

## Older Adults' Vocabulary Arranged Alphabetically

**REFERENCE:** Stuart, S., Beukelman, D. R., & King, J. (1997). Vocabulary use during extended conversations by two cohorts of older adults. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 13, 40-47.

Stuart, Beukelman & King identified the vocabulary use patterns of 64-74 year old and 75-85 year old adults. The 250 more common words were 78% of the total words. This list represents the 179 words most commonly used by at least 8 of 10 people in each age group. This list of 179 words represents 72% of the total words used.

1.	a	47.	get	93.	next	139.	these
2.	about	48.	getting	94.	nice	140.	thing
3.	all	49.	go	95.	night	141.	things
4.	alright	50.	going	96.	no	142.	think
5.	always	51.	good	97.	not	143.	thirty
6.	am	52.	got	98.	now	144.	this
7.	an	53.	guess	99.	of	145.	those
8.	and	54.	guys	100.	off	146.	though
9.	another	55.	had	101.	oh	147.	thought
10.	any	56.	half	102.	okay	148.	three
11.	anything	57.	has	103.	on	149.	time
12.	are	58.	have	104.	one	150.	to
13.	around	59.	he	105.	only	151.	today
14.	as	60.	he's	106.	or	152.	told
15.	ask	61.	her	107.	other	153.	two
16.	at	62.	here	108.	our	154.	up
17.	back	63.	hey	109.	out	155.	want
18.	be	64.	him	110.	over	156.	was
19.	because	65.	his	111.	people	157.	wasn't
20.	been	66.	home	112.	pretty	158.	way
21.	before	67.	how	113.	probably	159.	we
22.	big	68.	huh	114.	put	160.	week
23.	but	69.	I	115.	really	161.	well
24.	by	70.	I'll	116.	right	162.	went
25.	call	71.	I'm	117.	said	163.	were
26.	can	72.	if	118.	said	164.	what
27.	can't	73.	in	119.	say	165.	what's
28.	care	74.	is	120.	school	166.	when
29.	class	75.	isn't	121.	see	167.	where
30.	come	76.	it	122.	she	168.	who
31.	could	77.	it's	123.	should	169.	why
32.	day	78.	just	124.	so	170.	will
33.	didn't	79.	keep	125.	some	171.	with
34.	do	80.	kind	126.	something	172.	work
35.	does	81.	know	127.	still	173.	would
36.	doing	82.	last	128.	stuff	174.	year
37.	don't	83.	like	129.	sure	175.	yes
38.	done	84.	little	130.	take	176.	yet
39.	down	85.	long	131.	tell	177.	you
40.	even	86.	make	132.	than	178.	you're
41.	everything	87.	me	133.	that	179.	your
42.	five	88.	mean	134.	that's		
43.	for	89.	more	135.	the		
44.	Friday	90.	much	136.	them		
45.	from	91.	my	137.	then		
46.	fun	92.	need	138.	there		