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Fluency

1. Have students work with partners. Distribute a set of Word Sort Cards to each pair.
2. Tell students which words will be the “slap” cards. The slap cards will be words from the high-frequency word list.
3. Each student holds half of the cards facedown. When you say go, one student turns over a card and as quickly as possible, places it face up in a stack.
4. Both students read the card aloud. If the word on the card is a slap word, both students try to be the first to slap the card. The player to slap the card first collects the stack of cards.
5. Have students continue playing until one player has all or most of the cards or the allotted time is over.

Student Page

The following are the most common words in the English language. They are listed in the order of frequency. For example, *the* is the most commonly used word, and *of* is the next most commonly used word. The words listed account for about 50 percent of all words found in written material.

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| 1. the | 21. at | 41. there | 61. some | 81. my |
| 2. of | 22. be | 42. use | 62. her | 82. than |
| 3. and | 23. this | 43. an | 63. would | 83. first |
| 4. a | 24. have | 44. each | 64. make | 84. water |
| 5. to | 25. from | 45. which | 65. like | 85. been |
| 6. in | 26. or | 46. she | 66. him | 86. call |
| 7. is | 27. one | 47. do | 67. into | 87. who |
| 8. you | 28. had | 48. how | 68. time | 88. oil |
| 9. that | 29. by | 49. their | 69. has | 89. its |
| 10. it | 30. word | 50. if | 70. look | 90. now |
| 11. he | 31. but | 51. will | 71. two | 91. find |
| 12. was | 32. not | 52. up | 72. more | 92. long |
| 13. for | 33. what | 53. other | 73. write | 93. down |
| 14. on | 34. all | 54. about | 74. go | 94. day |
| 15. are | 35. were | 55. out | 75. see | 95. did |
| 16. as | 36. we | 56. many | 76. number | 96. get |
| 17. with | 37. when | 57. then | 77. no | 97. come |
| 18. his | 38. your | 58. them | 78. way | 98. made |
| 19. they | 39. can | 59. these | 79. could | 99. may |
| 20. I | 40. said | 60. so | 80. people | 100. part |

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calendars

culture

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artifacts

sculpture

expedition

mummies

empire

word

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frozen

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turquoise

pyramids

masks

textiles

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peasant

flute

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