

1. Complete A to Z Word List

418 four-syllable words, verified and organized alphabetically.

A 35 words

accelerate ac-cel-er-ate	accumulate ac-cu-mu-late	affectionate af-fec-tion-ate
affirmative af-fir-ma-tive	alligator al-li-ga-tor	ambidextrous am-bi-dex-trous
anticipate an-tic-i-pate	apologize a-pol-o-gize	appreciate ap-pre-ci-ate
approximate ap-prox-i-mate	architecture ar-chi-tec-ture	aristocrat a-ris-to-cratt
articulate ar-tic-u-late	abbreviate ab-bre-vi-ate	absolutely ab-so-lute-ly
accessory ac-ces-so-ry	accidental ac-ci-den-tal	accommodate ac-com-mo-date
accompany ac-com-pa-ny	accountable ac-count-a-ble	accusation ac-cu-sa-tion
activated ac-ti-va-ted	admiration ad-mi-ra-tion	adorable a-dor-a-ble
adventurous ad-ven-tur-ous	advisory ad-vi-so-ry	affiliate af-fil-i-ate
affordable af-ford-a-ble	allegation al-le-ga-tion	alteration al-ter-a-tion
ambiguous am-big-u-ous	amplifier am-pli-fi-er	analogy a-nal-o-gy
anonymous a-non-y-mous	apparatus ap-pa-ra-tus	

B 20 words

biography bi-og-ra-phy	biology bi-ol-o-gy	brutality bru-tal-i-ty
bureaucracy bu-reau-cra-cy	barometer ba-rom-e-ter	beneficial ben-e-fi-cial
bibliophile bib-li-o-phile	biodegrade bi-o-de-grade	binoculars bi-noc-u-lars
botanical bo-tan-i-cal	breathtakingly breath-tak-ing-ly	bureaucratic bu-reau-cratic
believable be-liev-a-ble	belligerent bel-lig-er-ent	benevolent be-nev-o-lent
biannual bi-an-nu-al	bicultural bi-cul-tur-al	biologist bi-ol-o-gist
boisterously bois-ter-ous-ly	behavioral be-hav-ior-al	

C 33 words

calculation cal-cu-la-tion	calorific cal-o-rif-ic	captivating cap-ti-vat-ing
celebration cel-e-bra-tion	centrifugal cen-trif-u-gal	circulation cir-cu-la-tion
combination com-bi-na-tion	complication com-pli-ca-tion	concentration con-cen-tra-tion
congratulate con-grat-u-late	correlation cor-re-la-tion	calamity ca-lam-i-ty
capitalize cap-i-tal-ize	carnivorous car-niv-or-ous	categorize cat-e-go-rize

certificate cer-tif-i-cate	cinematic cin-e-mat-ic	collaborate col-lab-o-rate
collectively col-lec-tive-ly	commemorate com-mem-o-rate	commentary com-men-ta-ry
commercially com-mer-cial-ly	communicate com-mu-ni-cate	comparison com-par-i-son
compatible com-pat-i-ble	competitive com-pet-i-tive	complexity com-plex-i-ty
comprehensive com-pre-hen-sive	conditional con-di-tion-al	confidential con-fi-den-tial
considerate con-sid-er-ate	consistency con-sist-en-cy	constitution con-sti-tu-tion

D 23 words

declaration dec-la-ra-tion	dedication ded-i-ca-tion	democracy de-moc-ra-cy
demonstration dem-on-stration	domination dom-i-na-tion	deceptively de-cep-tive-ly
decorative dec-o-ra-tive	definitely def-i-nite-ly	delegation del-e-ga-tion
deliberate de-lib-er-ate	delicacy del-i-ca-cy	deliciously de-li-cious-ly
delightfully de-light-ful-ly	delinquency de-lin-quen-cy	deliverance de-liv-er-ance
deodorize de-o-dor-ize	dependable de-pend-a-ble	dependency de-pend-en-cy

depreciate

de-pre-ci-ate

destination

des-ti-na-tion

detrimental

det-ri-men-tal

developer

de-vel-op-er

deviation

de-vi-a-tion

E 22 words

economy

e-con-o-my

embarrassing

em-bar-rass-ing

enthusiast

en-thu-si-ast

environment

en-vi-ron-ment

exhilarate

ex-hil-a-rate

explanation

ex-pla-na-tion

effectively

ef-fec-tive-ly

efficiency

ef-fi-cien-cy

elaborate

e-lab-o-rate

eloquently

el-o-quent-ly

emergency

e-mer-gen-cy

eminently

em-i-nent-ly

emotional

e-mo-tion-al

encouraging

en-cour-ag-ing

energetic

en-er-get-ic

enormously

e-nor-mous-ly

equality

e-qual-i-ty

equivalent

e-quiv-a-lent

escalation

es-ca-la-tion

essentially

es-sen-tial-ly

evaluate

e-val-u-ate

everlasting

ev-er-last-ing

F 19 words

fascinating

fas-ci-nat-ing

ferocity

fe-roc-i-ty

formulation

for-mu-la-tion

fortuitous

for-tu-i-tous

fragmentation

frag-men-ta-tion

facilitate

fa-cil-i-tate

fantastical fan-tas-ti-cal	fatality fa-tal-i-ty	favorably fa-vor-a-bly
federation fed-er-a-tion	fertility fer-til-i-ty	fluorescent flu-o-res-cent
forgetfulness for-get-ful-ness	formidable for-mid-a-ble	formulaic for-mu-la-ic
fortunately for-tu-nate-ly	fraudulently fraud-u-lent-ly	functionary func-tion-a-ry
fundamental fun-da-men-tal		

G 13 words

geometry ge-om-e-try	galvanizing gal-va-niz-ing	graduation grad-u-a-tion
gymnasium gym-na-si-um	geologist ge-ol-o-gist	geometric ge-o-met-ric
gastronomy gas-tron-o-my	generative gen-er-a-tive	governmental gov-ern-men-tal
gyroscopic gy-ro-scop-ic	gargantuan gar-gan-tu-an	geothermal ge-o-ther-mal
gratuitous gra-tu-i-tous		

H 19 words

hilarious hi-lar-i-ous	historical his-tor-i-cal	horizontal hor-i-zon-tal
hypocrisy hy-poc-ri-sy	hypothesis hy-poth-e-sis	habitation hab-i-ta-tion

harmonica har-mon-i-ca	harmonious har-mo-ni-ous	hazardously haz-ard-ous-ly
helicopter hel-i-cop-ter	hesitantly hes-i-tant-ly	hexagonal hex-ag-o-nal
hibernation hi-ber-na-tion	hierarchy hi-er-ar-chy	horticulture hor-ti-cul-ture
hyperactive hy-per-ac-tive	hysterical hys-ter-i-cal	humiliate hu-mil-i-ate
harmonizing har-mo-niz-ing		

I 26 words

implication im-pli-ca-tion	impractical im-prac-ti-cal	improbable im-prob-a-ble
inaccurate in-ac-cu-rate	indifferent in-dif-fer-ent	influential in-flu-en-tial
ingenious in-ge-ni-ous	intensity in-ten-si-ty	interactive in-ter-ac-tive
interesting in-ter-est-ing	identical i-den-ti-cal	identity i-den-ti-ty
illiterate il-lit-er-ate	illogical il-log-i-cal	impatiently im-pa-tient-ly
imperative im-per-a-tive	impersonal im-per-son-al	importantly im-por-tant-ly
inadequate in-ad-e-quate	incompetent in-com-pe-tent	inconsistent in-con-sist-ent

incorrectly

in-cor-rect-ly

incredibly

in-cred-i-bly

indication

in-di-ca-tion

infinitely

in-fi-nite-ly

inhibition

in-hi-bi-tion

J

5 words

jurisdiction

ju-ris-dic-tion

jubilantly

ju-bi-lant-ly

judicially

ju-di-cial-ly

journalistic

jour-nal-is-tic

jeopardizing

jeop-ard-iz-ing

K

3 words

knowledgeable

knowl-edge-a-ble

kaleidoscope

ka-lei-do-scope

kindergarten

kin-der-gar-ten

L

16 words

legitimate

le-git-i-mate

locality

lo-cal-i-ty

legislative

leg-is-la-tive

legislature

leg-is-la-ture

liberation

lib-er-a-tion

literary

lit-er-ar-y

literature

lit-er-a-ture

logically

log-i-cal-ly

longevity

lon-gev-i-ty

lubrication

lu-bri-ca-tion

luxurious

lux-u-ri-ous

lamentable

la-men-ta-ble

laryngitis

la-ryn-gi-tis

liberalize

lib-er-al-ize

limitation

lim-i-ta-tion

locomotion

lo-co-mo-tion

M

25 words

magnificent

mag-nif-i-cent

majority

ma-jor-i-ty

maturity

ma-tur-i-ty

mechanical

me-chan-i-cal

mediocre

me-di-o-cre

melancholy

mel-an-chol-y

microscopic

mi-cro-scop-ic

momentary

mo-men-ta-ry

mysterious

mys-te-ri-ous

manufacture

man-u-fac-ture

marvelously

mar-vel-ous-ly

meaningfully

mean-ing-ful-ly

mediation

me-di-a-tion

medicinal

me-dic-i-nal

mentality

men-tal-i-ty

metabolism

me-tab-o-lism

meteorite

me-te-or-ite

methodical

me-thod-i-cal

militarize

mil-i-ta-rize

minimalist

min-i-mal-ist

minimizing

min-i-miz-ing

miraculous

mi-rac-u-lous

miserably

mis-er-a-bly

moderately

mod-er-ate-ly

monopoly

mo-nop-o-ly

N

14 words

necessary

nec-es-sa-ry

numerical

nu-mer-i-cal

naturally

nat-u-ral-ly

necessity

ne-ces-si-ty

negatively

neg-a-tive-ly

nocturnally

noc-tur-nal-ly

nomination

nom-i-na-tion

nonchalantly

non-cha-lant-ly

numerously

nu-mer-ous-ly

nutritional

nu-tri-tion-al

narcissistic

nar-cis-sis-tic

navigation

nav-i-ga-tion

negotiable

ne-go-tia-ble

neutralizing

neu-tral-iz-ing

O

18 words

observation

ob-ser-va-tion

optimistic

op-ti-mis-tic

ordinary

or-di-na-ry

original

o-rig-i-nal

objectively

ob-jec-tive-ly

obligation

ob-li-ga-tion

obliterate

ob-lit-er-ate

occasional

oc-ca-sion-al

occupation

oc-cu-pa-tion

offensively

of-fen-sive-ly

officially

of-fi-cial-ly

oceanic

o-ce-an-ic

opposition

op-po-si-tion

optimizing

op-ti-miz-ing

outrageously

out-ra-geous-ly

overwhelming

o-ver-whelm-ing

orderliness

or-der-li-ness

outstandingly

out-stand-ing-ly

P

24 words

particular

par-tic-u-lar

patriotic

pa-tri-ot-ic

photography

pho-tog-ra-phy

politician

pol-i-ti-cian

propaganda

prop-a-gan-da

propagation

prop-a-ga-tion

panoramic

pan-o-ram-ic

participate

par-tic-i-pate

passionately

pas-sion-ate-ly

penetrating

pen-e-trat-ing

perfectionist

per-fec-tion-ist

permanently

per-ma-nent-ly

personally per-son-al-ly	persuasively per-sua-sive-ly	phenomenal phe-nom-e-nal
philosopher phi-los-o-pher	potentially po-ten-tial-ly	practically prac-ti-cal-ly
predatory pred-a-to-ry	predictably pre-dict-a-bly	predominant pre-dom-i-nant
preparation prep-a-ra-tion	previously pre-vi-ous-ly	procedural pro-ce-dur-al

Q

5 words

quantitative quan-ti-ta-tive	qualifying qual-i-fy-ing	qualitative qual-i-ta-tive
questionably ques-tion-a-bly	quadrennial quad-ren-ni-al	

R

23 words

realistic re-al-is-tic	reformation ref-or-ma-tion	regenerate re-gen-er-ate
remarkable re-mark-a-ble	repetition rep-e-ti-tion	ridiculous ri-dic-u-lous
rigidity ri-gid-i-ty	rationalize ra-tion-al-ize	reassurance re-as-sur-ance
reciprocal re-cip-ro-cal	recognition rec-og-ni-tion	recommended rec-om-mend-ed
reconsider re-con-sid-er	redundancy re-dun-dan-cy	regulation reg-u-la-tion
relatively rel-a-tive-ly	reorganize re-or-gan-ize	reputation rep-u-ta-tion

resignation

res-ig-na-tion

respectively

re-spec-tive-ly

responsible

re-spon-si-ble

revelation

rev-e-la-tion

residential

re-si-den-tial

S

24 words

satisfying

sat-is-fy-ing

significant

sig-nif-i-cant

simplicity

sim-plic-i-ty

spectacular

spec-tac-u-lar

stimulating

stim-u-lat-ing

systematic

sys-te-mat-ic

satisfaction

sat-is-fac-tion

sedentary

sed-en-tar-y

segregation

seg-re-ga-tion

sensational

sen-sa-tion-al

sensitively

sen-si-tive-ly

sentimental

sen-ti-men-tal

separation

sep-a-ra-tion

seriously

se-ri-ous-ly

situation

sit-u-a-tion

sophisticate

so-phis-ti-cate

speculation

spec-u-la-tion

spontaneous

spon-ta-ne-ous

stabilizer

sta-bi-liz-er

statistical

sta-tis-ti-cal

subsequently

sub-se-quent-ly

successfully

suc-cess-ful-ly

superior

su-pe-ri-or

supervisor

su-per-vi-sor

T

19 words

temporary

tem-po-ra-ry

transparency

trans-par-en-cy

transportation

trans-por-ta-tion

technically

tech-ni-cal-ly

technology

tech-nol-o-gy

temperament

tem-per-a-ment

tentatively ten-ta-tive-ly	terrestrial ter-res-tri-al	terrifying ter-ri-fy-ing
thermometer ther-mom-e-ter	tolerable tol-er-a-ble	tolerantly tol-er-ant-ly
traditional tra-di-tion-al	transitional tran-si-tion-al	tremendously tre-men-dous-ly
triangular tri-an-gu-lar	tumultuous tu-mul-tu-ous	tyrannical ty-ran-ni-cal
tabulation tab-u-la-tion		

U 12 words

understanding un-der-stand-ing	unfortunate un-for-tu-nate	unanimous u-nan-i-mous
underlying un-der-ly-ing	undermining un-der-min-ing	underrated un-der-ra-ted
uninspiring un-in-spir-ing	unemployment un-em-ploy-ment	unfaithfully un-faith-ful-ly
unimportant un-im-por-tant	unassisted un-as-sist-ed	unattractive un-at-trac-tive

V 12 words

validation val-i-da-tion	velocity ve-loc-i-ty	valuation val-u-a-tion
variable var-i-a-ble	variation var-i-a-tion	violation vi-o-la-tion
virtually vir-tu-al-ly	visualize vis-u-al-ize	voluntary vol-un-tar-y

vulnerable

vul-ner-a-ble

victorious

vic-to-ri-ous

vindictively

vin-dic-tive-ly

W

7 words

watercolor

wa-ter-col-or

watermelon

wa-ter-mel-on

wholeheartedly

whole-heart-ed-ly

wonderfully

won-der-ful-ly

wisteria

wis-te-ri-a

workaholic

work-a-hol-ic

waterproofing

wa-ter-proof-ing

Z

1 word

zoologist

zo-ol-o-gist

2. 4 Syllable Words for Kids

Concrete, playful words suited to kindergarten through early elementary readers.

alligator al-li-ga-tor	watermelon wa-ter-mel-on	watercolor wa-ter-col-or
kindergarten kin-der-gar-ten	helicopter hel-i-cop-ter	harmonica har-mon-i-ca
thermometer ther-mom-e-ter	binoculars bi-noc-u-lars	gymnasium gym-na-si-um
kaleidoscope ka-lei-do-scope	triangular tri-an-gu-lar	meteorite me-te-or-ite
zoologist zo-ol-o-gist	carnivorous car-niv-or-ous	geologist ge-ol-o-gist
oceanic o-ce-an-ic	microscopic mi-cro-scop-ic	hexagonal hex-ag-o-nal

3. 4 Syllable Words for Speech Therapy

Chosen for articulation and stress-pattern practice.

hypothesis hy-poth-e-sis	mysterious mys-te-ri-ous	historical his-tor-i-cal
energetic en-er-get-ic	communicate com-mu-ni-cate	philosopher phi-los-o-pher
responsible re-spon-si-ble	understanding un-der-stand-ing	

4. 4 Syllable Words Ending in Y

True "-y" endings, distinct from the much larger "-ly" adverb group.

photography

pho-tog-ra-phy

biography

bi-og-ra-phy

democracy

de-moc-ra-cy

necessary

nec-es-sa-ry

temporary

tem-po-ra-ry

majority

ma-jor-i-ty

geometry

ge-om-e-try

hierarchy

hi-er-ar-chy

5. 4 Syllable Words by Stress Pattern

Capital letters mark the stressed syllable in each word.

Stress on the First Syllable

necessary NEC-es-sa-ry	literature LIT-er-a-ture	definitely DEF-i-nite-ly
commentary COM-men-ta-ry	temperament TEM-per-a-ment	categorize CAT-e-go-rize

Stress on the Second Syllable

photography pho-TOG-ra-phy	particular par-TIC-u-lar	majority ma-JOR-i-ty
mechanical me-CHAN-i-cal	responsible re-SPON-si-ble	historical his-TOR-i-cal

Stress on the Third Syllable

celebration cele-BRA-tion	explanation expla-NA-tion	confidential confi-DEN-tial
spontaneous sponta-NE-ous	energetic ener-GET-ic	residential resi-DEN-tial

Stress on the Fourth Syllable

None of the 418 words on this list follow this pattern; final-syllable stress is rare among common four-syllable English words.

6. 4 Syllable Words Ending in Common Suffixes

Ending in TION

celebration cel-e-bra-tion	explanation ex-pla-na-tion	observation ob-ser-va-tion
combination com-bi-na-tion	constitution con-sti-tu-tion	jurisdiction ju-ris-dic-tion
demonstration dem-on-strat-ion	revelation rev-e-la-tion	

Ending in ATE

anticipate an-tic-i-pate	appreciate ap-pre-ci-ate	communicate com-mu-ni-cate
congratulate con-grat-u-late	collaborate col-lab-o-rate	participate par-tic-i-pate
articulate ar-tic-u-late	deliberate de-lib-er-ate	

Ending in LY

absolutely ab-so-lute-ly	definitely def-i-nite-ly	essentially es-sen-tial-ly
effectively ef-fec-tive-ly	personally per-son-al-ly	previously pre-vi-ous-ly
successfully suc-cess-ful-ly	eloquently el-o-quent-ly	

Ending in ER

helicopter hel-i-cop-ter	thermometer ther-mom-e-ter	barometer ba-rom-e-ter
philosopher phi-los-o-pher	developer de-vel-op-er	stabilizer sta-bi-liz-er

Ending in OR

alligator al-li-ga-tor	superior su-pe-ri-or	supervisor su-per-vi-sor
watercolor wa-ter-col-or		