

150 Common Words

Pitman's New Era Shorthand

Long Live Pitman's Shorthand!

The list is an approximation of the 200 commonest words, with all the short forms removed, and derivatives, similar words and some phrases added in, bringing the total to 772 entries.

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The 150 headwords plus the 70 most-used short forms cover approximately 80% of everyday speech. These 70 short forms are shown separately at the end of the list.

The blue headwords are ordered according to the first stroke. Phrases are unvocalised except where necessary and advisable. Basic contractions are indicated but derivatives that are part-contraction or part-short form are not marked as such.

The words are given as real text on the end pages to enable searching.

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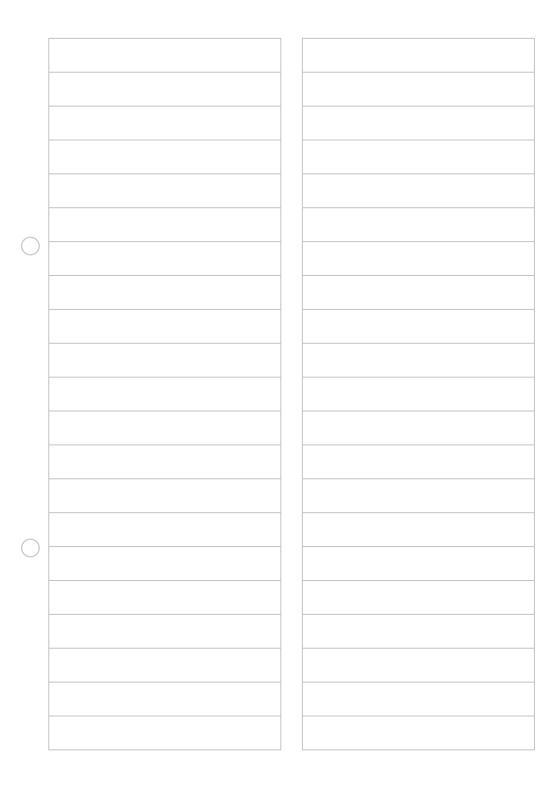
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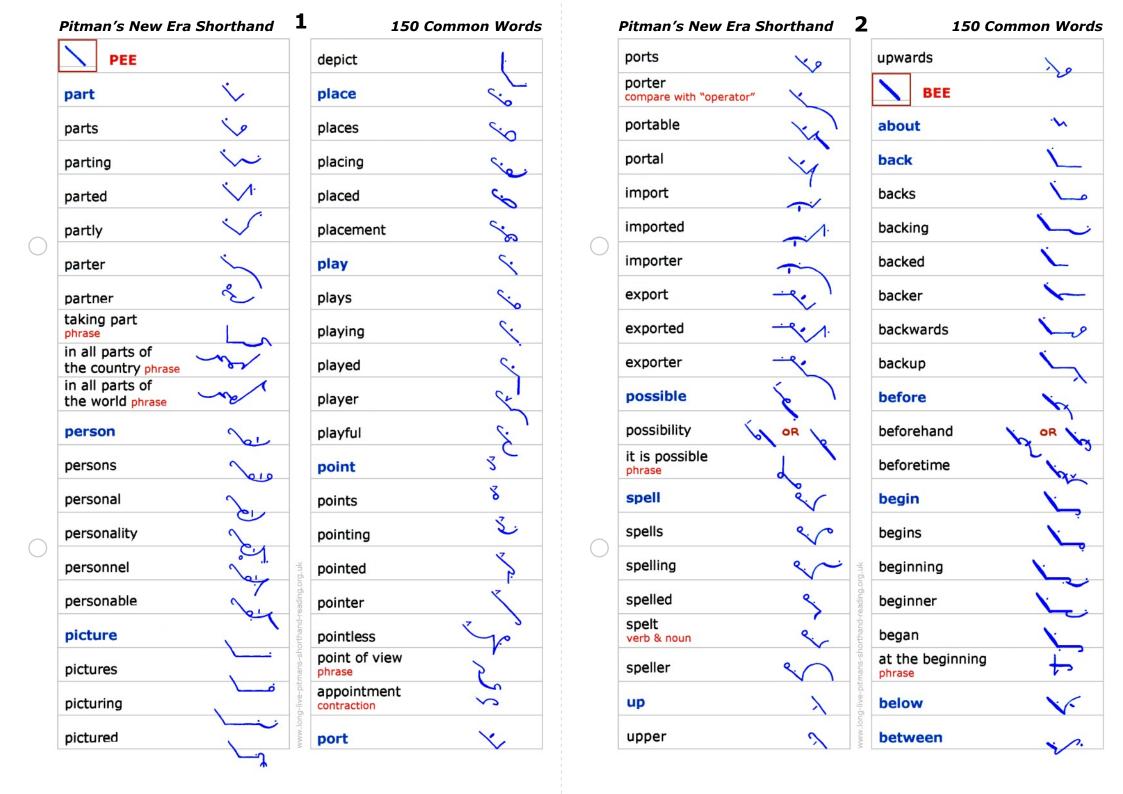
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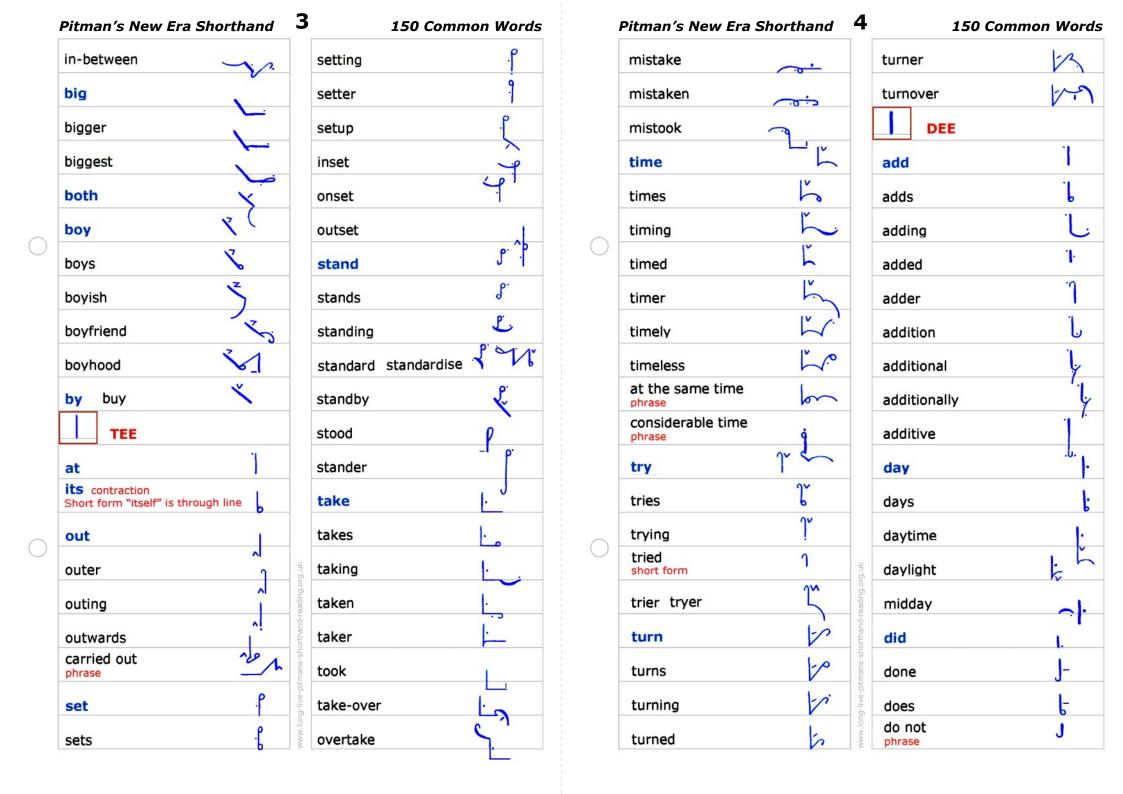
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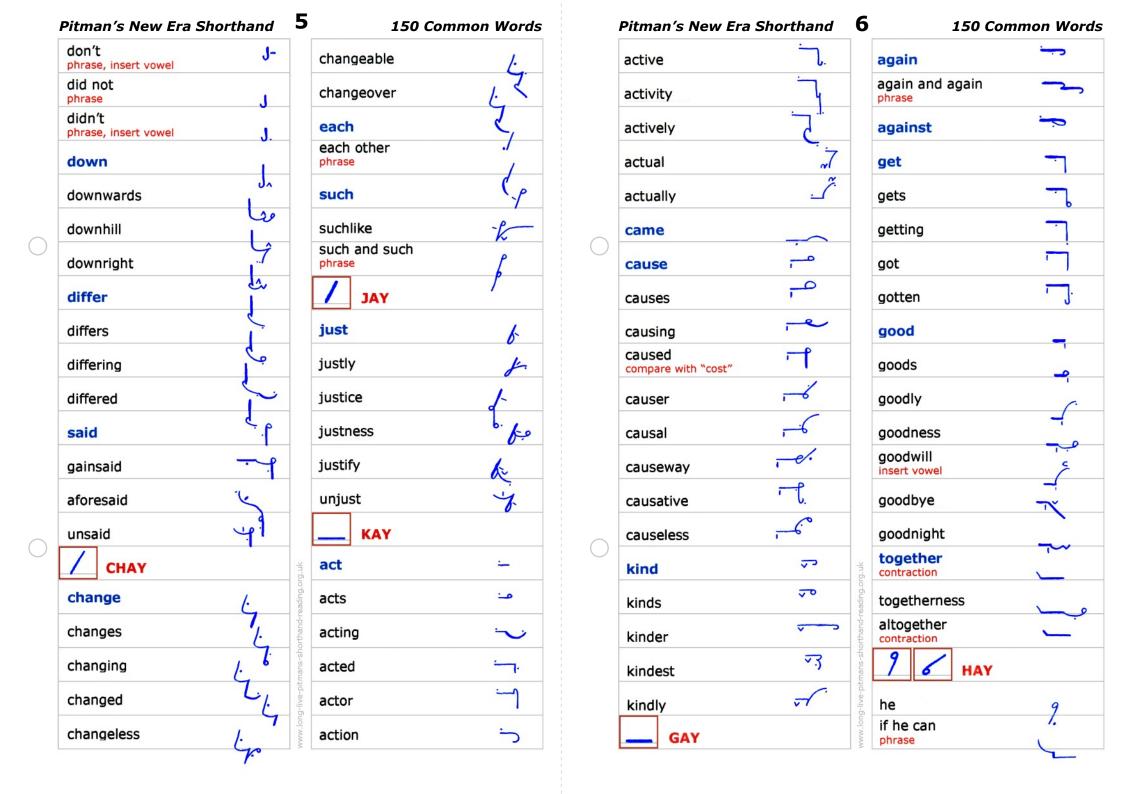
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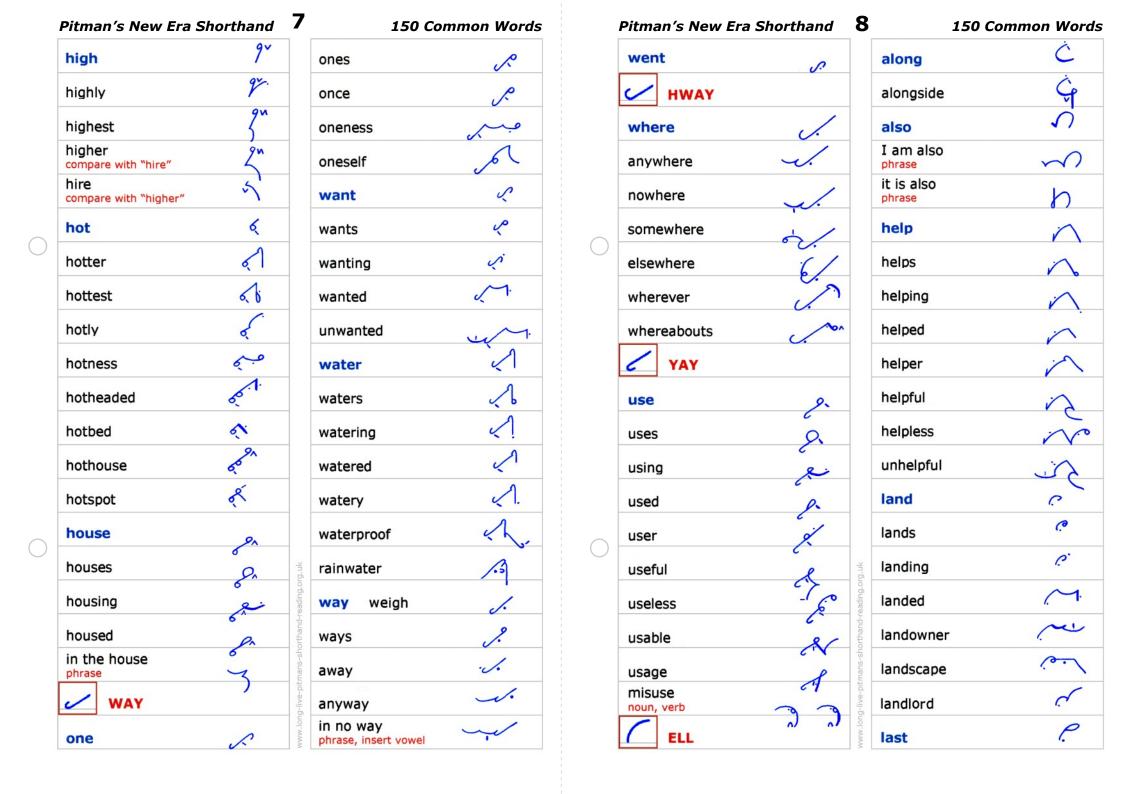
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	lowering "to let down"	
	lowering louring "gloomy, menacing"	
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rightly	1
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right-hand	<i>~</i>
right-handed	<i> ← 1</i>
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rounding	Pin
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rounders	
roundly	1
roundabout	2
roundhouse	<u></u>
round-table	- Â.
round-up	R
world	À
worlds	16

worldwide	×
worldly	7
in the world phrase	
all over the world phrase	
write	1
writes	1
writing compare with "righting"	~
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follower	
form	5
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forming	5
formed	
formerly	C.
former (earlier)	C
former (one who forms)	< ,

application form phrase	Le
we have formed phrase	1
if	
off	-(-
offhand	1
offchance	7.
take off phrase	
write off phrase	$\langle \lambda \rangle$
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even	
evens	Ç
evenly	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
evenness	<u> </u>
evening	بې ا
uneven	بنب
every	<u>C</u>
everything contraction	C
everyone	Co
everywhere	<u>\</u>
ITH	<u> </u>
thought	C

seen

scene

more than

phrase

phrase, insert vowel

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mean

means

meaning

meant mend

known unknown knowable knew knowhow knowledge contraction knowledgeable name names naming named namely unnamed nation nations national nationalisation international nationwide never contraction nevertheless contraction

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any

year

me

give

our

under

very

much

great

think

too

put

large

why

near

build

building

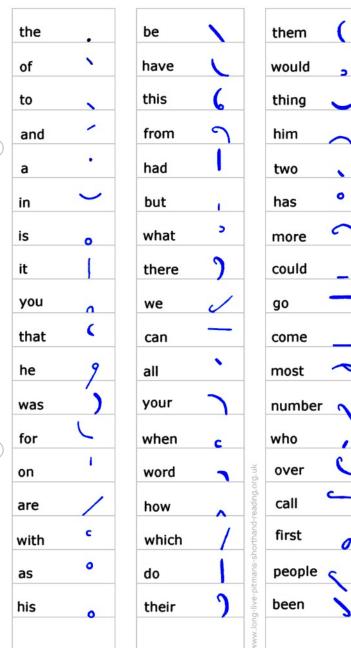
nevermore contraction new gnu news newly newer newest compare with short form "next" newcomer newspaper no nohow not it will not phrase 0 we have not phrase now nowadays only only been phrase it is only/it has only phrase we have only been phrase since

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end ends 9 ending ended endless compare with "needless" knead kneed need needs 9. needing needed needless compare with "endless" sound sounds sounding sounded soundly soundless unsound ues **VOWEL SIGN** V I am, I will phrase I would, I consider phrase

The 70 short forms that occur in the 200 common words list, in frequency order:



Pitman's New Era Shorthand **STROKE PEE** it is possible part spell parts spells parting spelling parted spelled partly spelt (verb & noun) parter speller partner up taking part upper in all parts of upwards in all parts of the world about person STROKE BEE persons back personal backs personality backing personnel backed personable backer picture backwards pictures backup picturing before pictured beforehand depict beforetime place begin places begins placing beginning beginner

placed placement began play at the beginning plays below playing between played in-between player big playful bigger point biggest points both pointing boy pointed boys pointer bovish

boyfriend

boyhood

STROKE TEE

its (contraction)

Short form "itself" is through

by buy

at

line

out

set

sets

settina

setter

outer

outing

outwards

carried out

pointless point of view appointment (contraction) port ports porter (compare with "operator")

portable portal import imported importer export exported exporter possible possibility

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setup inset onset outset stand stands standing standard standardise standby stood stander take takes taking taken taker took take-over overtake mistake mistaken mistook time times timing timed timer timely

timeless

at the same time considerable time

try tries trying tried (short form) trier tryer turn turns

turning turned turner turnover

STROKE DEE add adds adding added adder addition additional additionally additive day days

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davtime daylight midday did done does do not don't (insert vowel) did not didn't (insert vowel) down downwards downhill downright kindest differ differs differing differed said gainsaid aforesaid unsaid STROKE CHAY

change

changes changing changed changeless changeable changeover each

each other such suchlike such and such **STROKE JAY**

iust iustly justice iustness justify unjust

came

STROKE KAY act acts acting acted actor action active activity actively actual actually

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cause causes causing caused (compare with "cost") causer causal causeway causative causeless kind kinds kinder

kindly **STROKE GAY** again

again and again against

get gets getting got gotten

good goods goodly goodness

goodwill (insert vowel) goodbye

goodnight

together (contraction)

togetherness

altogether (contraction) STROKE HAY

he

if he can

high highly hiahest higher (compare with "hire")

hire (compare with "higher")

hot hotter hottest hotly hotness hotheaded hotbed hothouse

hotspot

house

houses

housing housed in the house STROKE WAY

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one ones once oneness oneself want wants wanting wanted

unwanted water waters watering watered watery waterproof rainwater way weigh ways

away anyway in no way (insert vowel)

went

STROKE WHAY

where anywhere nowhere somewhere elsewhere wherever whereabouts

STROKE YAY

use uses using used user useful useless usable

usage misuse (noun, verb)

STROKE ELL along

alongside also I am also it is also help helps helping

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lines

linina

lined

liner

linear

lineal

little

littleness

belittle

long

longs

longing

longed

longer

look

looks

looking

looked

looker

onlooker

outlook

lookout

low

lows

lowing

lowly

lowest

lowered

menacing")

lower

self

still

old

older

oldest

oldish

oldness

stilled

stillness

STROKE LD

old-fashioned

selves

selfless

selflessly

selflessness

self-respect

self-control

self-confidence

lowed load lode

lowering ("to let down")

lowering louring ("gloomy,

longest

belittled

helped helper helpful helpless unhelpful land lands landing landed landowner landscape landlord

lasts
lasting
lastlingly
lasted
lastly
last week
last year
leave

last

leaves leaving leaver left left-hand left-handed

life lifelike

lifeless lives

lights lighting lighter

lighter lightest lighted lightly

lighten lightening (verb, compare with "lightning")

lightness

lightning (noun, compare with "lightening")

lighthouse

like
likes
liking
liked
likely
unlikely
liken lichen
likened

likeness I would like

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STROKE WEL

well
wells
welled
unwell
welcome
welcomer
welcomed
welcoming
well-known

as well as possible

very well
will
wills
willing
willingly
willed
wilful
wilfully
you will

STROKE WHEL

while
whilst
whiling
meanwhile
awhile

we will

STROKE AR air heir ere

airs airing aired airy airline

around turnaround

or

one or two two or three

her
hers
herself
here
herewith
hereabouts
were

were not weren't (insert vowel)

you were they were they were not

work works working worked

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rework
STROKE RAY
read

reads reading

worker

read (past tense) red reader

readable unreadable real really reality

realism
realistic
realise
realisation
unreal
unrealistic
right rite

riahts

righting (compare with

"writing")
righted
rightful
rightly
right-angle
right-hand
right-handed

rounds rounding rounded roundest

rounders roundly roundabout roundhouse round-table

round-table round-up world worlds worldwide worldly

in the world all over the world

write writes

writing (compare with

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"righting")
written
wrote rote
STROKE EFF

after afters afterwards father fathers fathering fathered

fathered fatherly fatherhood fatherland

fatherl **few** fewer

fewer fewest fewness find finds finding finder found founder

follows following followed

follower form forms forming formed formerly

former ("earlier")
former ("one who forms")

application form we have formed

if
off
offhand
offchance
take off
write off

STROKE VEE

even evens evenly evenness evening uneven every

everything (contraction) everyone

everywhere STROKE ITH thought thoughts thoughtful

thoughtfully thoughtless 150 Common Words
three
thrice
threesome

three
thrice
threesome
threefold
through
throughout
through-put
STROKE THEE

other others otherwise any other way no other way in other words

on the other hand than more than better than then

thence there and then

these

for these (insert vowel) for those (insert vowel)

they

STROKE ESS

ask asks asking asked say

say says saying see sea sees seeing

seeing saw seen scene

unseen
so sew
so-so

us for us with us to us

STROKE ISH

she show shows showing showed shown STROKE EM

home homes

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homework homeless home-made

at home (insert vowel)

make makes making maker makeup

man men manly manhood

mankind

woman (singular above line) women (plural on line)

many
manifold
may
maybe
mayhap
mean
means
meaning
meant mend
meanness
meantime

might mite mighty mightily almighty mother mothers mothered mothering move

moves
moving
moved
mover
movable
movement
remove
unmoved
must
mustn't
my
mine

my own (insert vowel)
same

sameness seem seam seems

seems seeming seemed seemly some sum somebody

some sum somebody somehow someone something

sometime (contraction)

somewhat
somewhere
small
smaller
smallest
smallness
STROKE MD

made maid handmade manmade self-made

animal animals another one another

interest (contraction)

interests interesting interested self-interest

self-interest
into
know
knows
knowing
knowingly
known
unknown
knowable
knew

knowhow knowledge (contraction)

knowledgeable
name
names
naming
named
namely
unnamed
nation
nations
national
nationalisation

international

nationwide
never (contraction)
nevertheless (contraction)
nevermore (contraction)

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new gnu
news
newly
newer
newest (compare with short

newest (compare with short form "next")

newcomer newspaper **no** nohow

not it will not we have not

now nowadays only only been

it is only/it has only we have only been

since

STROKE ND

end ends ending ended

endless (compare with

"needless")

need kneed knead

needs needing needed needless

(compare with "endless")

sound sounds sounding sounded soundly soundless unsound VOWEL SIGN

I am I will I would I consider

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much we great can all think your too when put word large why how near which build do

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