

Three Syllable Words: Complete Word List Collection

352 verified three syllable words A to Z, plus curated lists for kids, names, adjectives, word endings, vowel teams, and stress patterns.

Complete A to Z Word List

352 three syllable words, checked against how they're actually pronounced. The syllable in blue marks a break point, not necessarily the stress.

WORDS STARTING WITH A23 words

abandon a-ban-don	absolute ab-so-lute	abundant a-bun-dant
accident ac-ci-dent	accurate ac-cu-rate	activate ac-ti-vate
admiral ad-mi-ral	adventure ad-ven-ture	afternoon af-ter-noon
agenda a-gen-da	alphabet al-pha-bet	amazing a-maz-ing
ambient am-bi-ent	animal an-i-mal	apartment a-part-ment
apparent ap-par-ent	appetite ap-pe-tite	applesauce ap-ple-sauce
argument ar-gu-ment	article ar-ti-cle	asterisk as-ter-isk
atmosphere at-mos-phere	awfully aw-ful-ly	

WORDS STARTING WITH B16 words

bachelor bach-e-lor	bakery bak-er-y	balcony bal-co-ny
banana ba-nan-a	barbecue bar-be-cue	basketball bas-ket-ball
battery bat-ter-y	beautiful beau-ti-ful	benefit ben-e-fit
beverage bev-er-age	bicycle bi-cy-cle	blueberry blue-ber-ry
broccoli broc-co-li	buffalo buf-fa-lo	burrito bur-ri-to
butterfly but-ter-fly		

WORDS STARTING WITH C21 words

cabinet cab-i-net	calculate cal-cu-late	calendar cal-en-dar
camera cam-er-a	candidate can-di-date	capital cap-i-tal
carnival car-ni-val	celebrate cel-e-brate	century cen-tu-ry
cereal cer-e-al	champion cham-pi-on	character char-ac-ter
chemical chem-i-cal	citizen cit-i-zen	colorful col-or-ful

computer com-pu-ter	confident con-fi-dent	container con-tain-er
critical crit-i-cal	curious cu-ri-ous	cylinder cyl-in-der

WORDS STARTING WITH D

17 words

daffodil daf-fo-dil	dangerous dan-ger-ous	decision de-ci-sion
decorate dec-o-rate	delicate del-i-cate	delightful de-light-ful
democrat dem-o-cratt	deputy dep-u-ty	desperate des-per-ate
destiny des-ti-ny	detective de-tec-tive	diagram di-a-gram
dinosaur di-no-saur	discover dis-cov-er	document doc-u-ment
dramatic dra-mat-ic	dynamite dy-na-mite	

WORDS STARTING WITH E

16 words

element el-e-ment	elephant el-e-phantt	elevate el-e-vate
eloquence el-o-quence	eloquent el-o-quent	emerald em-er-ald
emigrate em-i-grate	eminent em-i-nent	emphasis em-pha-sis
energy en-er-gy	enormous e-nor-mous	envelope en-ve-lope
evidence ev-i-dence	excellent ex-cel-lent	exercise ex-er-cise
exodus ex-o-dus		

WORDS STARTING WITH F

15 words

fabulous fab-u-lous	faculty fac-ul-ty	family fam-i-ly
fantasy fan-ta-sy	fascinate fas-ci-nate	favorite fa-vor-ite
ferocious fe-ro-cious	festival fes-ti-val	fictional fic-tion-al
finally fi-nal-ly	forever for-ev-er	formula for-mu-la
fortunate for-tu-nate	fossilize fos-sil-ize	funeral fu-ner-al

WORDS STARTING WITH G

16 words

galaxy gal-ax-y	gallery gal-ler-y	garrison gar-ri-son
generate gen-er-ate	general gen-er-al	generic ge-ner-ic
generous gen-er-ous	genuine gen-u-ine	glorious glo-ri-ous
gorilla gor-il-la	government gov-ern-ment	graduate grad-u-ate
granular gran-u-lar	gratitude grat-i-tude	gravity grav-i-ty

guarantee guar-an-tee		
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WORDS STARTING WITH H

15 words

habitat hab-i-tat	hamburger ham-bur-ger	handsomely hand-some-ly
happiness hap-pi-ness	harmony har-mo-ny	heavenly heav-en-ly
heritage her-i-tage	hesitate hes-i-tate	holiday hol-i-day
honesty hon-es-ty	horizon ho-ri-zon	horrible hor-ri-ble
hospital hos-pi-tal	hurricane hur-ri-cane	hyphenate hy-phen-ate

WORDS STARTING WITH I

12 words

illustrate il-lus-trate	imagery im-age-ry	imitate im-i-tate
immigrant im-mi-grant	important im-por-tant	incentive in-cen-tive
industry in-dus-try	innocent in-no-cent	innovate in-no-vate
interval in-ter-val	isolate i-so-late	iterate it-er-ate

WORDS STARTING WITH J

8 words

jamboree jam-bo-ree	javelin jav-e-lin	jealously jeal-ous-ly
jeopardy jeop-ar-dy	journalist jour-nal-ist	jubilant ju-bi-lant
jubilee ju-bi-lee	juniper ju-ni-per	

WORDS STARTING WITH K

6 words

kangaroo kan-ga-roo	karate ka-ra-te	kerosene ker-o-sene
kilobyte ki-lo-byte	kilogram ki-lo-gram	kinetic ki-net-ic

WORDS STARTING WITH L

14 words

ladybug la-dy-bug	lateral lat-er-al	lavender lav-en-der
lavishly lav-ish-ly	legacy leg-a-cy	lemonade lem-on-ade
liberate lib-er-ate	liberty lib-er-ty	limitless lim-it-less
liquidate liq-ui-date	literal lit-er-al	logical log-i-cal
lusciously lus-cious-ly	luxury lux-u-ry	

WORDS STARTING WITH M

15 words

magnify mag-ni-fy	majesty maj-es-ty	mannequin man-ne-quin
marvelous mar-vel-ous	maximum max-i-mum	mechanic me-chan-ic
medical med-i-cal	melody mel-o-dy	memory mem-o-ry
messenger mes-sen-ger	minimum mi-ni-mum	moderate mod-er-ate
monument mon-u-ment	musical mu-si-cal	mystery mys-ter-y

WORDS STARTING WITH N

9 words

narrative nar-ra-tive	narrator nar-ra-tor	natural nat-u-ral
navigate nav-i-gate	negative neg-a-tive	neighborhood neigh-bor-hood
notable no-ta-ble	numerous nu-mer-ous	nutrient nu-tri-ent

WORDS STARTING WITH O

16 words

obsolete ob-so-lete	obvious ob-vi-ous	occupy oc-cu-py
occurrence oc-cur-rence	octopus oc-to-pus	officer of-fi-cer
omelet om-e-let	opera op-er-a	operate op-er-ate
opposite op-po-site	optimist op-ti-mist	orchestra or-ches-tra
ordinance or-di-nance	organize or-gan-ize	overall o-ver-all
overcome o-ver-come		

WORDS STARTING WITH P

24 words

pandemic pan-dem-ic	parachute par-a-chute	paradise par-a-dise
paragraph par-a-graph	paralyze par-a-lyze	passenger pas-sen-ger
patiently pa-tient-ly	pelican pel-i-can	penalty pen-al-ty
penetrate pen-e-trate	perfectly per-fect-ly	photograph pho-tog-raph
pioneer pi-o-neer	politics pol-i-tics	popular pop-u-lar
positive pos-i-tive	potato po-ta-to	powerful pow-er-ful
president pres-i-dent	prettily pret-ti-ly	probably prob-a-bly
productive pro-duc-tive	prominent prom-i-nent	pyramid pyr-a-mid

WORDS STARTING WITH Q

9 words

qualify qual-i-fy	quality qual-i-ty	quandary quan-da-ry
quantify quan-ti-fy	quarantine quar-an-tine	quarterback quar-ter-back

questionnaire ques-tion-naire	quietly qui-et-ly	quotable quo-ta-ble
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WORDS STARTING WITH R

16 words

radical rad-i-cal	radio ra-di-o	rational ra-tion-al
realize re-al-ize	rebellion re-bel-lion	recognize rec-og-nize
referee ref-er-ee	reference ref-er-ence	relative rel-a-tive
remedy rem-e-dy	remember re-mem-ber	reporter re-port-er
represent rep-re-sent	residence res-i-dence	romantic ro-man-tic
ruinous ru-in-ous		

WORDS STARTING WITH S

23 words

sanitize san-i-tize	satisfy sat-is-fy	saturate sat-u-rate
scenery scen-er-y	seminar sem-i-nar	senator sen-a-tor
sensation sen-sa-tion	sensible sen-si-ble	separate sep-a-rate
serious se-ri-ous	similar sim-i-lar	simplify sim-pli-fy
solution sol-u-tion	somebody some-bod-y	specific spe-cif-ic
strategy strat-e-gy	studious stu-di-ous	substantial sub-stan-tial
summarize sum-ma-rize	syllable syl-la-ble	symbolize sym-bol-ize
sympathy sym-pa-thy	syndicate syn-di-cate	

WORDS STARTING WITH T

19 words

talented tal-ent-ed	telegram tel-e-gram	telephone tel-e-phone
temperate tem-per-ate	tenderly ten-der-ly	terminal ter-mi-nal
terrible ter-ri-ble	terrify ter-ri-fy	timidly tim-id-ly
together to-geth-er	tolerate tol-er-ate	tomato to-ma-to
tomorrow to-mor-row	tragedy trag-e-dy	traveling trav-el-ing
treasury treas-ur-y	tropical trop-i-cal	tunneling tun-nel-ing
typical typ-i-cal		

WORDS STARTING WITH U

13 words

ultimate ul-ti-mate	umbrella um-brel-la	underline un-der-line
understand un-der-stand	unequal un-e-qual	unicorn u-ni-corn

unify u-ni-fy	uniform u-ni-form	unity u-ni-ty
universe u-ni-verse	urgency ur-gen-cy	usual u-su-al
utensil u-ten-sil		

WORDS STARTING WITH V

12 words

vacancy va-can-cy	vacation va-ca-tion	valentine val-en-tine
vandalize van-dal-ize	vanity van-i-ty	various var-i-ous
velvety vel-ve-ty	venomous ven-om-ous	vertical ver-ti-cal
vibration vi-bra-tion	victory vic-to-ry	villager vil-lag-er

WORDS STARTING WITH W

11 words

wanderlust wan-der-lust	warranty war-ran-ty	weaponry weap-on-ry
welcoming wel-com-ing	wilderness wil-der-ness	wonderful won-der-ful
wonderland won-der-land	wondering won-der-ing	workable work-a-ble
worrisome wor-ri-some	worshipful wor-ship-ful	

WORDS STARTING WITH X

2 words

xylophone xy-lo-phone	xenophobe xe-no-phobe	
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WORDS STARTING WITH Y

2 words

yesterday yes-ter-day	youthfully youth-ful-ly	
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WORDS STARTING WITH Z

2 words

zealously zeal-ous-ly	zeroing ze-ro-ing	
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Three Syllable Words for Kids

24 words pulled from the main list, picked because kids already know and say them correctly.

animal an-i-mal	banana ba-nan-a	basketball bas-ket-ball
bicycle bi-cy-cle	buffalo buf-fa-lo	burrito bur-ri-to
butterfly but-ter-fly	camera cam-er-a	dinosaur di-no-saur
elephant el-e-phat	family fam-i-ly	gorilla gor-il-la
hamburger ham-bur-ger	holiday hol-i-day	hospital hos-pi-tal
kangaroo kan-ga-roo	ladybug la-dy-bug	octopus oc-to-pus
pelican pel-i-can	potato po-ta-to	pyramid pyr-a-mid
telephone tel-e-phone	tomato to-ma-to	umbrella um-brel-la

Three Syllable Names

Boy names and girl names, each checked at three beats.

BOY NAMES	GIRL NAMES
Muhammad, Ibrahim, Ismail, Sulaiman, Abdullah, Mustafa, Zachary, Gabriel, Mikael, Imtiaz, Hidayat, Zulfiqar	Khadija, Fatima, Amina, Asiya, Hajira, Safiya, Sumaya, Malika, Yasmina, Zulaikha, Naeema, Hanifa

Three Syllable Adjectives

Description words that carry three beats without feeling heavy in a sentence.

beautiful beau-ti-ful	colorful col-or-ful	confident con-fi-dent
curious cu-ri-ous	dangerous dan-ger-ous	delicate del-i-cate
fortunate for-tu-nate	generous gen-er-ous	genuine gen-u-ine
glorious glo-ri-ous	marvelous mar-vel-ous	natural nat-u-ral
popular pop-u-lar	positive pos-i-tive	powerful pow-er-ful
wonderful won-der-ful		

Words by Ending

Grouped by how the word closes out its third beat.

Ending in Y

family fam-i-ly	memory mem-o-ry	mystery mys-ter-y
energy en-er-gy	harmony har-mo-ny	holiday hol-i-day
honesty hon-es-ty	century cen-tu-ry	gallery gal-ler-y
industry in-dus-try	legacy leg-a-cy	luxury lux-u-ry
majesty maj-es-ty	melody mel-o-dy	strategy strat-e-gy
victory vic-to-ry	quality qual-i-ty	tragedy trag-e-dy

Ending in ING

amazing a-maz-ing	traveling trav-el-ing	tunneling tun-nel-ing
welcoming wel-com-ing	wondering won-der-ing	zeroing ze-ro-ing

Three Syllable Words with Vowel Teams

Two vowel letters in the same syllable spelling one sound, like the oo in afternoon or the ay in holiday.

afternoon af-ter-noon	kangaroo kan-ga-roo	guarantee guar-an-tee
pioneer pi-o-neer	holiday hol-i-day	yesterday yes-ter-day
heavenly heav-en-ly	treasury treas-ur-y	applesauce ap-ple-sauce
dinosaur di-no-saur	barbecue bar-be-cue	blueberry blue-ber-ry
beautiful beau-ti-ful	container con-tain-er	

Three Syllable Word Stress Patterns

Every three syllable word stresses one of its three beats. Here are all three shapes.

Stress on the First Syllable (the Dactyl)

butterfly but-ter-fly	elephant el-e-phant	hospital hos-pi-tal
yesterday yes-ter-day	animal an-i-mal	holiday hol-i-day
telephone tel-e-phone	pyramid pyr-a-mid	wonderful won-der-ful
happiness hap-pi-ness	dinosaur di-no-saur	octopus oc-to-pus
beautiful beau-ti-ful	camera cam-er-a	president pres-i-dent
typical typ-i-cal		

Stress on the Second Syllable (the Amphibrach)

together to-geth-er	banana ba-nan-a	umbrella um-brel-la
potato po-ta-to	tomato to-ma-to	computer com-pu-ter
agenda a-gen-da	gorilla gor-il-la	vacation va-ca-tion
horizon ho-ri-zon	remember re-mem-ber	discover dis-cov-er
important im-por-tant	apartment a-part-ment	

Stress on the Third Syllable (the Anapest)

kangaroo kan-ga-roo	understand un-der-stand	afternoon af-ter-noon
guarantee guar-an-tee	referee ref-er-ee	pioneer pi-o-neer
jamboree jam-bo-ree	jubilee ju-bi-lee	overcome o-ver-come
questionnaire ques-tion-naire		