

YouGov Survey: Words Known

December 18 - 22, 2025 - 2,170 U.S. adult citizens



1. Words Known

Which of the following words are you familiar with the meaning of? Select all that apply.

Words taken from Brysbaert et. al (2018), Wikipedia's list of 1,000 basic English words, and from pseudo-words generated by UniPseudo. Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 58 words

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
furniture	97%	98%	97%	97%	95%	98%	100%	98%	96%	96%	100%
successful	97%	97%	98%	98%	95%	98%	99%	98%	95%	97%	99%
yesterday	97%	97%	98%	94%	96%	99%	100%	97%	99%	94%	100%
beautiful	97%	96%	99%	96%	97%	97%	99%	97%	97%	98%	96%
decrease	97%	97%	97%	95%	96%	97%	99%	98%	97%	96%	94%
remember	97%	97%	97%	97%	93%	98%	99%	98%	96%	96%	94%
comfortable	97%	97%	97%	97%	95%	97%	98%	97%	94%	97%	95%
measure	96%	95%	96%	93%	95%	97%	98%	96%	96%	92%	99%
position	96%	95%	96%	95%	92%	96%	99%	96%	96%	93%	92%
therefore	95%	94%	95%	90%	95%	96%	97%	94%	97%	94%	95%
katana	78%	81%	75%	79%	83%	78%	71%	78%	78%	77%	80%
howitzer	77%	83%	72%	76%	73%	77%	84%	80%	69%	74%	78%
doula	77%	73%	82%	75%	77%	78%	79%	77%	77%	79%	78%
chenille	77%	73%	81%	67%	76%	81%	82%	79%	75%	71%	74%
tulle	75%	70%	80%	71%	73%	79%	76%	77%	70%	75%	74%
yakuza	75%	80%	71%	81%	71%	78%	71%	74%	75%	79%	82%
jacquard	75%	70%	80%	72%	75%	76%	78%	74%	75%	77%	83%
sateen	75%	71%	79%	74%	73%	74%	79%	76%	65%	78%	71%
parsec	74%	78%	71%	79%	72%	75%	71%	75%	72%	74%	75%
bandeau	74%	70%	78%	72%	71%	76%	77%	75%	69%	75%	73%
damask	74%	72%	76%	69%	74%	73%	80%	75%	72%	71%	77%
taffeta	74%	71%	77%	61%	74%	75%	84%	76%	67%	76%	65%
verbena	74%	69%	78%	69%	73%	74%	79%	76%	68%	69%	72%
chignon	73%	69%	77%	72%	74%	69%	81%	74%	78%	70%	70%

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strafe	73%	76%	71%	74%	71%	72%	77%	75%	71%	66%	80%
espadrille	73%	69%	77%	67%	71%	74%	80%	73%	76%	67%	77%
chambray	73%	70%	75%	68%	69%	74%	79%	74%	70%	69%	74%
freesia	72%	71%	74%	71%	69%	75%	74%	75%	60%	76%	67%
checksum	72%	73%	71%	72%	74%	69%	75%	72%	66%	75%	84%
whipstitch	72%	71%	74%	69%	67%	74%	78%	74%	72%	64%	70%
gauss	72%	74%	70%	74%	73%	69%	73%	71%	73%	69%	76%
kohl	72%	67%	76%	72%	72%	70%	74%	72%	73%	72%	71%
teraflop	71%	72%	71%	73%	72%	73%	66%	70%	70%	76%	79%
boson	71%	71%	71%	70%	70%	70%	74%	71%	65%	73%	77%
servo	71%	73%	70%	65%	68%	77%	71%	73%	64%	71%	65%
morans	71%	71%	71%	71%	70%	71%	72%	70%	74%	66%	80%
peplum	71%	69%	73%	67%	71%	71%	74%	72%	69%	68%	67%
thermistor	71%	72%	69%	66%	73%	68%	76%	68%	80%	73%	70%
aileron	71%	71%	70%	67%	73%	71%	70%	72%	66%	71%	66%
pessary	70%	69%	72%	73%	70%	65%	76%	71%	71%	74%	60%
earsed	70%	71%	69%	73%	63%	72%	71%	69%	74%	70%	66%
ruche	70%	65%	74%	68%	67%	71%	74%	71%	65%	70%	65%
milliamp	70%	72%	68%	67%	65%	76%	69%	72%	62%	63%	72%
voile	69%	68%	70%	65%	70%	70%	72%	71%	70%	65%	63%
neodymium	69%	72%	67%	75%	70%	67%	67%	70%	65%	69%	73%
azimuth	69%	72%	66%	61%	71%	72%	69%	69%	68%	62%	80%
degauss	69%	70%	67%	68%	69%	69%	69%	70%	62%	73%	65%
naused	69%	67%	70%	71%	70%	67%	68%	68%	67%	73%	70%
beyday	68%	68%	69%	67%	74%	66%	67%	68%	70%	65%	76%
piezoelectricity	68%	69%	67%	62%	70%	71%	67%	68%	70%	64%	70%
runday	68%	68%	67%	68%	67%	67%	68%	68%	63%	67%	74%

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bushido	67%	70%	64%	64%	70%	66%	67%	66%	68%	65%	70%
appead	66%	66%	65%	65%	69%	65%	65%	66%	66%	65%	66%
scrite	66%	69%	63%	65%	66%	66%	64%	68%	62%	63%	57%
femtosecond	66%	68%	63%	67%	64%	67%	63%	65%	65%	67%	65%
thears	65%	67%	63%	64%	65%	64%	68%	66%	62%	60%	70%
karkin	65%	66%	65%	68%	67%	61%	66%	64%	71%	62%	70%
None of the above	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	2%	4%	4%	5%	7%
Unweighted N	(2,170)	(962)	(1,208)	(485)	(553)	(680)	(452)	(1,422)	(284)	(314)	(150)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
furniture	97%	98%	97%	98%	98%	98%	97%	98%	98%	95%	99%	98%	98%
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chenille	77%	75%	79%	77%	81%	78%	77%	77%	77%	78%	76%	80%	72%

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azimuth	69%	70%	69%	67%	70%	71%	68%	70%	73%	67%	66%	71%	69%
degauss	69%	69%	70%	68%	69%	72%	69%	68%	68%	68%	68%	68%	72%
naused	69%	69%	66%	71%	69%	69%	69%	70%	70%	68%	69%	68%	70%
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bushido	67%	67%	67%	66%	70%	68%	65%	66%	70%	69%	66%	66%	66%
appead	66%	64%	65%	68%	67%	69%	65%	66%	70%	64%	67%	66%	65%
scrite	66%	64%	64%	69%	66%	69%	67%	63%	68%	64%	68%	67%	63%
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karkin	65%	63%	66%	66%	64%	66%	64%	64%	67%	63%	64%	67%	64%
None of the above	4%	2%	7%	3%	1%	3%	7%	2%	2%	8%	4%	4%	3%
Unweighted N	(2,170)	(774)	(772)	(624)	(863)	(761)	(833)	(629)	(494)	(411)	(390)	(829)	(540)

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Interviewing Dates	December 18 - 22, 2025 December 19 - 22, 2025
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.561, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.848.
Number of respondents	2,170
Margin of error	± 2.8 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	75 questions not reported.