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Note: The following is a first list of just some of the words that can easily be learned using TPR. It is exemplary, not comprehensive, and can be used as a start to make of list of 1,000 or even 2,000 words.

A few the words are culture/county specific but you can replace them with things from where you are.

General Body Movements

1. stand up
2. sit down
3. walk
4. stop
5. turn left
6. turn right
7. turn around
8. walk backwards
9. jump
10. hop
11. bend over
12. squat
13. walk 3 steps, 5 steps, etc.
14. face ___ (face me; face the wall, face the door, etc.)
15. lift up your right leg (left leg, right arm, etc.)
16. lower your leg (left leg, right arm, etc.)
17. shake my hand
18. kiss me (on the cheek!)
19. make a fist
20. clap your hands
21. snap your fingers
22. wave

facial things

23. smile
24. cough
25. laugh
26. cry

27. sneeze
28. open your mouth
29. close your mouth
30. stick out your tongue
31. put your tongue back in
32. wink
33. blink
34. wiggle your nose

General verbs you can use with objects

35. where is
36. touch
37. show me
38. pick up
39. put down
40. put it back (return)
41. drop
42. move
43. give me (give him)
44. take it back
45. throw
46. catch
47. turn over (flip)
48. put the _____ on (under etc.) the _____
49. push
50. pull
51. lift

kitchen table stuff

52. cup
53. plate
54. bowl
55. knife
56. fork
57. spoon
58. napkin / tissue
59. dish
60. big round serving tray
61. tray you'd serve tea or coffee on
62. table
63. chair

kitchen stuff

- 64. pan
- 65. oven
- 66. stove
- 67. sink
- 68. faucet
- 69. counter
- 70. cupboard
- 71. refrigerator

basic foods

- 72. flour
- 73. sugar
- 74. bread
- 75. tea leaves
- 76. coffee grounds
- 77. rice
- 78. nuts
- 79. yogurt
- 80. candy, etc.

drinks

- 81. water
- 82. milk
- 83. juice
- 84. soda
- 85. yogurt (drinking)
- 86. coffee
- 87. tea

fruits/vegetables

- 88. apple
- 89. banana
- 90. orange
- 91. plum
- 92. grapes
- 93. fig
- 94. dates
- 95. raisins
- 96. lemon
- 97. pomegranate
- 98. watermelon
- 99. tomato

100. cucumber
101. zucchini
102. onion
103. carrot
104. eggplant
105. small eggplant
106. potato
107. garlic
108. parsley
109. lettuce
110. grape leaves
111. celery
112. mint
113. cabbage, etc.

numbers (by using pens, for example)

114. one
115. two
116. three
117. four
118. five
119. six
120. seven
121. eight
122. nine
123. ten
124. eleven, etc.

words having to do with a door

125. door
126. key
127. doorknob
128. hinge
129. peephole
130. doorbell
131. open the door
132. close the door
133. lock the door
134. unlock the door
135. look through the peephole
136. ring the doorbell
137. knock on the door

words having to do with money

- 138. coin
- 139. bill
- 140. 1 qirsh coin
- 141. 5 qirsh coin
- 142. 10 qirsh coin
- 143. 25 qirsh coin
- 144. 50 qirsh coin
- 145. 1 dinar coin
- 146. 1 dinar bill
- 147. 5 dinar bill
- 148. 10 dinar bill
- 149. 20 dinar bill
- 150. pay me 35 qirsh, etc.
- 151. put 1 dinar in your pocket, etc.
- 152. give me change for this 1 dinar bill

words having to do with a cassette recorder/radio/etc.

- 153. cassette recorder
- 154. button
- 155. microphone
- 156. speaker
- 157. headphones
- 158. volume control
- 159. DC adapter jack
- 160. DC adapter
- 161. handle
- 162. front
- 163. back
- 164. side
- 165. battery cover
- 166. battery
- 167. play button
- 168. record button
- 169. rewind button
- 170. fast forward button
- 171. pause button
- 172. cassette
- 173. put the cassette in the player
- 174. take the cassette out of the player
- 175. turn the cassette over (i.e., take it out, turn it over, and put it back in)
- 176. push play (start the tape)

177. turn up the volume
178. turn down the volume
179. push stop (stop the tape)
180. push the pause button
181. rewind the tape
182. fast forward the tape
183. record ___ onto the tape
184. turn on the radio
185. turn off the radio
186. change the station
187. find some music
188. find some talking
189. change the band (e.g., from AM to FM)
190. change it back

words that have to do with a book

191. book
192. title
193. author
194. cover
195. table of contents
196. index
197. chapter
198. page
199. page number
200. section
201. paragraph
202. sentence
203. period
204. comma
205. quotation mark
206. open the book
207. close the book
208. turn to page number _____
209. turn the page
210. turn forward 5 pages
211. turn back a page
212. turn back three pages

Things you'll see outside in a city (you and your tutor will have to go outside for this list, but it's nice to have a change every once in a while anyway)

- 213. car
- 214. truck
- 215. motorcycle
- 216. bicycle
- 217. bus
- 218. pedestrian (walker)
- 219. policeman
- 220. office building
- 221. restaurant
- 222. house
- 223. apartment building
- 224. grocery store
- 225. vegetable/fruit store
- 226. butcher's shop
- 227. bakery
- 228. gas station

words having to do with a car

- 229. car
- 230. door
- 231. front seat
- 232. back seat
- 233. driver's seat
- 234. passenger seat
- 235. steering wheel
- 236. seat belt
- 237. break pedal
- 238. gas pedal
- 239. clutch pedal
- 240. speedometer
- 241. gas gauge
- 242. gear shift
- 243. emergency break
- 244. ignition switch
- 245. horn
- 246. hood
- 247. headlight
- 248. fender
- 249. license plate
- 250. engine
- 251. trunk
- 252. tire

- 253. fender
- 254. exhaust pipe
- 255. turn signal switch
- 256. light switch
- 257. put on/take off your seatbelt
- 258. turn on the car
- 259. turn off the car
- 260. drive forward
- 261. go in reverse
- 262. turn right
- 263. turn left
- 264. do a U-turn
- 265. turn on your left turn signal
- 266. turn on your right turn signal
- 267. use the horn
- 268. stop
- 269. speed up
- 270. slow down
- 271. turn on/off the headlights
- 272. turn on/off the highbeams
- 273. turn on/off the inside light
- 274. wind down the window
- 275. wind up the window
- 276. lock the door (from the inside)
- 277. lock the door (from the outside)
- 278. driver's license
- 279.

prepositions

- 280. on
- 281. in
- 282. under
- 283. above
- 284. beside / next to
- 285. in front of
- 286. behind
- 287. to the left of
- 288. to the right of

living room

- 289. sofa
- 290. chair

- 291. pillow
- 292. coffee table
- 293. rug
- 294. carpet
- 295. cushion
- 296. window
- 297. curtain
- 298. lamp
- 299. ceiling light
- 300. light switch
- 301. electrical plug
- 302. phone plug
- 303. telephone
- 304. telephone cord
- 305. television
- 306. bookcase

bedroom

- 307. bed
- 308. sheet
- 309. pillow
- 310. blanket
- 311. dresser
- 312. closet
- 313. coat hanger
- 314. mirror

bathroom

- 315. toilet
- 316. bathtub
- 317. toilet paper
- 318. sink
- 319. towel
- 320. shower curtain
- 321. toothbrush
- 322. toothpaste
- 323. comb
- 324. plunger
- 325. shampoo
- 326. deodorant

basic adjectives

- 327. big
- 328. small
- 329. medium (of three, for example)
- 330. long
- 331. short
- 332. new
- 333. old
- 334. thick
- 335. thin

colors

- 336. color (the word for color)
- 337. white
- 338. black
- 339. red
- 340. orange
- 341. yellow
- 342. green
- 343. blue
- 344. purple
- 345. pink
- 346. brown
- 347. gray

shapes

- 348. square
- 349. rectangle
- 350. triangle
- 351. circle
- 352. oval
- 353. pentagon
- 354. hexagon
- 355. cube
- 356. box (rectangular solid)
- 357. sphere

things you can do with a pen

- 358. cap
- 359. take off the cap
- 360. put the cap back on
- 361. write
- 362. sign your name
- 363. draw a line, circle, square, etc.

basic adverbs

- 364. quickly
- 365. slowly
- 366. carefully

voice things

- 367. speak
- 368. sing
- 369. hum
- 370. whisper
- 371. shout/yell
- 372. stop speaking (singing, humming, etc.)

household items

- 373. light bulb
- 374. hammer
- 375. screwdriver
- 376. screw
- 377. wrench
- 378. pliers
- 379. broom
- 380. mop
- 381. dustpan
- 382. sweep the floor
- 383. mop the floor
- 384. trash can
- 385. trash bag
- 386. washing machine
- 387. dryer
- 388. iron
- 389. ironing board
- 390. clothes pin

clothing

- 391. shirt
- 392. pants
- 393. shoe
- 394. shoes
- 395. coat
- 396. underwear
- 397. sock
- 398. socks
- 399. watch

- 400. sweater
- 401. hat
- 402. belt
- 403. dress shirt
- 404. tie
- 405. dress
- 406. skirt
- 407. blouse

parts of the body

- 408. hair
- 409. forehead
- 410. eyebrow
- 411. eyelash
- 412. eye
- 413. ear
- 414. cheek
- 415. nose
- 416. lip/lips
- 417. mouth
- 418. moustache
- 419. beard
- 420. chin
- 421. throat
- 422. tooth / teeth
- 423. tongue
- 424. chest
- 425. back
- 426. shoulder
- 427. belly
- 428. arm
- 429. leg
- 430. thigh
- 431. shin
- 432. hand
- 433. finger
- 434. fingers
- 435. thumb
- 436. knuckle
- 437. fingernail
- 438. elbow
- 439. knee

- 440. foot
- 441. ankle
- 442. toe / toes

office

- 443. office
- 444. desk
- 445. computer
- 446. keyboard
- 447. monitor
- 448. printer
- 449. mouse
- 450. printer cable
- 451. voltage regular
- 452. power cord
- 453. disk drive
- 454. floppy disk
- 455. paper
- 456. modem
- 457. fax machine
- 458. scanner
- 459. shredder

words having to do with a wall calendar

- 460. today
- 461. yesterday
- 462. tomorrow
- 463. the day before yesterday
- 464. the day after tomorrow
- 465. week
- 466. this week
- 467. last week
- 468. next week
- 469. Sunday
- 470. Monday
- 471. Tuesday
- 472. Wednesday
- 473. Thursday
- 474. Friday
- 475. Saturday
- 476. month (this month, last month, next month)
- 477. next Thursday

478. last Monday

479. a week from Wednesday

480. holiday

with a clock

481. clock

482. 1:00

483. 2:00

484. 3:00

485. 4:00

486. 5:00

487. 6:00

488. 7:00

489. 8:00

490. 9:00

491. 10:00

492. 11:00

493. 12:00

494. 1:15

495. 2:30

496. 3:45

497. 4:20

498. 9:40

499. 8:55

500. 8:05

501. AM

502. PM