir	smile	soup
sis	smoke	sour
sissy	smooth	south
sister	snail	southern
sit	snake	space
sitting	snap	spade
six	snapping	spank
sixteen	sneeze	sparrow
sixth	snow	speak
sixty	snowball	speaker
size	snowflake	spear
skate	snowy	speech
skater	snuff	speed
ski	snug	spell
skin	so	spelling
skip	soak	spend
skirt	soap	spent
sky	sob	spider
slam	socks	spike
slap	sod	spill
slate	soda	spin
slave	sofa	spinach
sled	soft	spirit
sleep	soil	spit
sleepy	sold	splash
sleeve	soldier	spoil
sleigh	sole	spoke
slept	some	spook
slice	somebody	spoon
slid	somehow	sport
slide	someone	spot
sling	something	spread
slip	sometime	spring
slipped	sometimes	springtime
slipper	somewhere	sprinkle
slippery	son	square
slit	song	squash
slow	soon	squeak
slowly	sore	squeeze
sly	sorrow	squirrel
smack	sorry	stable
small	sort	stack
smart	soul	stage
smell	sound	stair

stall	storm	surely
stamp	stormy	surface
stand	story	surprise
star	stove	swallow
stare	straight	swam
start	strange	swamp
starve	stranger	swan
state	strap	swat
states	straw	swear
station	strawberry	sweat
stay	stream	sweater
steak	street	sweep
steal	stretch	sweet
steam	string	sweetheart
steamboat	strip	sweetness
steamer	stripes	swell
steel	strong	swept
steep	stuck	swift
steeple	study	swim
steer	stuff	swimming
stem	stump	swing
step	stung	switch
stepping	subject	sword
stick	such	swore
sticky	suck	
stiff	sudden	
still	suffer	T
stillness	sugar	table
sting	suit	tablecloth
stir	sum	tablespoon
stitch	summer	tablet
stock	sun	tack
stocking	sunday	tag
stole	sunflower	tail
stone	sung	tailor
stood	sunk	take
stool	sunlight	taken
stoop	sunny	taking
stop	sunrise	tale
stopped	sunset	talk
stopping	sunshine	talker
store	supper	tall
stories	suppose	tame
stork	sure	tan

tank	they're	tired
tap	they've	title
tape	thick	to
tar	thief	toad
tardy	thimble	toadstool
task	thin	toast
taste	thing	tobacco
taught	think	today
tax	third	toe
tea	thirsty	together
teach	thirteen	toilet
teacher	thirty	told
team	this	tomato
tear	thorn	tomorrow
tease	those	ton
teaspoon	though	tone
teeth	thought	tongue
telephone	thousand	tonight
tell	thread	too
temper	three	took
ten	threw	tool
tennis	throat	toot
tent	throne	tooth
term	through	toothbrush
terrible	throw	toothpick
test	thrown	top
than	thumb	tore
thank	thunder	torn
thankful	thursday	toss
thanks	thy	touch
thanksgiving	tick	tow
that	ticket	toward
that's	tickle	towards
the	tie	towel
theater	tiger	tower
thee	tight	town
their	till	toy
them	time	trace
then	tin	track
there	tinkle	trade
these	tiny	train
they	tip	tramp
they'd	tiptoe	trap
they'll	tire	tray

treasure	unfinished	voice
treat	unfold	vote
tree	unfriendly	
trick	unhappy	
tricycle	unhurt	W
tried	uniform	wag
trim	united	wagon
trip	unkind	waist
trolley	unknown	wait
trouble	unless	wake
truck	unpleasant	waken
true	until	walk
truly	unwilling	wall
trunk	up	walnut
trust	upon	want
truth	upper	war
try	upset	warm
tub	upside	warn
tuesday	upstairs	was
tug	uptown	wash
tulip	upward	washer
tumble	us	washtub
tune	use	wasn't
tunnel	used	waste
turkey	useful	watch
turn		watchman
turtle		water
twelve	V	watermelon
twenty	valentine	waterproof
twice	valley	wave
twig	valuable	wax
twin	value	way
two	vase	wayside
	vegetable	we
U	velvet	we'd
ugly	very	we'll
umbrella	vessel	we're
uncle	victory	we've
under	view	weak
understand	village	weaken
underwear	vine	weakness
undress	violet	wealth
unfair	visit	weapon
	visitor	wear

wearry	wicked	worker
weather	wide	workman
weave	wife	world
web	wiggle	worm
wedding	wild	worn
wednesday	wildcat	worry
wee	will	worse
weed	willing	worst
week	willow	worth
weep	win	would
weigh	wind	wouldn't
welcome	windmill	wound
well	window	wove
went	windy	wrap
were	wine	wrapped
west	wing	wreck
western	wink	wren
wet	winner	wring
whale	winter	write
what	wipe	writing
what's	wire	written
wheat	wise	wrong
wheel	wish	wrote
when	wit	wrung
whenever	witch	
where	with	
which	without	Y
while	woke	yard
whip	wolf	yarn
whipped	woman	year
whirl	women	yell
whiskey	won	yellow
whisky	won't	yes
whisper	wonder	yesterday
whistle	wonderful	yet
white	wood	yolk
who	wooden	yonder
who'd	woodpecker	you
who'll	woods	you'd
who's	wool	you'll
whole	woolen	you're
whom	word	you've
whose	wore	young
why	work	youngster

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