

## Language Functions and Early Generative Language Production

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### Top Words Used by Toddlers

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|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. a                 | 9. it         | 17. some            |
| 2. all done/finished | 10. mine      | 18. that            |
| 3. go                | 11. more      | 19. <i>the</i>      |
| 4. help              | 12. my        | 20. want            |
| 5. here              | 13. <i>no</i> | 21. what            |
| 6. I                 | 14. off       | 22. <i>yes/yeah</i> |
| 7. in                | 15. on        | 23. you             |
| 8. is                | 16. out       |                     |

### CLINICAL APPLICATION

#### First 8 Words:

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|-------------|---------|
| 1. all done | 5. more |
| 2. help     | 6. stop |
| 3. want     | 7. that |
| 4. mine     | 8. what |

#### First 15 Words:

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|-------------|----------|----------|
| 1. all done | 6. I     | 11. stop |
| 2. away     | 7. it    | 12. that |
| 3. go       | 8. like  | 13. want |
| 4. help     | 9. mine  | 14. what |
| 5. here     | 10. more | 15. you  |

#### First 30 Words:

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|-------------|------------|----------|
| 1. again    | 15. little | 29. what |
| 2. all done | 16. mine   | 30. you  |
| 3. away     | 17. more   |          |
| 4. big      | 18. my     |          |
| 5. do       | 19. off    |          |
| 6. down     | 20. on     |          |
| 7. get      | 21. out    |          |
| 8. go       | 22. put    |          |
| 9. help     | 23. some   |          |
| 10. here    | 24. stop   |          |
| 11. I       | 25. that   |          |
| 12. in      | 26. there  |          |
| 13. it      | 27. up     |          |
| 14. like    | 28. want   |          |



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### First 50 Words

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|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 1. again    | 14. get    | 27. mine | 40. stop  |
| 2. all      | 15. go     | 28. more | 41. tell  |
| 3. all done | 16. good   | 29. my   | 42. that  |
| 4. away     | 17. happy  | 30. not  | 43. there |
| 5. bad      | 18. help   | 31. now  | 44. turn  |
| 6. big      | 19. here   | 32. off  | 45. up    |
| 7. come     | 20. I      | 33. on   | 46. want  |
| 8. do       | 21. in     | 34. out  | 47. what  |
| 9. don't    | 22. it     | 35. play | 48. where |
| 10. down    | 23. like   | 36. put  | 49. who   |
| 11. drink   | 24. little | 37. read | 50. why   |
| 12. eat     | 25. make   | 38. sad  | 51. you   |
| 13. feel    | 26. me     | 39. some |           |

### Adding to the Top 50

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|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. +ed        | 26. have   | 51. one       | 76. they     |
| 2. +ing       | 27. he     | 52. other     | 77. think    |
| 3. +s         | 28. hear   | 53. over      | 78. thirsty  |
| 4. after      | 29. hi     | 54. place     | 79. those    |
| 5. almost     | 30. hot    | 55. please    | 80. time     |
| 6. another    | 31. how    | 56. pretty    | 81. tired    |
| 7. any        | 32. hungry | 57. problem   | 82. together |
| 8. ask        | 33. idea   | 58. ready     | 83. try      |
| 9. be         | 34. is     | 59. ride      | 84. under    |
| 10. before    | 35. job    | 60. same      | 85. very     |
| 11. body      | 36. know   | 61. say       | 86. walk     |
| 12. can       | 37. later  | 62. she       | 87. way      |
| 13. cold      | 38. leave  | 63. sick      | 88. we       |
| 14. color     | 39. let    | 64. silly     | 89. when     |
| 15. did       | 40. listen | 65. sing      | 90. win      |
| 16. different | 41. live   | 66. sit       | 91. with     |
| 17. dress     | 42. lose   | 67. sleep     | 92. work     |
| 18. fall      | 43. love   | 68. slow      | 93. write    |
| 19. fast      | 44. maybe  | 69. sorry     | 94. wrong    |
| 20. favorite  | 45. much   | 70. start     | 95. your     |
| 21. for       | 46. myself | 71. surprise  | 96.          |
| 22. fun       | 47. name   | 72. swim      | 97.          |
| 23. give      | 48. need   | 73. take      | 98.          |
| 24. goodbye   | 49. nice   | 74. thank you | 99.          |
| 25. guess     | 50. of     | 75. these     | 100.         |

### Adding Words to Get to 300+ Core Words

1. Add all the pronouns
2. Add more adjectives and adverbs
3. Expand verbs, with tense variation



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