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

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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
successful	93%	91%	94%	93%	87%	93%	98%	93%	88%	92%	*
yesterday	93%	91%	94%	86%	88%	96%	99%	93%	*	87%	*
furniture	92%	93%	92%	93%	85%	95%	99%	93%	*	91%	*
beautiful	92%	88%	96%	89%	91%	91%	98%	92%	92%	95%	*
decrease	91%	91%	92%	86%	88%	93%	98%	93%	92%	87%	*
remember	91%	90%	92%	90%	81%	95%	98%	94%	*	87%	*
comfortable	91%	90%	91%	88%	87%	93%	94%	92%	*	*	*
measure	88%	86%	90%	79%	86%	90%	96%	90%	*	77%	*
position	87%	85%	88%	81%	79%	88%	98%	89%	87%	80%	*
therefore	84%	82%	86%	76%	83%	88%	92%	83%	*	85%	*
howitzer	35%	47%	25%	16%	25%	41%	51%	41%	16%	19%	*
katana	33%	38%	29%	37%	46%	36%	11%	32%	*	34%	*
chenille	33%	20%	44%	7%	21%	41%	54%	39%	*	14%	*
doula	32%	18%	44%	26%	31%	34%	33%	34%	*	*	*
yakuza	28%	40%	19%	37%	28%	33%	17%	27%	*	38%	*
taffeta	28%	19%	37%	7%	22%	33%	53%	33%	*	31%	*
sateen	28%	19%	37%	16%	21%	28%	43%	32%	15%	28%	*
strafe	27%	36%	18%	28%	24%	24%	33%	28%	*	16%	*
tulle	26%	10%	41%	18%	22%	30%	32%	31%	*	*	*
damask	25%	18%	32%	18%	18%	25%	40%	28%	17%	18%	*
jacquard	25%	15%	36%	13%	27%	25%	34%	24%	*	*	*
verbena	23%	11%	36%	8%	16%	26%	40%	28%	18%	6%	*
chambray	23%	17%	28%	10%	16%	24%	41%	26%	12%	15%	*
parsec	21%	30%	14%	19%	21%	25%	19%	22%	*	20%	*

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espadrille	20%	8%	31%	6%	19%	22%	33%	21%	*	9%	*
whipstitch	20%	14%	24%	10%	13%	24%	30%	24%	*	10%	*
chignon	19%	10%	29%	9%	19%	19%	30%	22%	*	15%	*
servo	19%	28%	8%	12%	17%	24%	22%	22%	5%	14%	*
freesia	19%	8%	28%	12%	13%	20%	29%	22%	11%	*	*
milliamp	18%	24%	13%	23%	13%	21%	16%	23%	*	11%	*
voile	17%	15%	19%	8%	14%	18%	26%	21%	*	10%	*
azimuth	16%	25%	8%	8%	15%	17%	23%	17%	*	14%	*
gauss	16%	22%	10%	16%	14%	14%	21%	17%	*	10%	*
peplum	16%	5%	24%	17%	14%	13%	20%	18%	13%	13%	*
morans	15%	13%	16%	13%	9%	17%	19%	16%	*	8%	*
boson	14%	17%	11%	4%	12%	15%	23%	15%	8%	*	*
checksum	13%	20%	7%	11%	17%	12%	15%	15%	*	*	*
naused	13%	13%	13%	17%	15%	8%	13%	11%	10%	22%	*
earsed	12%	14%	10%	13%	10%	11%	14%	11%	*	9%	*
ruche	12%	5%	19%	5%	9%	16%	14%	14%	4%	12%	*
degauss	11%	17%	6%	3%	11%	11%	18%	13%	6%	13%	*
bushido	11%	17%	6%	8%	13%	14%	9%	12%	8%	10%	*
teraflop	11%	16%	5%	6%	14%	7%	14%	9%	*	*	*
piezoelectricity	10%	17%	4%	5%	12%	11%	14%	11%	*	5%	*
aileron	10%	14%	6%	3%	6%	12%	17%	12%	*	*	*
neodymium	10%	18%	2%	17%	9%	7%	9%	11%	*	6%	*
thermistor	9%	12%	6%	13%	5%	10%	7%	8%	*	15%	*
pessary	9%	6%	11%	11%	12%	5%	8%	9%	*	*	*
appead	8%	9%	7%	6%	14%	9%	3%	8%	8%	6%	*

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runday	4%	5%	4%	9%	6%	2%	2%	4%	5%	5%	*
femtosecond	4%	6%	3%	7%	3%	4%	4%	5%	*	3%	*
scrife	4%	4%	3%	5%	7%	2%	1%	3%	5%	3%	*
karkin	3%	4%	2%	8%	4%	1%	1%	3%	*	7%	*
thears	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	*
luxels	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	*
Unweighted N: Min	(714)	(303)	(378)	(146)	(169)	(202)	(127)	(462)	(83)	(87)	(41)
Unweighted N: Max	(800)	(363)	(451)	(194)	(215)	(261)	(178)	(527)	(115)	(131)	(64)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
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comfortable	91%	92%	88%	93%	95%	92%	86%	93%	95%	91%	88%	87%	97%
measure	88%	92%	84%	89%	93%	89%	88%	91%	85%	82%	93%	89%	89%
position	87%	89%	85%	86%	94%	87%	85%	89%	87%	80%	86%	88%	88%
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peplum	16%	22%	14%	12%	26%	12%	11%	16%	23%	14%	16%	13%	23%
morans	15%	17%	10%	17%	15%	19%	14%	16%	15%	13%	15%	17%	12%
boson	14%	12%	16%	14%	19%	16%	12%	12%	17%	20%	12%	13%	14%
checksum	13%	12%	14%	14%	15%	18%	7%	16%	23%	13%	16%	14%	11%
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thears	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%	6%	2%	3%	5%	6%	2%	2%	2%
luxels	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	0%	5%	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%
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Unweighted N: Max	(800)	(297)	(295)	(236)	(325)	(289)	(317)	(238)	(203)	(165)	(157)	(309)	(211)

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Interviewing Dates	December 18 - 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	$\pm$ 2.8 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	76 questions not reported.