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EWL list of 176 function words

the	which	still	although	forty
and	up	last	past	nobody
of	out	being	himself	unless
to	would	must	seven	mine
a	when	another	eight	anybody
I	your	between	along	till
in	will	might	round	herself
you	their	both	several	twelve
that	who	five	someone	fifteen
it	some	four	whatever	beyond
for	two	around	among	whom
he	because	while	across	below
on	how	each	behind	none
we	other	under	million	nor
they	could	away	outside	more
be	our	every	nine	most
with	into	next	thousand	
this	these	anything	shall	
have	than	few	myself	
but	any	though	themselves	
as	where	since	itself	
not	over	against	somebody	
at	back	second	upon	
what	first	nothing	thirty	
so	much	without	third	
there	down	during	above	
or	its	six	therefore	
one	should	enough	everybody	
by	after	once	towards	
from	those	however	thus	
all	may	half	everyone	
she	something	yet	near	
no	three	whether	inside	
his	little	everything	nineteen	
do	many	until	yourself	
can	why	hundred	fifty	
if	before	within	whose	
about	such	ten	anyone	
my	off	twenty	per	
her	through	either	except	

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EWL: Lists of 624 lexical words

Sub-list 1

know	go	mean	take	long
like	yes	come	make	need
well	very	also	year	Mr.
just	see	okay	look	thought
think	people	want	thing	lot
right	here	way	man	same
then	good	even	put	old
now	only	new	let	word
get	really	too	day	course
time	say	work	never	life

Sub-list 2

again	kind	point	night	side
own	actually	number	left	god
quite	sort	school	found	week
give	government	end	high	family
home	house	money	help	ever
tell	find	better	maybe	talk
world	place	big	far	state
use	different	probably	case	set
always	part	fact	whole	system
great	sure	bit	today	keep

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Sub-list 3

problem	real	later	sorry	try
love	best	hand	show	change
name	laugh	already	able	general
percent	room	mind	together	area
call	remember	thank	order	believe
water	nice	job	head	young
important	rather	business	least	power
country	public	else	read	almost
small	mother	group	morning	start
feel	less	question	car	person

Sub-list 4

company	care	open	city	become
perhaps	ask	pretty	possible	local
ago	social	matter	cause	run
hard	national	information	present	anyway
form	book	hey	leave	full
party	father	face	service	office
means	bad	early	stuff	live
often	war	please	idea	development
example	large	pay	line	level
play	true	woman	guess	understand

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Sub-list 5

fine	food	wrong	reason	boy
certain	moment	further	black	research
turn	sense	move	human	light
control	law	guy	university	data
sometimes	programme	girl	body	wait
political	free	wife	act	road
top	front	education	hope	particular
story	language	close	child	paper
door	study	stop	interest	view
hear	white	class	air	major

Sub-list 6

thinking	late	short	Mrs.	deal
stay	cut	community	living	news
market	south	cost	difficult	future
age	report	friend	town	death
support	soon	economic	music	figure
clear	usually	position	health	land
police	bring	period	buy	process
department	society	policy	certainly	meeting
table	history	special	type	seem
experience	couple	centre	street	interesting

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Sub-list 7

situation	available	low	effect	private
alright	mum	meet	subject	easy
court	church	west	college	month
exactly	rate	art	red	evidence
main	council	century	hour	total
rest	answer	dead	provide	indeed
son	common	particularly	watch	strong
miss	north	hi	staff	stage
hold	happy	result	board	committee
especially	building	plan	husband	tax

Sub-list 8

thanks	instead	ready	individual	listen
middle	action	sound	similar	likely
suppose	personal	international	doctor	sit
field	write	necessary	yesterday	feeling
game	team	training	nature	voice
test	heart	ok	increase	poor
dad	value	according	Dr	self
section	issue	single	bed	chance
industry	various	term	fire	speak
sir	alone	stand	baby	earlier

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Sub-list 9

finally	letter	hair	cold	evening
quality	range	bank	central	hello
happen	ground	obviously	throat	hospital
amount	reading	east	eat	simply
role	tomorrow	writing	learn	walk
force	due	return	price	hit
difference	knowledge	break	foreign	recent
phone	brother	project	lead	final
forward	decision	minute	analysis	beginning
member	beautiful	check	post	attention

Sub-list 10

president	standard	wish	fun	security
production	record	serious	financial	send
trouble	ball	minister	ahead	dog
management	piece	growth	tonight	degree
account	interested	blood	lower	dear
size	natural	bill	current	date
hot	agree	trade	recently	normal
worth	modern	list	model	blue
simple	student	basis	population	material
hell	summer	floor	funny	choice

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Sub-list 11

approach	pressure	island	fish	cover
computer	picture	sign	clearly	afternoon
straight	relationship	basic	share	science
space	dark	military	doubt	movement
colour	drive	press	wide	expect
fall	visit	spend	step	capital
performance	green	consider	income	economy
culture	teaching	sea	drink	Christmas
pick	hotel	complete	authority	fast
river	truth	bye	film	continue

Sub-list 12

kill	design	theory	completely	earth
follow	wonder	shot	worry	organisation
function	dinner	energy	generally	wall
practice	medical	offer	page	property
former	fair	patients	average	activity
sister	radio	significant	respect	note
absolutely	legal	deep	structure	treatment
somewhere	pass	begin	club	station
include	nearly	quickly	purpose	teacher
Sunday	daughter	charge	specific	forget

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Sub-list 13

television	trust	original
western	window	dollar
opportunity	carry	square
key	rights	direct
series	fight	
born	environment	
park	cool	
response	sex	
style	eye	
hall	region	