

Critical Thinking: 25 Words

There are about 170,000 words in the English language, and the average person uses about 20,000 – 30,000 words. The average teenager knows about 3,000 words.

What if you were only able to use 25 words? How would you choose the words? Would you keep articles like the words a or the, or would you choose nouns like car or phone, verbs like run or jump, or adjectives like happy or sad? Working alone or with a partner, decide what words you would choose if you could only use 25 words and write them below.

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