

100 most common German verbs

Ranked by how often each word is spoken in films and TV series.

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1	sein	be, exist, belong
2	haben	have, own, get
3	werden	become, will, get
4	können	can, be able to, may
5	wollen	want, will, wish
6	wissen	know, be aware
7	sagen	say, tell, speak
8	gehen	go, walk, leave
9	kommen	come, arrive
10	machen	make, do
11	müssen	must, have to
12	sehen	see, look
13	tun	do, make
14	sollen	should, shall
15	geben	give
16	würden	would
17	lassen	let, leave, have
18	denken	think
19	hören	hear, listen
20	glauben	believe, think
21	finden	find, think
22	leben	live
23	mögen	like, may
24	meinen	mean, think
25	nehmen	take
26	brauchen	need
27	bringen	bring, take
28	warten	wait
29	verstehen	understand
30	bleiben	stay, remain
31	stehen	stand
32	kennen	know, be acquainted with
33	reden	talk, speak
34	helfen	help
35	halten	hold, keep, stop
36	sprechen	speak, talk
37	passieren	happen, occur
38	dürfen	may, be allowed to, can
39	gehören	belong, belong to
40	fragen	ask
41	fahren	drive, go, travel
42	versuchen	try, attempt
43	töten	kill
44	heißen	be called, mean, say
45	essen	eat
46	erzählen	tell, narrate, recount
47	arbeiten	work
48	bekommen	get, receive, obtain
49	holen	fetch, get, pick up
50	sterben	die

51	treffen	meet, hit
52	laufen	run, walk
53	stimmen	be right, vote
54	zeigen	show, point
55	spielen	play
56	vergessen	forget
57	verlieren	lose
58	suchen	search, look for
59	nennen	call, name
60	fühlen	feel
61	schaffen	manage, create
62	ziehen	pull, draw, move
63	lieben	love
64	gefallen	like, please
65	liegen	lie, be located
66	stellen	put, place, ask
67	rufen	call, shout
68	schauen	look, watch
69	setzen	sit, put, set
70	erinnern	remember, remind
71	entschuldigen	excuse, apologize
72	schlafen	sleep
73	kriegen	get, receive, catch
74	verschwinden	disappear, vanish
75	schreiben	write, spell
76	trinken	drink
77	hoffen	hope, expect
78	verlassen	leave, abandon, desert
79	lesen	read
80	bedeuten	mean, signify, matter
81	führen	lead, guide, conduct
82	kümmern	care, worry, concern
83	fallen	fall, drop
84	tragen	wear, carry, bear
85	legen	lay, put, place
86	retten	save, rescue
87	scheinen	seem, appear, shine
88	kaufen	buy
89	lernen	learn, study
90	sitzen	sit
91	umbringen	kill, murder
92	anrufen	call, phone
93	vertrauen	trust
94	reichen	reach, hand, suffice
95	versprechen	promise
96	lachen	laugh
97	erwarten	expect, wait for, anticipate
98	wagen	dare, risk, venture
99	gewinnen	win, gain, earn
100	freuen	be happy, be pleased, look forward