

This is a list of the 1,000 most commonly spoken Zulu words.

Number	Zulu	in English
1	njengoba	as
2	I	I
3	wakhe	his
4	ukuthi	that
5	yena	he
6	kwaba	was
7	ngoba	for
8	on	on
9	kukhona	are
10	nge	with
11	bona	they
12	kube	be
13	at	at
14	eyodwa	one
15	abe	have
16	le	this
17	kusuka	from
18	by	by
19	esishisayo	hot
20	igama	word
21	kodwana	but
22	lokho	what
23	Kwezinye	some
24	kuyinto	is
25	it	it
26	wena	you
27	noma	or
28	kwadingeka	had
29	lo	the
30	of	of
31	kuya	to
32	futhi	and
33	a	a
34	in	in
35	thina	we
36	okusemandleni	can
37	ukuphuma	out

38	ezinye	other
39	babengamadoda	were
40	okuyinto	which
41	enza	do
42	yabo	their
43	nesikhathi	time
44	uma	if
45	kuthanda	will
46	indlela	how
47	uthe	said
48	an	an
49	ngamunye	each
50	ukutshela	tell
51	enza	does
52	setha	set
53	amathathu	three
54	bafuna	want
55	air	air
56	kahle	well
57	futhi	also
58	udlale	play
59	amancane	small
60	Ukuphela	end
61	abeke	put
62	Ikhaya	home
63	funda	read
64	Isandla	hand
65	echwebeni	port
66	ende	large
67	luzosho	spell
68	ukwengeza	add
69	yebo	even
70	Izwe	land
71	lapha	here
72	kumele	must
73	enkulu	big
74	high	high
75	enjalo	such
76	ukulandela	follow
77	isenzo	act

78	kungani	why
79	cela	ask
80	amadoda	men
81	ushintsho	change
82	waya	went
83	Ukukhanya	light
84	uhlobo	kind
85	off	off
86	badinga	need
87	indlu	house
88	yendaba	picture
89	sizame	try
90	nathi	us
91	futhi	again
92	animal	animal
93	phuzu	point
94	umama	mother
95	umhlaba	world
96	tsini	near
97	ukwakha	build
98	wokuzilimaza	self
99	emhlabeni	earth
100	Ubaba	father
101	yisiphi	any
102	omusha	new
103	Umsebenzi	work
104	okuyingxenye	part
105	kuthathe	take
106	uthole	get
107	indawo	place
108	ezenziwe	made
109	siphile	live
110	lapho	where
111	emva	after
112	back	back
113	kancane	little
114	kodwa	only
115	nxazonke	round
116	man	man
117	ngonyaka	year

118	weza	came
119	bonisa	show
120	njalo	every
121	okuhle	good
122	me	me
123	pha	give
124	ethu	our
125	ngaphansi	under
126	Igama	name
127	kakhulu	very
128	ngokusebenzisa	through
129	nje	just
130	ifomu	form
131	uhlamvu	sentence
132	okukhulu	great
133	acabange	think
134	bathi	say
135	usize	help
136	ongaphakeme	low
137	line	line
138	ihluke	differ
139	baphendukela	turn
140	kwesizathu	cause
141	okuningi	much
142	asho	mean
143	ngaphambi	before
144	ukuthutha	move
145	kwesokudla	right
146	mfana	boy
147	endala	old
148	futhi	too
149	efanayo	same
150	yena	she
151	konke	all
152	khona	there
153	lapho	when
154	up	up
155	ukusetshenziswa	use
156	sakho	your
157	Indlela	way

158	mayelana	about
159	abaningi	many
160	ke	then
161	nabo	them
162	ukubhala	write
163	belungafica	would
164	like	like
165	kanjalo	so
166	la	these
167	wakhe	her
168	eside	long
169	ukwenza	make
170	Into	thing
171	bheka	see
172	naye	him
173	ezimbili	two
174	ine	has
175	bhekani	look
176	ngaphezulu	more
177	Usuku	day
178	okusemandleni	could
179	hamba	go
180	uze	come
181	wenza	did
182	Inombolo	number
183	kuzwakale	sound
184	akukho	no
185	iningi	most
186	Abantu	people
187	yami	my
188	phezu	over
189	bazi	know
190	kwamanzi	water
191	kunalokho	than
192	call	call
193	okokuqala	first
194	ngubani	who
195	may	may
196	phasi	down
197	side	side

198	kwaba	been
199	Manje	now
200	thola	find
201	Ikhanda	head
202	nime	stand
203	siqu	own
204	page	page
205	kufanele	should
206	izwe	country
207	wathola	found
208	Impendulo	answer
209	esikoleni	school
210	ukhule	grow
211	Ukutadisha	study
212	namanje	still
213	ufunde	learn
214	plant	plant
215	embesa	cover
216	ngokudla	food
217	sun	sun
218	ezine	four
219	emkhatsini	between
220	isimo	state
221	qhubeka	keep
222	iso	eye
223	bonaze	never
224	okokugcina	last
225	ake	let
226	bacabanga	thought
227	dolobha	city
228	isihlahla	tree
229	ukuwela	cross
230	ipulazi	farm
231	kanzima	hard
232	isiqalo	start
233	izikhwepha	might
234	Indaba	story
235	okwabonwa	saw
236	le	far
237	ulwandle	sea

238	udwebe	draw
239	kwesokunxele	left
240	sekwephuzile	late
241	sigijime	run
242	ungenzi	don't
243	ngenkathi	while
244	cindezela	press
245	ngokuminyanisa	close
246	ebusuku	night
247	kwangempela	real
248	kuphila	life
249	ambalwa	few
250	enyakatho	north
251	Incwadi	book
252	athwale	carry
253	wathatha	took
254	isayensi	science
255	udle	eat
256	Igumbi	room
257	umngani	friend
258	waqala	began
259	umqondo	idea
260	izinhlanzi	fish
261	ntaba	mountain
262	ima	stop
263	kanye	once
264	isiza	base
265	zwa	hear
266	ihhashi	horse
267	ukusika	cut
268	isiqiniseko	sure
269	qaphela	watch
270	Umbala	color
271	Ubuso	face
272	izinkuni	wood
273	eziyinhloko	main
274	evulekile	open
275	babonakala	seem
276	ndawonye	together
277	olandelayo	next

278	elimhlophe	white
279	izingane	children
280	uqale	begin
281	wavuka	got
282	uhambe	walk
283	Isibonelo	example
284	ekudambiseni	ease
285	ephepheni	paper
286	iqoqo	group
287	njalo	always
288	umculo	music
289	nalabo	those
290	kokubili	both
291	uphawu	mark
292	ngokuvamile	often
293	incwadi	letter
294	kuze	until
295	lwamakhilomitha	mile
296	emfuleni	river
297	Imoto	car
298	izinyawo	feet
299	ukunakekelwa	care
300	kwesibili	second
301	ngokwanele	enough
302	ithafa	plain
303	ntombazane	girl
304	evamile	usual
305	young	young
306	ngomumo	ready
307	ngenhla	above
308	njalo	ever
309	obomvu	red
310	Uhlu	list
311	noma	though
312	bazizwa	feel
313	inkulumo	talk
314	nyoni	bird
315	Ngokushesha	soon
316	Umzimba	body
317	inja	dog

318	umndeni	family
319	ngqo	direct
320	abalona	pose
321	ushiye	leave
322	song	song
323	ukulinganisa	measure
324	Umnyango	door
325	umkhiqizo	product
326	omnyama	black
327	okufutshane	short
328	inani	numeral
329	ikilasi	class
330	ovunguzayo	wind
331	Umbuzo	question
332	kwenzeke	happen
333	kuqedile	complete
334	Umkhumbi	ship
335	indawo	area
336	isigamu	half
337	idwala	rock
338	oda	order
339	umlilo	fire
340	eningizimu	south
341	Inkinga	problem
342	ucezu	piece
343	utshela	told
344	wayazi	knew
345	Kudlula	pass
346	kusukela	since
347	phezulu	top
348	wonke	whole
349	inkosi	king
350	isitaladi	street
351	ngamasentimitha	inch
352	phindaphinda	multiply
353	lutho	nothing
354	inkambo	course
355	uhlale	stay
356	sondo	wheel
357	egcwele	full

358	isicindezelo	force
359	eluhlaza	blue
360	intfo	object
361	unqume	decide
362	ngaphandle	surface
363	ezijulile	deep
364	inyanga	moon
365	esiqhingini	island
366	ngezinyawo	foot
367	uhlelo	system
368	umatasa	busy
369	ukulinga	test
370	amarekhodi	record
371	Isikebhe	boat
372	ezivamile	common
373	igolide	gold
374	kunokwenzeka	possible
375	indiza	plane
376	esikhundleni	stead
377	eyomile	dry
378	bayazibuza	wonder
379	uhleko	laugh
380	abayizinkulungwane	thousand
381	edlule	ago
382	wagijimela	ran
383	hlola	check
384	mdlalo	game
385	uhlobo	shape
386	bathi	equate
387	ashisayo	hot
388	miss	miss
389	baletha	brought
390	ukushisa	heat
391	iqhwa	snow
392	isondo	tire
393	ukuletha	bring
394	Yebo	yes
395	ezikude	distant
396	ukugcwalisa	fill
397	empumalanga	east

398	ukupenda	paint
399	lulwimi	language
400	phakathi	among
401	unit	unit
402	Amandla	power
403	town	town
404	emihle	fine
405	ezithile	certain
406	ijeka manzi	fly
407	awe	fall
408	kuholele	lead
409	khala	cry
410	amnyama	dark
411	umshini	machine
412	inothi	note
413	ulinde	wait
414	hlela	plan
415	ukulinganisa	figure
416	ikhwezi	star
417	ibhokisi	box
418	ibizo	noun
419	ifusi	field
420	ukuphumula	rest
421	lobenele	correct
422	ekwazi	able
423	Ipondo	pound
424	wenziwe	done
425	ubuhle	beauty
426	qhuba	drive
427	wema	stood
428	aqukethe	contain
429	phambili	front
430	sifundise	teach
431	ngesonto	week
432	sokugcina	final
433	wanikela	gave
434	oluhlaza	green
435	Awu	oh
436	okusheshayo	quick
437	ukuthuthukisa	develop

438	ulwandle olukhulu	ocean
439	afudumele	warm
440	khulula	free
441	ngeminithi	minute
442	oqinile	strong
443	ekhethekile	special
444	kwengqondo	mind
445	ngemuva	behind
446	ecacile	clear
447	umsila	tail
448	khiqiza	produce
449	Empeleni	fact
450	isikhala	space
451	wezwa	heard
452	umhlabeleli	best
453	ngehora	hour
454	kangcono	better
455	kuyiqiniso	true
456	ngesikhatsi	during
457	angamakhulu	hundred
458	ezinhlanu	five
459	ukhumbule	remember
460	Isinyathelo	step
461	zakuqala	early
462	ubambe	hold
463	ngasentshonalanga	west
464	emhlabathini	ground
465	Isithakazelo	interest
466	afinyelele	reach
467	bambelela	fast
468	sento	verb
469	sihlabelele	sing
470	ulalele	listen
471	eziyisithupha	six
472	ithebula	table
473	hamba amazwe	travel
474	esingaphansi	less
475	Ekuseni	morning
476	eziyishumi	ten
477	elula	simple

478	eziningana	several
479	unkamisa	vowel
480	bubheke	toward
481	ukulwa	war
482	walala	lay
483	ngokumelene	against
484	iphethini	pattern
485	wephuza	slow
486	isikhungo	center
487	athande	love
488	Umuntu	person
489	imali	money
490	ukukhonza	serve
491	avele	appear
492	umgwaqo	road
493	ibalazwe	map
494	nemvula	rain
495	ukubusa	rule
496	phatha	govern
497	donsa	pull
498	ezibandayo	cold
499	Isaziso	notice
500	ngezwi	voice
501	amandla	energy
502	ukuhlasela	hunt
503	kungenzeka	probable
504	embhedeni	bed
505	umfowabo	brother
506	iqanda	egg
507	gibela	ride
508	iseli	cell
509	bakholwe	believe
510	mhlawumbe	perhaps
511	vuna	pick
512	engazelelwe	sudden
513	ukubala	count
514	igceke	square
515	Isizathu	reason
516	Ubude	length
517	bamele	represent

518	yobuciko	art
519	isihloko	subject
520	isifunda	region
521	Usayizi	size
522	ziyehluka	vary
523	hlela	settle
524	ukhulume	speak
525	isisindo	weight
526	jikelele	general
527	iqhwa	ice
528	udaba	matter
529	jikeleza	circle
530	okubili	pair
531	zihlanganisa	include
532	ahlukanisa	divide
533	uhlamvu	syllable
534	wazizwa	felt
535	omkhulu	grand
536	ngebhola	ball
537	nokho	yet
538	qhweba	wave
539	yokwehlisela	drop
540	Inhliziyo	heart
541	ngiyindlela	am
542	okwamanje	present
543	esindayo	heavy
544	dance	dance
545	injini	engine
546	isikhundla	position
547	ingalo	arm
548	ububanzi	wide
549	useyili	sail
550	material	material
551	ingxenyenamba	fraction
552	ihlathi	forest
553	ahlale	sit
554	uhlanga	race
555	iwindi	window
556	esitolo	store
557	ehlobo	summer

558	isitimela	train
559	sokulala	sleep
560	afakazele	prove
561	oyedwa waba	lone
562	emlenzeni	leg
563	umsebenzi	exercise
564	Udonga	wall
565	bamba	catch
566	khweza	mount
567	ufisa	wish
568	isibhakabhaka	sky
569	ebhodini	board
570	injabulo	joy
571	ubusika	winter
572	Wahlala	sat
573	ebhaliwe	written
574	sasendle	wild
575	instrument	instrument
576	igcinwe	kept
577	ingilazi	glass
578	utshani	grass
579	eyensikazi	cow
580	Umsebenzi	job
581	emaphethelweni	edge
582	isibonakaliso	sign
583	ukuvakasha	visit
584	esidlule	past
585	esithambile	soft
586	kumnandi	fun
587	egqamile	bright
588	negesi	gas
589	sezulu	weather
590	ngenyanga	month
591	isigidi	million
592	athwale	bear
593	sekugcineni	finish
594	ojabulayo	happy
595	Ngethemba	hope
596	mbali	flower
597	wembathise	clothe

598	ongaziwa	strange
599	esehambile	gone
600	ezohwebo	trade
601	Ihubo	melody
602	uhambo	trip
603	Ihhovisi	office
604	thola	receive
605	irowu	row
606	Umlomo	mouth
607	oluqondile	exact
608	uphawu	symbol
609	fa	die
610	okungenani	least
611	enkingeni	trouble
612	memeza	shout
613	kuphela	except
614	wabhala	wrote
615	inzalo	seed
616	umbala	tone
617	ukujoyina	join
618	basikisela	suggest
619	zihlanzekile	clean
620	ukwephuka	break
621	inenekazi	lady
622	egcekeni	yard
623	sukuma	rise
624	okubi	bad
625	igalelo	blow
626	uwoyela	oil
627	negazi	blood
628	uthinte	touch
629	lakhula	grew
630	angu	cent
631	xuba	mix
632	ithimba	team
633	ucingo	wire
634	Izindleko	cost
635	walahlekelwa	lost
636	onsundu	brown
637	bagqoke	wear

638	yensimu	garden
639	alinganayo	equal
640	wathumela	sent
641	akhethe	choose
642	bawa	fell
643	linganisa	fit
644	kopoza	flow
645	ukujabulisa	fair
646	ebhange	bank
647	ukuqoqa	collect
648	ukusindisa	save
649	amandla okuphatha	control
650	zamadesimali	decimal
651	indlebe	ear
652	futhi	else
653	ngempela	quite
654	waphula	broke
655	Icala	case
656	maphakathi	middle
657	babulale	kill
658	indodana	son
659	ichweba	lake
660	mzuzu	moment
661	isikali	scale
662	elikhulu	loud
663	entwasahlobo	spring
664	bona	observe
665	Ingane	child
666	iqonde	straight
667	lehamba	consonant
668	Isizwe	nation
669	isichazamazwi	dictionary
670	ubisi	milk
671	isivinini	speed
672	indlela	method
673	sitho	organ
674	ukhokhe	pay
675	yobudala	age
676	ingxenye	section
677	ingubo	dress

678	ifu	cloud
679	Ngamangala	surprise
680	onokuthula	quiet
681	tshe	stone
682	omncanyana	tiny
683	enyuka	climb
684	abandayo	cool
685	songoza	design
686	abampofu	poor
687	uquqaba	lot
688	lokulinga	experiment
689	ngezansi	bottom
690	isikhiye	key
691	nensimbi	iron
692	ongashadile	single
693	uthi	stick
694	ifulathi	flat
695	amabili	twenty
696	isikhumba	skin
697	emomotheka	smile
698	dile	crease
699	emgodini	hole
700	eqa	jump
701	umntwana	baby
702	eziyisishiyagalombili	eight
703	emzaneni	village
704	hlangana	meet
705	impande	root
706	thenga	buy
707	iphakamisa	raise
708	ukuxazulula	solve
709	sensimbi	metal
710	noma	whether
711	phusha	push
712	eziyisikhombisa	seven
713	indzima	paragraph
714	okwesithathu	third
715	kufanele	shall
716	owawuzoba	held
717	izinwele	hair

718	uchaze	describe
719	umpheki	cook
720	phansi	floor
721	noma	either
722	japan	result
723	bashise	burn
724	igquma	hill
725	ephephile	safe
726	likati	cat
727	leminyaka	century
728	cabangela	consider
729	Uhlobo	type
730	umthetho	law
731	ihhashi	bit
732	ugu	coast
733	Ikhophi	copy
734	isisho	phrase
735	buthule	silent
736	abade	tall
737	isihlabathi	sand
738	Inhlabathi	soil
739	qoqa	roll
740	lokushisa	temperature
741	ngomunwe	finger
742	Imboni	industry
743	azisa	value
744	impi	fight
745	manga	lie
746	bhula	beat
747	ethusa	excite
748	natural	natural
749	buka	view
750	ngomqondo	sense
751	komkhulu	capital
752	ngeke	won't
753	isitulo	chair
754	ingozi	danger
755	izithelo	fruit
756	ocebile	rich
757	aminyene	thick

758	sosha	soldier
759	inqubo	process
760	sebenzisa	operate
761	Umkhuba	practice
762	ahlukene	separate
763	nzima	difficult
764	Udokotela	doctor
765	sicela	please
766	ukuvikela	protect
767	emini	noon
768	isitshalo	crop
769	yesimanje	modern
770	isici	element
771	shaya	hit
772	ofundayo	student
773	ekhoneni	corner
774	inhlangano	party
775	phakela	supply
776	ogama	whose
777	thola	locate
778	nkeneza	ring
779	uhlamvu	character
780	kwezinambuzane	insect
781	babanjwa	caught
782	isikhathi	period
783	khombisa	indicate
784	umsakazo	radio
785	wakhuluma	spoke
786	athomu	atom
787	womuntu	human
788	Umlando	history
789	umphumela	effect
790	electric	electric
791	bheka	expect
792	amathambo	bone
793	ujantshi	rail
794	imagine	imagine
795	ukuhlinzeka	provide
796	uvume	agree
797	Kanjalo	thus

798	mnene	gentle
799	owesifazane	woman
800	ukaputeni	captain
801	ukuqagela	guess
802	kunesidingo	necessary
803	ebukhali	sharp
804	iphiko	wing
805	ukudala	create
806	umakhelwane	neighbor
807	ukuhlamba	wash
808	nelulwane	bat
809	kunalokho	rather
810	Isixuku	crowd
811	ukolweni	corn
812	qhathanisa	compare
813	inkondlo	poem
814	intambo	string
815	insimbi	bell
816	bathembele	depend
817	Inyama	meat
818	deda	rub
819	umbhobho	tube
820	esidumile	famous
921	izindodla zemali	dollar
822	emfudlaneni	stream
823	kwesaba	fear
284	ukubuka	sight
825	mncane	thin
826	calantsatfu	triangle
827	iplanethi	planet
828	shesha	hurry
829	abakhulu	chief
830	koloni	colony
831	washi	clock
832	emayini	mine
833	ukulingana	tie
834	faka	enter
835	ezinkulu	major
836	opholile	fresh
837	cinga	search

838	thumela	send
839	ophuzi	yellow
840	isibhamu	gun
841	uvumele	allow
842	ukubhala	print
843	efile	dead
844	indawo	spot
845	hlamuka	desert
846	izembatho	suit
847	yamanje	current
848	baphakamisa	lift
840	wasukuma	rose
850	finyelela	arrive
851	induna	master
852	ithrekhi	track
853	umzali	parent
854	isisekelo	shore
855	ukuhlukana	division
856	ishidi	sheet
857	isiqa	substance
858	siza	favor
859	xhuma	connect
860	post	post
861	khipha	spend
862	kuzithinta	chord
863	inoni	fat
864	ithokoze	glad
865	sokuqala	original
866	ingxenywe	share
867	esiteshini	station
868	ubaba	dad
869	isinkwa	bread
870	gcwalisa	charge
871	efanele	proper
872	ibha	bar
873	umnikelo	offer
874	ingxenywe	segment
875	nceku	slave
876	idada	duck
877	osheshayo	instant

878	indali	market
879	ibanga	degree
880	populate	populate
881	iphuphu	chick
882	othandekayo	dear
883	isitha	enemy
884	phendula	reply
885	isiphuzo	drink
886	zenzeka	occur
887	ukwesekwa	support
888	Inkulumo	speech
889	isidalo	nature
890	uhla	range
891	umusi	steam
892	ukunyakaza	motion
893	indlela	path
894	uketshezi	liquid
895	ugongolo	log
896	wayesho	meant
897	sekwa	quotient
898	amazinyo	teeth
899	igobolondo le	shell
900	intamo	neck
901	oksijini	oxygen
902	ushukela	sugar
903	Ukufa	death
904	muhle	pretty
905	ikhono	skill
906	abesifazane	women
907	isizini	season
908	isixazululo	solution
909	uzibuthe	magnet
910	zesiliva	silver
911	ngiyabonga	thank
912	Igatsha	branch
913	nomdlalo	match
914	Isijobelelo	suffix
915	ikakhulukazi	especially
916	komkhiwane	fig
917	ngesaba	afraid

918	omkhulu	huge
919	udadewabo	sister
920	zensimbi	steel
921	uxoxe	discuss
922	phambili	forward
923	efanayo	similar
924	umholi	guide
925	isipiliyoni	experience
926	isikolo	score
927	apula	apple
928	uthenge	bought
929	wahola	led
930	iphimbo	pitch
931	isikhumba	coat
932	isonto	mass
933	ikhadi	card
934	ibhande	band
935	ngentambo	rope
936	ukushelela	slip
937	ukuphumelela	win
938	baphuphe	dream
939	ukuhlwa	evening
940	isimo	condition
941	funga	feed
942	Ithuluzi	tool
943	inani	total
944	eziyisisekelo	basic
945	iphunga	smell
946	isigodi	valley
947	noma	nor
948	kabili	double
949	esihlalweni	seat
950	uqhubeke	continue
951	isixa	block
952	ishadi	chart
953	imbenge	hat
954	adayise	sell
955	Impumelelo	success
956	yenkampani	company
957	khipha	subtract

958	umcimbi	event
959	ethile	particular
960	intengo	deal
961	bhukuda	swim
962	ithemu	term
963	obuhlukile	opposite
964	umkakho	wife
965	izicathulo	shoe
966	ehlombe	shoulder
967	ukusabalala	spread
968	ukuhlela	arrange
969	ikamu	camp
970	usungula	invent
971	ukotini	cotton
972	Uzalelwa	born
973	linqume	determine
974	ayilitha	quart
975	eyisishiyagalolunye	nine
976	iloli	truck
977	ngomsindo	noise
978	Izinga	level
979	chance	chance
980	hlangana	gather
981	esitolo	shop
982	elula	stretch
983	aphonse	throw
984	inkazimulo	shine
985	impahla	property
986	ikholomu	column
987	ingqamuzana	molecule
988	ukhethe	select
989	okungalungile	wrong
990	ezimpunga	gray
991	uphinda	repeat
992	adinga	require
993	ebanzi	broad
994	ukulungiselela	prepare
995	usawoti	salt
996	impumulo	nose
997	ubuningi	plural

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Faka isicelo

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