

A very useful table.

The 240 commonest words in English.

The following list contains 240 common words, which are believed to be the most frequently recurring words in the language. Hence the Student or young reporter should learn to write this list at a high rate of speed. The writer must be most familiar with those words which occur the oftenest. To copy this list a hundred times would be time well spent. To a few words in the following table we give two phonographic form, a common, and an abbreviated one, both are correct. Choose either one.

a	o	any	S,	begin	l	but	L
able	l	are	/	being	h, l	business	h, 2
above	L	arm	L	believe	h	by	b
about	f	as	e	best	h	call	f
after	w	ask	e	better	h	came	e
all	o	at	-	book	b	can	g, i
always	e	be	l	both	f	cap	q
am	e,	because	L	box	b	care	/
an	.	been	h, l	boy	f	case	a
and	-	before	h, 2	bring	V, V	cat	z