

Most Common Adjectives for Reading (from the BNC)

able	common	environmental	hard
academic	complete	equal	healthy
active	complex	essential	heavy
actual	concerned	excellent	high
additional	conservative	existing	historical
afraid	considerable	expensive	hot
alive	constant	extensive	huge
alone	contemporary	external	human
alternative	conventional	extra	ideal
ancient	corporate	fair	immediate
angry	correct	familiar	important
annual	criminal	famous	impossible
apparent	critical	far	increased
appropriate	crucial	fast	independent
attractive	cultural	federal	individual
available	current	female	industrial
average	daily	final	initial
aware	dangerous	financial	inner
bad	dark	fine	interested
basic	dead	firm	interesting
beautiful	dear	first	internal
big	deep	flat	international
black	democratic	following	joint
bloody	detailed	foreign	keen
blue	different	formal	key
brief	difficult	free	labor
bright	direct	fresh	large
broad	domestic	friendly	last
brown	double	front	late
busy	dramatic	full	leading
capable	dry	fundamental	left
careful	due	funny	legal
central	early	future	liberal
certain	eastern	general	light
cheap	easy	glad	likely
chief	economic	golden	limited
civil	educational	good	little
clean	effective	great	living
clear	efficient	green	local
close	elderly	grey	long
cold	empty	growing	long-term
comfortable	enormous	guilty	lovely
commercial	entire	happy	low

lucky	potential	single	valuable
main	powerful	slight	various
major	practical	slow	vast
male	present	small	very
married	previous	social	vital
massive	primary	soft	voluntary
medical	prime	sorry	warm
mental	prior	southern	weak
middle	private	special	western
military	professional	specific	white
minor	proper	standard	whole
modern	public	strange	wide
moral	quick	strong	wild
narrow	quiet	subsequent	willing
national	rare	substantial	wonderful
natural	ready	successful	working
necessary	real	sudden	wrong
negative	reasonable	sufficient	yellow
new	recent	suitable	young
nice	red	sure	
normal	regional	surprised	
northern	regular	tall	
nuclear	relative	technical	
obvious	relevant	temporary	
odd	religious	terrible	
official	remaining	thick	
old	responsible	thin	
only	rich	tiny	
open	right	tired	
opposite	round	top	
ordinary	royal	total	
original	rural	tough	
other	safe	traditional	
overall	scientific	true	
parliamentary	secondary	typical	
particular	senior	unable	
past	separate	unique	
perfect	serious	united	
permanent	severe	unknown	
personal	sexual	unlikely	
physical	sharp	unusual	
political	short	upper	
poor	significant	urban	
popular	silent	used	
positive	similar	useful	
possible	simple	usual	