



Pitman's New Era Shorthand

SF = short forms or short form derivatives
Con = contractions (never vocalised)

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Based on Basic English 850-word list,
with additional derivatives
SF = Short Form Con = Contraction




















a an (SF)	.
able	⋈
about	⋈
account	⋈
acid	⋈
across	⋈
act	⋈
addition, -al	⋈
adjustment	⋈
advertise -d -ment (Con)	⋈
after	⋈
again	⋈
against	⋈
agreement	⋈
air	⋈
all (SF)	⋈
altogether, although (Con)	⋈
almost (SF)	⋈
among, -st	⋈





















amount	⋈
amusement	⋈
amazement	⋈
and (SF)	⋈
angle, angular	⋈
angry	⋈
animal	⋈
answer	⋈
ant	⋈
any, -thing (SF)	⋈
apparatus	⋈
apple	⋈
approval	⋈
arch	⋈
argument	⋈
arm	⋈
army	⋈
art	⋈
as (SF)	⋈
at	⋈
attack	⋈




















attempt	⋈
attention	⋈
PHRASE: your attention	⋈
attraction	⋈
authority	⋈
PHRASE: local authority	⋈
automatic, -ally	⋈
awake	⋈
baby	⋈
back	⋈
bad	⋈
bag	⋈
balance, -d (SF)	⋈
ball	⋈
band	⋈
base	⋈
basin	⋈
basket	⋈
bath	⋈
be, to be (SF)	⋈
beautiful	⋈





















because (SF)	⋈
bed	⋈
bee	⋈
before	⋈
behaviour	⋈
belief -ve -ved (SF)	⋈
bell	⋈
bent	⋈
berry	⋈
between	⋈
bird	⋈
birth	⋈
bit	⋈
bite	⋈
bitter	⋈
black	⋈
blade	⋈
blood	⋈
blow	⋈
blue	⋈

board	
boat	
body	
boiling	
bone	
book	
boot	
bottle	
box	
boy	
brain	
brake	
branch	
brass	
bread	
breath	
brick	
bridge	
bright	
broken	













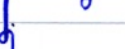







brother	
brown	
brush	
bucket	
build building (SF)	
bulb	
burn	
burst	
business PHRASE: local business	
but, but the (SF)	
butter	
button	
by	
cake	
camera	
canvas	
card	
care, -d (SF)	
carriage	


cart	
cat	
cause	
certain	
chain	
chalk	
chance	
change	
cheap	
cheese	
chemical	
chest	
chief, -ly	
chin	
church	
circle, circular	
clean	
clear	
clock	
cloth	




















cloud	
coal	
coat	
cold (SF)	
collar	
colour/color	
comb	
come, coming (SF)	
comfort, -able	
committee	
common	
company PHRASE: at the company	
comparison	
competition	
complete	
complex	
condition, -al	
connection	
conscious	

control	
cook	
copper	
copy	
cord	
cork	
cotton	
cough	
country	
cover	
cow	
crack	
credit	
crime, -inal	
cruel	
crush	
cry	
cup	
current	
curtain	


















curve, -d	
cushion	
cut	
damage	
danger, -ous (Con)	
dark	
daughter	
day	
dead	
dear, -est (SF)	
death	
debt	
decision	
deep	
degree	
delicate	
dependent	
design	
desire	
destruction (Con)	

detail	
development (Con)	
different -ce, differently (SF)	
digestion	
direction	
dirty	
discover, -y	
discussion	
disease	
disgust	
distance	
distribution	
division	
do, doing (SF)	
dog	
door	
doubt, -s	
down	
drain	
drawer	




















dress	
drink	
driving	
drop	
dry	
dust	
ear	
early	
earth	
east	
edge	
education	
effect	
egg	
elastic	
electric (Con)	
electrical, electricity (Con)	
end, -less	
engine	
enough	

equal -ly, -ed (SF)	
error	
even	
event	
ever	
every, -thing (Con)	
example	
exchange -d (Con)	
existence	
expansion	
experience	
expert	
eye, eyes, eyeing	
face	
fact	
fall	
false	
family	
far PHRASE: so far	

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farm	
fat	
father	
fear	
feather	
feeble	
feeling	
female	
fertile, fertility	
fiction	
field	
fight	
finger	
fire	
first (SF), firsthand, firstly	
fish	
fixed	
flag	
flame	
flat	

first 

flight	
floor	
flower	
fly	
fold	
food	
foolish	
foot	
for (SF)	
force	
fork	
form PHRASE: application form	
forward	
fowl	
frame	
free	
frequent	
friend	
from (SF)	

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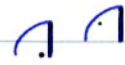
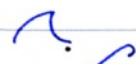



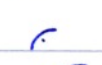



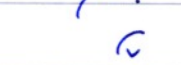









front	
fruit	
full	
future	
garden	
general -ly, generalisation (SF)	
get	
girl	
give -n, giving (SF)	
glass	
glove	
go, going (SF)	
goat	
gold, golden (SF)	
good	
govern, -ment (Con) PHRASE: government official	
grain	
grass great, -er, greatest (SF)	
green	

grey/gray	
grip	
group	
growth	
guide	
gun	
hair	
hammer	
hand (SF)	
hanging	
happy	
harbour/harbor	
hard	
harmony	
hat	
hate	
have, having (SF)	
he	
PHRASE: for he can	
head	

healthy	
hearing	
heart	
heat	
help	
here	
high	
history	
hole	
hollow	
hook	
hope	
horn	
horse	
hospital	
hour, hourly (SF)	
house	
how, -ever (SF)	
humour/humor	
I, I am	

ice, iced	
idea	
if	
ill	
important -ce (SF)	
impulse	
in (SF)	
increase	
industry	
ink	
insect	
instrument	
insurance (Con)	
PHRASE: life insurance	
interest (Con)	
invention	
iron	
island	
jelly	
jewel	

join	
journey	
judge	
jump	
keep	
kettle	
key	
kick	
kind	
kiss	
knee	
knife	
knot	
knowledge, knowledgeable (Con)	
land	
language (SF)	
last	
late	
laugh	
law	

lead led	
leaf	
learning	
leather	
left	
leg	
let	
letter	
level	
library	
lift	
light	
like	
limit	
line	
linen	
lip	
liquid	
list	
little	

living	
lock	
long	
look	
loose	
loss	
loud	
love	
low	
machine	
make	
male	
man	
manager	
map	
mark	
<i>PHRASE:</i> <i>trade mark</i>	
market	
married	
mass	

match	
material	
may	
meal	
measure	
meat	
medical, medicine	
meeting	
memory	
metal	
middle	
military	
milk	
mind	
mine	
minute	
mist	
mixed	
money	
monkey	












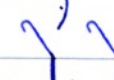








month	
<i>PHRASE:</i> <i>in the month</i>	
moon	
morning	
<i>PHRASE:</i> <i>this morning</i>	
mother	
motion	
mountain	
mouth	
move	
much (SF)	
<i>PHRASE:</i> <i>so much</i>	
muscle	
music	
nail	
name	
narrow	
nation, -al	
<i>PHRASE:</i> <i>national affairs</i>	
natural	
near, -ly (SF)	









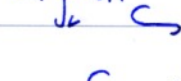











necessary, un-	
neck	
need, -less	
needle	
nerve	
net	
new	
news	
night, -s	
no	
noise	
normal	
north	
nose	
not	
note	
now	
number -ed, numbering (SF)	
nut	
observe, observation	







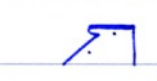













of (SF)	
off	
offer	
office	
oil	
old	
on, on the (SF)	
only	
open	
operation	
opinion (SF)	
opposite	
or	
orange	
order PHRASE: in order to, in order that	
organise, organisation (Con)	
ornament	
other	
out	





















oven	
over (SF) own, -er, -ership (SF)	
page	
pain	
paint	
paper	
parallel	
parcel	
part PHRASE: in all parts	
past	
paste	
payment	
peace	
pen	
pencil	
person	
personal, personnel	
physical	

picture	
pig	
pin	
pipe	
place	
plane	
plant	
plate	
play	
please	
pleasure, -able (SF)	
plough/plow, -ed	
pocket	
point	
poison	
polish	
political	
poor	
porter	
position	

possible	
PHRASE: it is possible	
pot	
potato	
powder, -s	
power	
present	
price	
print	
prison	
private	
probable -ly -ility (Con)	
process	
produce, -tion, -tive (Con)	
profit	
property	
prose	
protest	
public -sh -shed (Con)	
publication, publisher (Con)	

pull	
pump	
punishment	
purpose	
PHRASE: for this purpose	
push	
put (SF)	
quality	
question	
quick	
quiet	
quite (SF)	
rail	
rain	
range	
rat	
rate	
ray	
reaction	
reading	

ready	
reason	
receipt	
record	
red	
regret	
regular, -ly (Con)	
relation	
religion	
represent -ed (Con)	
representative, representation (Con)	
request	
respect, -ive (Con)	
responsible, -bility	
responsibilities	
rest	
reward, -ed	
rhythm	
rice	
right	

ring	
river	
road	
rod	
roll	
roof	
room	
root	
rough	
round	
rub	
rule	
run	
sad	
safe	
sail	
salt	
same	
sand	
say, said	

scale	
school, -ed (SF)	
science	
scissors	
screw	
sea	
seat	
second	
secret	
secretary	
see, -n	
seed	
seem	
selection	
self	
self-respect, self-confidence	
send, sent (SF)	
sense	
separate (verb, adj)	
serious	

servant	
sex	
shade	
shake	
shame	
sharp	
sheep	
shelf	
ship	
shirt	
shock	
shoe	
short	
shut	
side	
sign	
silk	
silver	
simple	
sister	

size	
skin	
skirt	
sky	
sleep	
slip	
slope	
slow	
small	
smash	
smell	
smile	
smoke	
smooth	
snake	
sneeze	
snow	
so	
soap	
society	

sock	
soft	
solid	
some	
son	
song	
sort	
sound	
soup	
south	
space	
spade	
special -ly (SF)	
sponge	
spoon	
spring	
square	
stage	
stamp	
star	

start	
statement	
station	
stationery, -ary	
steam	
steel	
stem	
step	
stick	
sticky	
stiff	
still	
stitch	
stocking	
stomach	
stone	
stop	
store	
story	
straight	

strange, -r (Con)	
street	
stretch	
strong	
structure	
substance	
such	
sudden, -ly	
sugar	
suggestion, -ted	
summer	
sun	
support	
surprise, -d (SF)	
sweet	
swim	
system, -atic	
table	
tail	
take	

talk	
tall	
taste	
tax, -ation	
teaching	
tendency	
test	
than	
that (SF)	
the (SF)	
PHRASE: in the, at the time	
then	
theory	
there (SF)	
thick	
thin	
thing, nothing (SF)	
this (SF)	
though (SF)	
thought	

thread	
throat	
through	
thumb	
thunder	
ticket	
tight	
till (adverb=until) (SF)	
till (noun & verb)	
time	
PHRASE: for some time	
tin	
tired	
to, two too (SF)	
toe	
together (Con)	
tomorrow	
tongue	
tooth	
top	

touch	
town	
trade (SF)	
train	
transport	
tray	
tree	
trick	
trouble	
trousers	
true, truth (SF)	
turn	
twist	
umbrella	
under (SF)	
unit	
up	
use	
value	
verse	

very (SF)	
vessel	
view	
violent	
voice	
waiting	
walk	
wall	
war	
warm	
wash	
waste	
watch	
water	
wave	
wax	
way	
weather	
week	
weight	

well	
west	
wet	
wheel	
when, -ever (SF)	
where, -ver	
while, whilst	
whip	
whistle	
white	
who, -ever (SF)	
why (SF)	
wide	
will	
PHRASE: you will, you will not	
wind (noun & verb)	
window	
wine	
wing	
winter	

wire	
wise	
with (SF)	
woman, women	
wood	
wool	
word (SF)	
work	
worm	
wound (injury)	
wound (from wind)	
writing	
wrong	
year, -ly (SF)	
yellow	
yes	
yesterday (Con)	
you (SF)	
young, younger, youngster (SF)	

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a	attention	bone
an	your attention	book
able	attraction	boot
about	authority	bottle
account	local authority	box
acid	automatic	boy
across	automatically	brain
act	awake	brake
addition	baby	branch
additional	back	brass
adjustment	bad	bread
advertise	bag	breath
advertise	balance	brick
advertisement	balanced	bridge
after	ball	bright
again	band	broken
against	base	brother
agreement	basin	brown
air	basket	brush
all	bath	bucket
altogether	be	build
although	to be	building
almost	beautiful	bulb
among	because	burn
amongst	bed	burst
amount	bee	business
amusement	before	local business
amazement	behaviour	but
and	belief	but the
angle	believe	butter
angular	believed	button
angry	bell	by
animal	bent	cake
answer	berry	camera
ant	between	canvas
any	bird	card
anything	birth	care
apparatus	bit	cared
apple	bite	carriage
approval	bitter	cart
arch	black	cat
argument	blade	cause
arm	blood	certain
army	blow	chain
art	blue	chalk
as	board	chance
at	boat	change
attack	body	cheap
attempt	boiling	cheese

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chemical
chest
chief
chiefly
chin
church
circle
circular
clean
clear
clock
cloth
cloud
coal
coat
cold
collar
colour
color
comb
come
coming
comfort
comfortable
committee
common
company
at the company
comparison
competition
complete
complex
condition
conditional
connection
conscious
control
cook
copper
copy
cord
cork
cotton
cough
country
cover
cow
crack
credit

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crime	dog	fact
criminal	door	fall
cruel	doubt	false
crush	doubts	family
cry	down	far
cup	drain	so far
current	drawer	farm
curtain	dress	fat
curve	drink	father
curved	driving	fear
cushion	drop	feather
cut	dry	feeble
damage	dust	feeling
danger	ear	female
dangerous	early	fertile
dark	earth	fertility
daughter	east	fiction
day	edge	field
dead	education	fight
dear	effect	finger
dearest	egg	fire
death	elastic	first
debt	electric	firsthand
decision	electrical	firstly
deep	electricity	fish
degree	end	fixed
delicate	endless	flag
dependent	engine	flame
design	enough	flat
desire	equal	flight
destruction	equally	floor
detail	equalled/equaled	flower
development	error	fly
different	even	fold
difference	event	food
differently	ever	foolish
digestion	every	foot
direction	everything	for
dirty	example	force
discover	exchange	fork
discovery	exchanged	form
discussion	existence	application form
disease	expansion	forward
disgust	experience	fowl
distance	expert	frame
distribution	eye	free
division	eyes	frequent
do	eyeing	friend
doing	face	from

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front
fruit
full
future
garden
general
generally
generalisation
get
girl
give
given
giving
glass
glove
go
going
goat
gold
golden
good
govern
government
government official
grain
grass
great
greater
greatest
green
grey/gray
grip
group
growth
guide
gun
hair
hammer
hand
hanging
happy
harbour/harbor
hard
harmony
hat
hate
have
having
he

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for he can	judge
head	jump
healthy	keep
hearing	kettle
heart	key
heat	kick
help	kind
here	kiss
high	knee
history	knife
hole	knot
hollow	knowledge
hook	knowledgeable
hope	land
horn	language
horse	last
hospital	late
hour	laugh
hourly	law
house	lead led
how	leaf
however	learning
humour/humor	leather
I	left
I am	leg
ice	let
iced	letter
idea	level
if	library
ill	lift
important	light
importance	like
impulse	limit
in	line
increase	linen
industry	lip
ink	liquid
insect	list
instrument	little
insurance	living
life insurance	lock
interest	long
invention	look
iron	loose
island	loss
jelly	loud
jewel	love
join	low
journey	machine

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make	nation
male	national
man	national affairs
manager	natural
map	near
mark	nearly
trade mark	necessary
market	unnecessary
married	neck
mass	need
match	needless
material	needle
may	nerve
meal	net
measure	new
meat	news
medical	night
medicine	nights
meeting	no
memory	noise
metal	normal
middle	north
military	nose
milk	not
mind	note
mine	now
minute	number
mist	numbered
mixed	numbering
money	nut
monkey	observe
month	observation
in the month	of
moon	off
morning	offer
this morning	office
mother	oil
motion	old
mountain	on
mouth	on the
move	only
much	open
so much	operation
muscle	opinion
music	opposite
nail	or
name	orange
narrow	order
	in order to

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in order that	porter
organise	position
organisation	possible
ornament	it is possible
other	pot
out	potato
oven	powder
over	powders
own	power
owner	present
ownership	price
page	print
pain	prison
paint	private
paper	probable
parallel	probably
parcel	probability
part	process
in all parts	produce
past	production
paste	productive
payment	profit
peace	property
pen	prose
pencil	protest
person	public
personal	publish
personnel	published
physical	publication
picture	publisher
pig	pull
pin	pump
pipe	punishment
place	purpose
plane	for this purpose
plant	push
plate	put
play	quality
please	question
pleasure	quick
pleasurable	quiet
plough/plow	quite
ploughed/plowed	rail
pocket	rain
point	range
poison	rat
polish	rate
political	ray
poor	reaction

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reading	school
ready	schooled
reason	science
receipt	scissors
record	screw
red	sea
regret	seat
regular	second
regularly	secret
relation	secretary
religion	see
represent	seen
represented	seed
representative	seem
representation	selection
request	self
respect	self-respect
respective	self-confidence
responsible	send
responsibility	sent
responsibilities	sense
rest	separate
reward	serious
rewarded	servant
rhythm	sex
rice	shade
right	shake
ring	shame
river	sharp
road	sheep
rod	shelf
roll	ship
roof	shirt
room	shock
root	shoe
rough	short
round	shut
rub	side
rule	sign
run	silk
sad	silver
safe	simple
sail	sister
salt	size
same	skin
sand	skirt
say	sky
said	sleep
scale	slip

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slope	stocking
slow	stomach
small	stone
smash	stop
smell	store
smile	story
smoke	straight
smooth	strange
snake	stranger
sneeze	street
snow	stretch
so	strong
soap	structure
society	substance
sock	such
soft	sudden
solid	suddenly
some	sugar
son	suggestion
song	suggested
sort	summer
sound	sun
soup	support
south	surprise
space	surprised
spade	sweet
special	swim
specially	system
sponge	systematic
spoon	table
spring	tail
square	take
stage	talk
stamp	tall
star	taste
start	tax
statement	taxation
station	teaching
stationery	tendency
stationary	test
steam	than
steel	that
stem	the
step	in the
stick	at the time
sticky	then
stiff	theory
still	there
stitch	thick

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thin	vessel
thing	view
nothing	violent
this	voice
though	waiting
thought	walk
thread	wall
throat	war
through	warm
thumb	wash
thunder	waste
ticket	watch
tight	water
till	wave
time	wax
for some time	way
tin	weather
tired	week
to	weight
two	well
too	west
toe	wet
together	wheel
tomorrow	when
tongue	whenever
tooth	where
top	wherever
touch	while
town	whilst
trade	whip
train	whistle
transport	white
tray	who
tree	whoever
trick	why
trouble	wide
trousers	will
true	you will
truth	you will not
turn	wind
twist	window
umbrella	wine
under	wing
unit	winter
up	wire
use	wise
value	with
verse	woman
very	women

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wood
wool
word
work
worm
wound
writing
wrong
year
yearly
yellow
yes
yesterday
you
young
younger
youngster

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