

**Basic** - ahead, alike, afraid, bad, behind, beginning/ middle/ end, big, clean, cold, (basic colors: black, blue, green, orange, red, yellow), dirty, fake, fast, fat, funny, good, great, happy, heavy, high, hot, hungry, lazy, long, loud, low, mad, many, middle, more, new, nice, old, open, pretty, quiet, real, sad, scary, short, sick, silly, slow, small, strong, tall, thirsty, tired, tricky, upside down, wet, yummy, etc.

**Adjectives**

**Early Elementary** – alive, angry, backward, better, best, beautiful, breakable, bright, broken, bumpy, careful, clear, closed, cloudy, clumsy, (later developing colors: pink, purple, gray, brown, white, etc.), comfortable, dangerous, delicious, deep, difficult, dry, early, easy, empty, excellent, exciting, famous, far, first, few, flat, free, freezing, friendly, full, half, hard, healthy, helpful, horrible, icy, important, impossible, itchy, juicy, large, last, late, lazy, light, loose, more, near, nervous, noisy, nosy, past, perfect, plastic, poor, powerful, quick, rainy, ready, rotten, rough, round, salty, same, second, secret, shallow, shy, skinny, sour, spicy, spotted, sticky, straight, strange, striped, sweet, tame, thankful, tight, tiny, tough, underlined, used, warm, weak, wide, wild, wise, whole, wild, wonderful, wrong, young, etc.

**Later Elementary** – alphabetic, ancient, average, bitter, boiling, brave, challenging, cheap, cool, complete, concerned, covered, crooked, crowded, curly, damaged, dizzy, dull, dusty, equal, expensive, familiar, flexible, fresh, gentle, gigantic, gorgeous, greasy, greater than, grumpy, guilty, imaginary, innocent, interesting, less than, level, massive, melted, miniature, mysterious, natural, necessary, nervous, normal, nutritious, odd, old-fashioned, opposite, plain, precious, previous, proud, possible, public, rare, responsible, ripe, scientific, selfish, separate, serious, silent, similar, simple, solid, steep, sudden, thin, uneven, unknown, unusual, valuable, violent, wasteful, wealthy, worried, etc.

**Secondary** – abundant, accurate, amused, brief, (advanced colors: tan, lavender, blue-green, etc.), complex, common, damp, disrespectful, dull, eager, empty, entertaining, exact, faint, frail, frequent, handsome, helpless, historic, hollow, intelligent, irrelevant, jealous, magnificent, medical, modern, mushy, negative, obedient, ordinary, overconfident, parallel, political, positive, precise, prickly, productive, puny, rapid, relevant, roasted, roomy, slanted, specific, stiff, tender, unequal, vacant, vast, etc.

**Basic** - almost, always, ahead, apart, away, behind, far, fast, less, loudly, more, nearly, next, never, not, often, only, really, slowly, soon, suddenly, together, tomorrow, too, very, well, yesterday

**Adverbs**

**Early Elementary** - accidentally, backwards, badly, carefully, correctly, easily, equally, eventually, exactly, finally, foreword, fortunately, gladly, happily, honestly, quickly, quietly, recently, sadly, safely, seriously, softly, sometimes

**Later Elementary** - annually, boldly, bravely, calmly, carelessly, cautiously, cheerfully, clearly, daily, deliberately, enthusiastically, foolishly, frantically, gently, hourly, kindly, lazily, loosely, madly, merrily, neatly, nervously, noisily, opposite, painfully, perfectly, poorly, politely, rarely, regularly, reluctantly, seldom, silently, smoothly, successfully, suspiciously, thoughtfully, unexpectedly, warmly, yearly

<b>Basic</b>	all/none	big/little	day/night	fake/real
up/down	near/ far	loud/ quiet	best/worst	give/ take
in/ out	stop/ go	fast/ slow	wet/dry	up/down
good/bad	hot/ cold	give/ take	pull/ push	young/old

**Antonyms**

<b>Elementary</b>	add/subtract	answer/question	beginning/end	create/destroy
more/ less	first/ last	real/ make-believe	left/ right	easy/difficult
remember/forget	question/ answer	hello/ goodbye	listen/ignore	most/least
cloudy/ sunny	harm/ benefit	east/west	even/odd	forward/backward
most/ least	male/ female	straight/ bent	loose/tight	part/whole
north/ south	shiny/ dull	invisible/visible	tomorrow/ yesterday	upper-case/lower-case

## Antonyms (Continued)

<b>Secondary</b>	attract/repel	increase/ decrease	cause/ effect	fact/ fiction
similar/ different	future/past	simple/ complex	certain/doubtful	majority/minority
problem/ solution	multiply/ divide	common/ rare	probable/unlikely	stimulus/response
fire/hire	lead/follow	rise/fall	positive/negative	guilty/innocent

## Semantics

**Basic** - animals, body parts, clothes, colors, days of the week, desserts, food, letters, names, numbers, relatives, rooms, shapes, sounds, toys, words

## Categories

**Early Elementary** – beverages, birds, book parts, buildings, characters, coins, collectables, condiments, containers, dinosaurs, directions, emotions, flowers, fruits, holidays, ingredients, insects, instruments, jobs, jungle animals, liquids, things that magnify, things that measure, months, movies, parts of stories, patterns, planets, plants, punctuation, reptiles, rhyming words, seasons, senses, sizes, solids, sounds, sports, transportation, tools, vegetables, vowels, writing utensils

**Late Elementary** – abbreviations, abilities, adjectives, businesses, cities, consonants, countries, communication, continents, currency, exercises, habitats, hazards, mammals, materials, measure units, metals, nouns, oceans, odd/even numbers, parts of speech, presidents, punctuation, school subjects, seasonings, silverware, sizes, states, symbols, textures, trees, verb tenses, verbs, weather

**Secondary** – adverbs, 13 original American colonies, ancient civilizations, constellations, cuisine, elements, famous landmarks, fasteners, government types, gasses, gems, internal organs, languages, minerals, mountain ranges, music types, precipitation, reference books, religions, traditions

**Pre-Academic** – **bed** – you sleep in it; **coat** – when it's cold, you wear this to keep warm; **cup** – it holds drinks; **fork** – you eat with it; gloves – you wear them on your hands to keep them warm; **house** – you live in it; **napkin** – helps clean up messes; **pencil** – writes and erases; **telephone** – helps you talk to far away people; **other words with functions** - can, car, door, eraser, glue, hammer, hat, house, ladder, lamp, paper, refrigerator, sack, shoes, shovel, sunglasses, tape, telephone, television, umbrella, window

## Functions (Attributes)

**Early Elementary** - **backpack** – holds your school supplies; **clock** – displays the time; **comma** – marks pauses in written sentences; **dictionary** – helps you spell and figure out the meanings of words; **fireman** – puts out fires and helps people; **money** – buys things you want or need; **opinion** – what a person thinks or believes; **period** – tells you the end of a sentence; **rules** – helps people know and remember acceptable behavior; **scale** – measures the weight of things; **senses** – gain information for your body from the environment; **shell** – protects and shelters animals, such as turtles and snails; **soil** – provides nutrients and shelter for plants to grow; **stamps** – letters need them to be sent through the mail; **temperature** – tells you how hot or cold something is; **traffic light** – controls vehicles to keep them from crashing; **wings** – helps birds and planes fly  
**other words with functions** – binoculars, calculator, calendar, capital letter, compass, cover, decimal, description, experiment, hibernation, healthy food, job, judge, lock, magnet, map, microphone, model, period, policeman, punctuation, receipt, road, ruler, shelter, shield, setting, skeleton, telescope

**Late Elementary** – **adjectives** – describes nouns; **author** – writes books; **business** – provides goods and services for income; **compass** – helps people keep from getting lost; **evidence** – provides proof of a theory or guess; **index** – lists words within a book alphabetically to quickly look them up; **government** – creates and enforces laws; **persuasion** – uses methods such as language to convince; **plural** – special type of word that shows more than one of something; **research** – gathers information to support or refute a hypothesis; **voting** – how democratic leaders are chosen  
**other words with functions** – abbreviation, ballot, character, culture, credit, data, draft, evidence, index, interview, introduction, employment, explorer, force, glossary, graph, law, measurement, prediction, recipe, recycling, resource, settler, signature, society, symbol, title, treaty, trial, verify, voting

## Functions (Continued)

## Semantics

**Secondary – American Revolution** – fought to gain American Independence from Great Britain; **encyclopedia** – provides detailed information on specific subjects; **jury** – group of citizens determining outcome of trials; **percent** – tells parts of numbers; **suffix** – goes at the end of a word and changes its meaning; **tax** – money used to fund government services  
**other words with functions** – advertisement, Civil War, context, Declaration of Independence, ecosystem, erosion, evaporation, immigration, interest, intersection, judge, negative, percent, prefix, pronoun, quotation mark, reasoning, reproduction, Senate, technology

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**Basic** - all the time, calm down, change your mind, cut it out, do it over, driving me crazy, feel up to, figure it out, get away with, get out, get out of hand, get on my nerves, give me a break, give up, go through with, hand me down, hang in there, hold on, How come?, in charge, keep an eye on, keep it up, last straw, make something up, make believe, never mind, none of your business, on time, once in a while, on top of, out of place, put on, put up with, quite a few, rub it in, show off, sick and tired, turn off, up to you, used to it

### Idioms

**Later Developing** – a long shot, all along, all in your head, all mixed up, an arm and a leg, at the top of my lungs, back to square one, barking up the wrong tree, beat around the bush, behind my back, blow off some steam, break up, butterflies in my stomach, by the book, count on, down in the dumps, do the trick, down the drain, drag your feet, end of your rope, end up, eyes on the board, half a mind, hand it to her, having a blast, hit the sack, find it out, foot in the door, go to your head, gung-ho, let go of, let your hair down, a long fuse, look down on, look forward to, look up to, lucky streak, nick of time, off the top of my head, on the dot, out of the blue, piece of mind, picture perfect, play with fire, put it off, put your foot down, run out of steam, skating on thin ice, so far, sooner or later, step on it, take a stand, take it easy, throw in the towel, turn the other cheek, turn something down, wrapped up

**Secondary** – across the board, ahead of the curve, ask around, back to square one, come across something, do away with, fit to be tied, get off the ground, go through the motions, go without saying, have a soft spot, icing on the cake, joke is on you, jump through a hoop, leg up, mind over matter, more than meets the eye, paint yourself into a corner, play it by ear, put our heads together, read between the lines, rock the boat, roll out the red carpet, sick as a dog, sing a different tune, sort it out, spread it on thick, take after somebody, took the words out of my mouth, turn over a new leaf, your eyes are bigger than your stomach, up and running, warm up to, wave a white flag

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**Functional** - bat, bowl, can, face, fall, fit, foot, hand, hit, light, mean, park, pet, pitcher, play, punch, ring, rock, roll, run, saw, star, stick, top, trip

### Multiple Meaning Words

**Early Elementary** – back, bank, bark, bend, block, board, bomb, border, box, bright, brush, cap, capital, change, character, check, checker, clear, count, cover, cycle, degree, direction, draw, drill, even, fall, fire, freeze, force, head, inch, iron, key, kind, letter, lie, line, match, mind, model, motion, mouse, odd, order, past, period, place, point, pole, power, present, property, right, rose, ruler, safe, scale, seal, season, second, shake, ship, side, solid, solution, space, spring, stamp, staple, state, story, stuff, table, tense, track, turn, watch, wave, work

**Late Elementary** – act, angle, atmosphere, bitter, cast, charge, country, court, credit, current, depression, draft, due, edge, film, flood, friction, front, fuse, gum, interest, judge, negative, lean, matter, motion, organ, party, plane, plot, produce, product, raise, rate, reason, report, school, screen, sense, settle, shock, spell, source, staff, stand, staple, state, tip, wage, volume

**Secondary** – base, bass, chance, channel, coast, constitution, content, crop, division, formula, gravity, interest, issue, lounge, market, tissue, operation, pitch, process, program, view, value, volume, waste

**Curriculum  
Relevant Nouns**

**Kindergarten : Language Arts** - alphabet, capital letter, cover, letter, lowercase letter, page, poem, question, rhyme, sentence, sounds, story, topic, word

**Math** – amount, coins, patterns, position, order, shapes, triangle

**Science** – basic needs, change, five senses, magnet, matter, metal, organs, position, properties, recycle, relationship, seasons, sound, tools, vibration

**Social Studies** – bridge, city, family, flag, history, holiday, laws, legend, map, Pledge of Allegiance, responsibility, rules, symbol, traffic

**First Grade : Language Arts** – charts, details, plurals, poetry, text, theme, topic, vocabulary

**Math**- corner, cubes, edge, equal, group, half, pyramids, sequence, size, strategy, value

**Science** – behavior, distance, energy, mass, object, shelter, temperature, thermometer

**Social Studies** – biography, citizen, compass, continents, democracy, emotion, fossils, globe, government, interviews, journal, ocean, peace, President, production, tradition

**Second Grade : Language Arts** – comma, chapter, main idea, punctuation, sentence, setting, syllable, rhyme, table of contents, title

**Math** – calculator, decimal, fraction, graph, length, rectangle, sphere, temperature, weight

**Science** – disease, experiment, description, invention, liquid, mix, model, resource, solid, tools

**Social Studies** – community, continent, country, fact, holiday, list, location, map, past/present/future, opinion, state, symbol, tradition

**Third Grade : Language Arts** – adjective, author, audience, character, consonants, dictionary, details, glossary, interview, noun, period, recipe, sequence, signature, tense, verb

**Math** – area, chart, comparison, curve, decimal, division, pattern, position, solution, strategy, volume

**Science** – atmosphere, balance, climate, cycle, direction, environment, gas, model, motion, observation, property, resource, season, solar system

**Social Studies** – border, business, capital, career, cooperation, county, globe, governor, income, landmark, law, location, pioneer, President, product, rights, transportation, vote

**Fourth Grade : Language Arts** – abbreviation, comma, conclusion, draft, evidence, index, plot, plural, opposite, outline, rate, setting, solution, source

**Math** – angle, base, edge, estimate, mass, multiples, remainder, symbol

**Science** – asteroid, characteristic, circuit, comet, data, electricity, material, measurement, mixture, organism, research, structure

**Social Studies** – ballot, candidate, compass, Constitution, century, culture, decade, democracy, election, explorer, government, hazard, population, settler, Supreme Court

**Fifth Grade : Language Arts** – advertisement, comprehension, context, contrast, encyclopedia, fiction, illustration, nonfiction, prefix, pronoun, quotation marks, theme

**Math** – centimeter, foot, geometry, grid, inch, intersection, kilometer, mile, millimeter, model, negative, percent, prime number, ratio, yard

**Science** – circuit, drought, erosion, evidence, flood, fossil, mineral, reproduction, rotation, senses, solution, technology, vibration

**Social Studies** – career, citizen, Civil War, Declaration of Independence, economy, geography, House of Representatives, interest, inflation, judge, jury, Native American, national anthem, North America, Senate, suburbs, tax, trial, Vikings

**Later Elementary/Middle School Curriculum Vocabulary**

**Language Arts** – literature, media, metaphor, purpose, research, support, topic, variety, apostrophe, background, conflict, dialogue, definition, format, perspective, propaganda, reasoning, reference, selection, structure, technique, text, adverb, complex sentence, composition, drama, irony, repetition

**Math** – algebra, circumference, conversion, perimeter, probability, relationship, slope, data, distance,

## Curriculum Relevant Nouns (Continued)

## Semantics

equation, formula, method, proportion, surface, transformation, combination, computation, exponent, expression, scientific notation, substitution

**Science** – cell, diversity, generation, organ, organism, species, system, tissue, trait, composition, evolution, geology, habitat, interaction, layer, surface, universe, chemical, conductor, laboratory, kinetic/potential energy, spectrum, velocity

**Social Studies** – architecture, civilization, impact, influence, mythology, origin, tradition, checks and balances, competition, consent, consumption, democrat, liberty, majority, nomination, policy, republican, separation of power, supply and demand, warranty, expansion, exploration, industry, issue, nation, reform, territory

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**Basic – airplanes:** wings, cockpits, wheels, etc.; **animals:** legs, eyes, mouths, etc.; **apples:** seeds, cores, skins, etc.; **books:** covers, pages, titles, etc.; **bugs:** legs, antennae, eyes, wings, etc. **cars:** tires, steering wheels, headlights, etc.; **houses:** windows, doors, rooms, etc.; **pencils:** erasers, lead, tip, etc.; **schools:** kids, teachers, rooms, etc.; **shoes:** shoelaces, soles, tongues, etc. other basic vocabulary with parts: backpack, birds, buses, cats, coats, dinner, dogs, elephants, kitchens, pants, people, refrigerator, snakes, squares, stores, telephones, trains, trees, yards

### Parts (Attributes)

**Later Developing - atmosphere:** clouds, layers, weather; **books:** titles, authors, indexes, etc.; **calculator:** buttons, screens, numbers, etc.; **computer:** mouse, keyboard, monitor, etc.; **country:** cities, capitols, borders, etc.; **flashlight:** lens, batteries, switch, etc. **oceans:** water, shores, whales, etc.; **paper:** top, lines, edges, corners, etc.; **pencil sharpener:** handle, gears, shaving container, etc.; **sentence:** capitalized word, punctuation, words; **solar system:** planets, sun, asteroids, orbits, etc.; **watches:** springs, gears, hours, minutes, etc. other later developing vocabulary with parts: banks, boats, breakfast, buildings, calendars, cameras, cities, continent, deserts, dollars, equations, fiction, fish, glasses, highways, forest, map, movies, ovens, paragraphs, poems, recipe, rectangles, skyscraper

**Secondary – business:** presidents, workers, products, services, etc.; **contract:** signatures, promises, paragraphs, etc.; **the Earth:** core, mantle, oceans, etc.; **fractions:** numerators, denominators, ratios, etc.; **reports:** introductions, conclusions, transitions, etc.; **wars:** disputes, battles, treaties, etc.

other advanced vocabulary with parts: democracies, diets, economies, elections, experiments, piano, space shuttle, teams, trials, vacation

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**Basic - Categories** – body parts, beverages, colors, days of the week, drinks, food, numbers, relatives, shapes, toys, vegetables, etc.

**Functions** – things that can be climbed, closed, grow, used for eating, opened, play music, stick things together, tell time, used as tools, write, etc.

**Parts** – things with arms, bones, buttons, doors, eyes, hands, holes, glass, legs, lids, locks, numbers, pages, pockets, screens, tails, walls, water, wheels, whiskers, words, etc.

**Descriptions/ Adjectives** – things that are big, blue, fast, happy, healthy, heavy, long, loud, old, orange, quiet, round, scary, shiny, short, slow, smooth, strong, tall, wet, etc.

### Similarities and Differences

**Later Developing - Categories** – directions, beverages, hazards, insects, instruments, jobs, liquids, mammals, oceans, planets, punctuation, states, tools, transportation, seasons, vowels, etc.

**Functions** – things that are used as currency, entertain, help things grow, go in sentences, magnify, measure, medicine, protect, reflect, senses, shelter, slow, used as symbols, etc.

**Parts** – things with atmospheres, belts, branches, blades, borders, digestive systems, directions, engines, flavor, gears, handles, layers, lids, pipes, strings, stripes, switches, tone, tops, volume, etc.

**Descriptions/ Adjectives** – things that are alive, ancient, boring, crowded, dangerous, dry, easy, flexible, gray, healthy, important, impossible, rough, round, sour, straight, serious, valuable, etc.

## ***Similarities and Differences (Continued)***

*Semantics*

**Secondary - Categories** – adverbs, cities, constellations, cuisine, elements, energy, fasteners, habitats, languages, medicine, mammals, minerals, music types, religions, reptiles, etc.

**Functions** – things that advertise, help a democracy, communicate, conceal, consume, expand, explore, evolve, inflate, intersect, make laws, orbit, persuade, repeat, support, vibrate, etc.

**Parts** – things with advertisements, beliefs, causes, charts, circumferences, conclusions, judges, economies, fins, indexes, poles, protons, stems, transmitters, vice-presidents, etc.

**Descriptions/ Adjectives** – things that are common, damp, dull, exact, extinct, frequent, historic, hollow, medical, modern, parallel, political, productive, rapid, ripe, unnecessary, vacant, etc.

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**Early Elementary** – angry/mad, assist/help, bad/awful, begin/start, below/under, bother/annoy, buy/purchase, choose/pick, close/shut, connect/join, combine/mix, company/business, component/part, conclusion/ending, couch/sofa, dad/father, data/information, dirt/soil, find/locate, easy/simple, equal/same, get/receive, image/picture, imitate/copy, intelligent/smart, law/rule, lucky/fortunate, mix/stir, object/thing, observe/watch, name/title, quiet/silent, right/correct, order/sequence, rich/wealthy, tell/say, raise/lift, rescue/save, thin/narrow, trade/swap, trash/garbage, unusual/strange, watch/observe

**Synonyms**

**Later Elementary** – accomplish/achieve, answer/reply, antonym/opposite, artificial/man made, attribute/property, bargain/deal, choose/select, collect/gather, complete/finish, danger/hazard, directions/instructions, empty/vacant, estimate/guess, faithful/loyal, float/drift, genuine/real, hall/corridor, hurry/rush, illustration/picture, job/occupation, labor/work, last/final, many/numerous, praise/compliment, reliable/dependable

**Secondary** – brief/concise, casual/informal, clear/transparent, country/nation, dive/plunge, enlarge/magnify, evidence/support, freedom/liberty, inspect/examine, instance/occurrence, meaningful/significant, necessary/required, previous/former, value/worth

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**Basic** – bounce, break, call, catch, close, climb, color, come, count, do, draw, drink, drop, eat, fall, find, fix, fly, get, give, go, hear, help, jump, like, look, make, move, open, play, pull, push, put, ride, roll, run, say, see, shake, sing, stop, take, taste, throw, try, walk, wait, want, win, etc.

**Curriculum  
Relevant (Action)  
Verbs**

**Early Elementary** – act, add, appear, ask, balance, begin, believe, bring, build, buy, capitalize, chase, change, compare, describe, end, estimate, explore, finish, follow, forget, grab, grow, hang, imagine, invent, join, lead, learn, leave, listen, lose, mail, measure, mix, pass, pay, produce, pronounce, protect, pump, receive, recover, remember, remove, repeat, rest, return, rhyme, ruin, save, search, send, sell, share, spend, spell, spin, start, subtract, teach, tell, think, trade, turn, type, work, write, etc.

**Later Elementary** – abbreviate, advertise, apply, arrive, attract, brainstorm, cause, classify, combine, compete, complete, comprehend, compute, cooperate, consume, decrease, define, dissolve, divide, elect, evaporate, evolve, expand, experiment, express, fail, flood, form, gain, govern, hire, identify, illustrate, immigrate, improve, include, increase, influence, intersect, interrupt, interview, inspire, investigate, locate, magnify, multiply, observe, organize, pause, persuade, predict, proofread, quote, rate, react, reason, recycle, reproduce, research, revolve, review, rise, rotate, round, select, separate, sense, settle, sign, solve, substitute, succeed, supply, support, unload, vibrate, vote, etc.

**Secondary** – advise, analyze, compose, conclude, conduct, consider, contrast, consent, consume, convert, debate, declare, demand, deny, determine, develop, distinguish, distribute, draft, eliminate, equate, erode, employ, expect, interact, interpret, invest, involve, justify, manufacture, mention, nominate, paraphrase, reduce, reform, remain, revise, summarize, transform, transport, verify, etc.