

BNC 1190 WORDS (SPOKEN & WRITTEN 1000)

a

a bit

able

about

above

absolutely

accept

access

according to

account

across

act

action

activities

activity

actual

actually

add

added

advice

after

afternoon

again

against

age

ago

agree

agreed

agreement

ah

aha

ain't

air

a little

all

allow

allowed

almost

along

a lot

already

alright

also

although

always
am
among
amount
an
analysis
and
and so on
announced
another
answer
any
anybody
anyone
anything
anyway
anywhere
appear
appeared
approach
appropriate
are
area
areas
aren't
arms
army
around
art
as
as if
ask
asked
asking
association
as well
as well as
at
at all
at least
attention
authorities
authority
available
award
aware

away
away from
awful
aye
baby
back
bad
bag
ball
bank
based
bases
basic
basically
basis
be
became
because
because of
become
bed
been
before
began
behaviour
behind
being
believe
best
bet
better
between
beyond
big
birthday
bit
bits
black
blood
bloody
blue
board
body
book
books
both

bottom
bought
box
boy
boys
bring
brought
budget
building
built
bus
business
but
buy
by
bye
C
call
called
came
can
can't
cannot
capital
car
card
care
carried
carry
cars
case
cases
central
centre
century
certain
certainly
chair
chairman
chance
change
changed
changes
chapter
child
children

choice
church
circumstances
city
class
clear
clearly
close
club
coffee
cold
colour
come
comes
coming
commission
committee
common
community
companies
company
completely
computer
concerned
conditions
consider
considered
continue
continued
contract
control
corner
cos
cost
costs
could
couldn't
council
councillor
countries
country
county
couple
course
court
cup

current
cut
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daddy
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date
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deal
dear
death
decided
decision
defence
definitely
degree
department
described
design
designed
despite
details
developed
development
did
didn't
died
difference
different
difficult
dinner
direct
director
district
do
doctor
does
doesn't
dog
doing
don't
done
door
down

Dr
dunno
during
each
each other
earlier
early
east
easy
eat
economic
economy
education
effect
effective
effects
eh
eight
eighteen
eighty
either
eleven
else
employment
end
energy
enough
ensure
environment
er
erm
especially
established
even
evening
event
events
ever
every
everybody
everyone
everything
evidence
exactly
example
expect

expected
experience
extra
eyes
F
face
fact
fair
fairly
family
far
father
feel
feet
fell
felt
few
field
fifteen
fifty
figure
figures
final
finally
financial
find
fine
finish
finished
fire
first
fish
five
floor
followed
following
follows
food
foot
football
for
force
forces
foreign
for example
forget

form
former
forty
forward
found
four
fourteen
free
friend
friends
from
front
fucking
full
funny
further
future
g
game
garden
gave
general
generally
get
gets
getting
girl
girls
give
given
gives
giving
go
God
goes
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gone
gonna
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got
government
great
greater
green
ground

group
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growth
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half
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history
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immediately
important
in
include
included
including
income
indeed
individual
industrial
industry
information
in order
instead of
interest
interested
interesting

interests
in terms of
international
into
investment
involved
is
isn't
issue
issues
it
it's
its
itself
job
jobs
July
June
just
K
keep
kept
kids
kind
king
knew
know
knowledge
known
knows
I
labour
lady
land
language
large
last
late
later
law
learn
leave
led
left
legal
less

let
let's
letter
level
levels
life
light
like
likely
line
lines
list
listen
little
live
lived
local
long
look
looked
looking
looks
lord
loss
lost
lot
lots
love
lovely
low
lower
m
machine
made
main
major
make
makes
making
man
management
manager
many
March
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material

matter
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maybe
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member
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middle
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miles
military
million
mind
mine
minister
minus
minute
minutes
mm
model
modern
moment
money
month
months
more
more than
morning
most
mother
motion
move
moved
movement
moving
Mr
Mrs
much

mum
mummy
music
must
my
myself
name
national
natural
nature
near
nearly
necessary
need
needed
needs
never
new
news
next
nice
night
nine
nineteen
ninety
no
nobody
nor
normal
normally
north
not
nothing
now
number
numbers
n°
o
o'clock
obviously
odd
of
of course
off
offered
office

officer
officers
often
oh
oil
okay
old
on
once
one
ones
only
on to
onto
ooh
open
opened
operation
or
order
original
other
others
otherwise
ought
our
out
out of
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over
over there
own
p.
page
paid
paper
pardon
parents
park
part
particular
particularly
parties
parts
party
passed

past
patients
pay
paying
people
per
percent
per cent
performance
perhaps
period
person
personal
phone
pick
picture
piece
place
places
plan
planning
play
played
playing
please
plus
point
points
police
policy
political
poor
popular
population
position
possible
possibly
pound
pounds
power
practice
present
president
press
pressure
pretty

previous
price
prices
prime
private
probably
problem
problems
process
produce
produced
product
production
products
professional
programme
project
property
provide
provided
public
published
put
putting
quality
quarter
question
questions
quick
quickly
quid
quite
radio
range
rate
rates
rather
rather than
reached
read
ready
real
really
reason
reasons
received

recent
recently
reckon
record
red
region
relations
relationship
remember
report
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required
research
resources
response
rest
result
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role
room
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royal
rules
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sales
same
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save
saw
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saying
says
scheme
school
schools
science
sea

season
second
Secretary
section
security
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seem
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sell
send
sense
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series
serious
service
services
set
settlement
seven
seventy
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shall
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shop
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should
shouldn't
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showed
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shut
side
significant
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simple
simply
since
single
sir

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sitting
situation
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sixty
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small
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society
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so that
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sounds
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space
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special
specific
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staff
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start
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stay
still
stood
stop

story
straight
street
strong
structure
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studies
study
stuff
stupid
style
subject
success
successful
such
such as
suddenly
suggest
suggested
summer
sun
support
suppose
supposed
sure
system
systems
table
take
taken
takes
taking
talk
talking
tape
tax
tea
teachers
team
technology
television
tell
telling
ten
term
terms

terrible
test
than
thank
thanks
that
the
their
them
themselves
then
theory
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therefore
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they'd
they'll
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think
thinking
third
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though
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thousand
three
through
throughout
thus
till
time
times
title
to
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together
told
tomorrow
tonight

too
took
top
total
totally
towards
town
trade
traditional
traffic
training
treatment
tried
trouble
try
trying
turn
turned
twelve
twenty
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type
under
understand
union
unit
united
university
unless
until
up
upon
up to
us
use
used
using
usually
value
various
very
view
village
voice
wait
walk

wall
wanna
want
wanted
wants
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wasn't
watch
water
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wear
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weekend
weeks
well
went
were
weren't
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what's
whatever
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where
whether
which
while
white
who
who's
whole
whom
whose
why
wide
wife
will
window

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with
within
without
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won't
wonder
word
words
work
worked
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working
works
world
worry
worth
would
wouldn't
write
written
wrong
ya
yeah
year
years
yep
yes
yesterday
yet
yo
you
you'd
you'll
you're
you've
young
your
yours
yourself

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NOTA BENE

Apart from **ain't**, **can't**, **let's** and **won't** the contracted forms are an extrapolation from the presence of the forms

n't

'll

'd

'm

's

're

've

in the frequency listings

All proper names are deleted from this list, even **Christmas** and **Jesus** .

There are 29 compound words in the list, namely

a bit • according to • a little • a lot • and so on • as if • as well • as well as • at all • at least • away from • because of • each other • for example • in order • instead of • in terms of • more than • o'clock • of course • on to • out of • over there • per cent • rather than • sort of • so that • such as • up to