

**The Swadesh List**

<u>Nouns</u>	<u>Nouns</u>	<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Adjectives</u>	<u>Function Words</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
woman	blood	to drink	to rub	big	I	one
man (adult male)	bone	to eat	to wash	long	you (singular)	two
man (human being)	fat (noun)	to bite	to wipe	wide	he	three
child	egg	to suck	to pull	thick	we	four
wife	horn	to spit	to push	heavy	you (plural)	five
husband	tail	to vomit	to throw	small	they	
mother	feather	to blow	to tie	short	this	
father	hair	to breathe	to sew	narrow	that	
animal	head	to laugh	to count	thin	here	
fish	ear	to see	to say	red	there	
bird	eye	to hear	to sing	green	who	
dog	nose	to know	to play	yellow	what	
louse	mouth	to think	to float	white	where	
snake	tooth	to smell	to flow	black	when	
worm	tongue (organ)	to fear	to freeze	warm	how	
tree	finger nail	to sleep	to swell	cold	not	
forest	foot	to live		full	all	
stick	leg	to die		new	many	
fruit	knee	to kill		old	some	
seed	hand	to fight		good	few	
leaf	wing	to hunt		bad	other	
root	belly	to hit		rotten	at	
bark (of a tree)	guts	to cut		dirty	in	
flower	neck	to split		straight	with	
grass	back	to stab		round	and	
rope	breast	to scratch		sharp (as a knife)	if	
skin	heart	to dig		dull (as a knife)	because	
meat	liver	to swim		smooth		
sun	lake	to burn		wet		
moon	sea	to walk		dry		
star	salt	to come		correct		
water	stone	to lie (as in a bed)		near		
rain	sand	to sit		far		
river	dust	to stand				
earth	snow	to turn (intransitive)				
cloud	ice	to fall				

fog	smoke	to give				
sky	fire	to hold				
wind	ash	to squeeze				
road	year					
mountain	right					
night	left					
day	name					