

LITTLE WORDS

Little words occur frequently in spoken and written English. We use them to define nouns and to create more complex sentences. Every English language learner needs to learn little words, even if they don't appear to have meaning, because we use them every day to speak or write grammatically correct sentences.

Many of the students we work with don't use little words in their communication – and/or don't use them in their writing. If they are an individual who uses AAC they may have had limited opportunities to use them – or to see others using them.

For this reason we often need to teach little words, starting with high frequency little words. A list of high frequency little words is below. Lower frequency little words are on the next page.

High frequency little words are:

Articles						
the	a		an			
Conjunctions						
and	but	or	for	so	because	
Prepositions						
to	at	by	of	from	in	on

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Lower frequency little words include:

Conjunctions						
yet			nor			
Prepositions						
about	above	across	after	against	along	among
around	because	before	behind	below	beneath	beside
between	close to	down	during	except	inside	instead of
into	like	near	off	on top of	onto	out of
outside	over	past	since	through	toward	under
until	up	upon	within		without	