

Word	PoS	FrS	Ra D1	LL	FrW	Ra D2	Word	PoS	FrS	Ra D1	LL	FrW	Ra D2
decide	Verb	169	10 89	- 301	254	90 98	director		41	10 64	- 813	131	90 92
decide		69	10 83	+ 0	67	90 96	directors		16	10 61	- 260	47	88 89
decided		89	10 92	- 338	158	90 97	do	Verb	16621	10 90	+175115	4318	90 94
decides		6	10 91	- 13	9	90 94	d'		70	9 60	+ 1249	10	50 78
deciding		6	10 71	- 132	20	90 94	did		3368	10 87	+ 22872	1210	90 92
decision	NoC	134	10 73	- 664	256	90 92	do		9594	10 90	+126017	2016	90 94
decision		97	10 73	- 402	176	90 91	does		1549	10 94	+ 9615	587	90 96
decisions		37	10 73	- 270	80	90 92	doing		943	10 94	+ 12144	202	90 96
department	NoC	108	10 75	- 789	232	90 86	done		931	10 95	+ 7898	288	90 97
department		91	10 75	- 573	187	90 84	doth		0	1 00	- 14	1	52 87
departments		17	9 73	- 227	45	88 89	du~*		165	10 67	+ 6150	3	33 56
describe	Verb	64	10 77	- 1980	256	90 94	dog	NoC	166	10 76	+ 151	119	90 88
describe		25	10 79	- 104	45	90 94	dog		128	10 75	+ 282	75	90 87
described		26	10 77	- 1725	162	90 93	dogs		38	10 81	- 8	44	89 89
describes		5	8 63	- 278	29	84 93	door	NoC	296	10 83	- 1	302	90 87
describing		9	8 70	- 81	20	90 94	door		255	10 81	+ 0	253	90 86
despite	Prep	22	10 71	- 1846	160	90 96	doors		41	10 89	- 13	49	90 92
detail	NoC	89	10 77	- 621	189	90 94	down	Adv	1472	10 90	+ 4515	772	90 93
detail		45	10 72	- 53	63	90 94	down	Prep	170	10 90	+ 518	90	90 91
details		44	10 82	- 676	126	90 93	draw	Verb	136	10 87	- 459	234	90 98
develop	Verb	80	10 74	- 1573	255	90 93	draw		76	10 86	+ 44	58	90 96
develop		37	10 72	- 407	92	90 93	drawing		170	10 90	+ 76	33	90 96
developed		26	10 78	- 1013	119	90 93	drawn		28	10 81	- 450	81	90 97
developing		15	9 72	- 126	33	90 92	draws		4	10 79	- 68	12	86 93
develops		2	7 66	- 104	11	79 92	drew		10	10 85	- 457	50	90 90
development	NoC	155	10 63	- 1873	401	90 92	during	Prep	152	10 81	- 2833	473	90 95
development		142	9 62	- 1471	345	90 91	E / e	Lett	273	10 86	+ 4380	46	90 90
developments		13	9 62	- 441	56	90 92	each	DetP	243	10 89	- 1947	539	90 95
die	Verb	140	10 92	- 384	230	90 93	early	Adj	135	10 88	- 1973	378	90 95
die		41	10 94	- 34	55	90 93	earlier		27	10 80	- 403	75	90 94
died		79	10 89	- 350	147	90 90	earliest		6	10 83	- 130	20	89 92
dies		6	10 84	- 22	11	88 92	early		103	10 90	- 1442	283	90 95
dying		13	10 79	- 10	17	90 93	easy	Adj	214	10 95	+ 15	196	90 96
difference	NoC	157	10 89	- 75	195	90 93	easier		65	10 93	+ 69	45	90 96
difference		136	10 91	+ 52	111	90 94	easiest		13	10 85	+ 29	7	88 93
differences		20	9 70	- 676	85	90 90	easy		137	10 94	- 3	144	90 96
different	Adj	500	10 91	+ 6	482	90 95	eat	Verb	254	10 71	+ 805	131	90 92
difficult	Adj	202	10 84	- 17	222	90 96	ate		15	9 68	- 4	18	88 88
director	NoC	57	10 66	- 1072	178	90 92	eat		170	10 70	+ 1053	65	90 92
							eaten		18	9 72	+ 1	17	87 92
							eating		41	10 74	+ 42	29	88 92
							eats		9	10 67	+ 61	3	79 91
							economic	Adj	53	10 65	- 2315	257	89 88
							education	NoC	116	10 70	- 1146	277	90 90
							education		115	10 70	- 1148	277	90 90
							educations		0	1 00	+ 0	0	10 68
							effect	NoC	120	10 73	- 2070	361	90 93
							effect		87	10 73	- 1282	244	90 93
							effects		33	10 73	- 801	116	90 92
							eh	Int	211	10 66	+ 5626	14	67 82
							eight	Num	611	10 94	+ 8328	123	90 94
							eight		606	10 94	+ 8237	123	90 94
							eights		5	7 61	+ 101	0	24 75
							eighty	Num	309	10 75	+ 9068	16	88 87
							eighties		13	10 72	+ 25	8	77 84
							eighty		296	10 75	+ 10313	8	87 81
							either	Adv	198	10 96	- 26	222	90 96
							election	NoC	66	10 75	- 766	168	90 78
							election		40	10 80	- 499	104	90 83
							elections		26	8 65	- 267	63	84 66
							else	Adv	475	10 95	+ 2990	178	90 93
							end	NoC	471	10 95	+ 4	457	90 98
							end		455	10 95	+ 18	426	90 98
							ends		16	10 86	- 80	31	90 94
							end	Verb	100	10 93	- 280	164	90 88
							end		61	10 94	+ 6	55	90 96

Frequency of contracted verbs *have* and *be*

The contracted forms of the verbs *BE* and *HAVE* are much more frequent in speech than writing:

	SPEECH	Ratio*	WRITING	Ratio
'm : am	2512 : 252	9.97	443 : 250	1.77
're : are	4255 : 4663	0.91	439 : 4712	0.09
's : is	15818 : 10164	1.56	1729 : 9961	0.17
'd : had	575 : 2835	0.20	284 : 4639	0.06
's : has	1844 : 1598	1.15	119 : 2708	0.04
've : have	4637 : 7488	0.62	440 : 4416	0.10

*The ratio is calculated by dividing the first (contracted) frequency by the second (uncontracted) frequency. A ratio of more than 1.00 indicates that the contracted form is commoner than the full form.

Notice that, for speech, all of the ratios are greater than those for writing and three exceed the 1.00 value—i.e., the contracted form is the commonest. A further ratio comes very close to 1.00.

Interestingly, even in writing, the contracted form 'm is commoner than the uncontracted form *am*.