

# Paleolithic Wordlist

- \* -highly subject to cultural perceptions
- ✿ -Pirahã Culture \*\*a modern culture with interesting perceptions, not to be conflated with primitive cultures\*\*
- ^ -Swadesh (207) list
- ❖ -Leipzig-Jakarta List
- ⊕ -Dolgopolsky List
- × -PIE Word List
- ✓ - Proto-Austronesian List

## Pronouns\*

- I × ❖ ⊕ ^/✿
- Me × ❖ ⊕
- You × ❖ ⊕ ^/✿
- formal/informal
  - sing./plural ^/
- We ×/✿
- Including you/us but not you ✓
- They ^/✿
- sing./plural
  - masc./fem./neut.
- It ✿

## Kinship\*

- Parent ×✿
- Sibling ✿
- Elder sibling/younger sibling ✓
  - Elder sibling of same gender/younger sibling of same gender ✓
  - Elder sibling of different gender/younger sibling of different gender
- Brother ×
- Brother of a woman ✓
- Sister ×
- Sister of a man ✓
- Mother ×^/

- Father ×^/
- Sibling of Parent
- masc./fem./neut.
- Cousin
- masc./fem./neut.
- Grandparent ×/
- masc./fem./neut.
- Niece
- Nephew ×
- Husband ^
- Wife ×^

## People \*

- Person ×/
- Man ×^/
- Woman ×^/
- Child ❖ ^/
- Baby
- Elder
- Foreigner
- Stranger (same lang)
- Name ×❖ ⊕ ^

## Color Classes \*

- Black/Dark colors ✓✿
- White/Light colors ✓✿
- then-
- Red colors/Warm colors ✓  
(sometimes inclusive of purples)
- then-
- Green/Cool colors ✓  
(sometimes inclusive of yellows)
- then-
- Blue colors
- and/or-
- Orange/Yellow Colors ✓

## Numbers/Quantifiers\*

- Small quantity ✿
- Large Quantity ✿
- 1
- 2 (pair) ⊕
- 1-10 ×/

## Shapes

- Circle
- Oval/Ellipse
- Square
- Rectangle
- Star ❖
- Cross
- Line
- Triangle

## Sounds

- Crackle
- Boom
- Buzz
- Chomp
- Click
- Creak
- Flutter
- Glug
- Groan
- Pop
- Rattle
- Rustle
- Slurp
- Splash
- Screech
- Squeak
- Swish
- Thump
- Twang
- Woof
- Yelp
- Squawk
- Quack
- Ribbit
- Neigh
- Roar
- Crash
- Puff ✓
- Skid
- Squish
- Squeel

Tools

Handaxe  
 String/rope ^  
 Garment  
 Loincloth  
 Shirt  
 Trousers  
 Shoe/Sandal  
 Hat  
 Glove  
 Dwelling/hut/tent ×❖^/√  
 Land/Roaming space √  
 Doorway  
 Pelt  
 Hearth (homefire) ×  
 Splint  
 Sling  
 Axe  
 Spear  
 Bola  
 Bow √  
 Arrow  
 Pottery √  
 Harpoon  
 Drum  
 Flute  
 Xylophone (stone)  
 Marimba (wood)  
 Bull-roarer  
 Conch  
 Harp  
 Guitar  
 Kalimba (wood)  
 Pigment  
 Dye  
 Potion (medicine)

Ailments

Blind  
 Deaf  
 Birth-mark  
 Scar  
 Scab  
 Scratch  
 Gash  
 Infection  
 To amputate

Cancer/Tumor  
 Mental illness  
 Fracture  
 To bleed  
 To menstruate  
 Dead  
 Sore  
 Ache  
 Swollen/To swell ^  
 Congenital Disorder  
 Acne

Body Parts

Nose ×❖^/√  
 Mouth ❖^/√  
 Lips √  
 Tongue ×❖^/√  
 Blood ×❖^/√  
 Bone ×❖^/√  
 Head ^/√  
 Eye ×❖^/√  
 Jaw/Cheek/Chin ×  
 Ear ×❖^/√  
 Tooth ×❖^/√  
 Knee ×❖^  
 Heart ×^/√  
 Liver ×❖^/√  
 Leg/Foot/Thigh/Calf ×❖^/√  
 Ankle  
 Arm/Hand/Forearm/Biceps×❖^/√  
 Wrist  
 Elbow  
 Finger  
 Flesh/Skin ❖^/√  
 Back ❖^/√  
 Belly ^/√  
 Intestines/Guts ^/√  
 Breast ❖^/√  
 Shoulder √  
 Neck ❖^/√  
 Hair ❖^/√  
 Toe  
 Tear ×  
 Spit  
 Urine  
 Faeces  
 Sperm  
 Navel

Penis  
 Vagina  
 Anus  
 Nostril  
 Eyebrow  
 Fingernail ‡^/√  
 Lung  
 Brain  
 Vein/Artery  
 Eyelid  
 Eyelash  
 Knuckle  
 Joint  
 Forehead ×

Nature

Fire ❖^  
 Water ×❖^/√  
 Root ❖^  
 Rain ❖^  
 Stone/Rock ❖^  
 Wind ×❖^/√  
 Smoke ❖^  
 Sand ❖^  
 Soil/Earth ×❖^  
 Plant √  
 Leaf ❖^  
 Wood ×❖  
 Ash ❖^  
 Shade/Shadow ❖  
 Salt ❖^  
 Star ×^  
 Sky ×^  
 Sun ×^  
 Moon ^  
 Cosmos/Universe  
 Snow ×^  
 Ice ^  
 Light (n.) ×  
 Night ^  
 Day ^  
 Cloud ^  
 Clay  
 Tree ×^/√  
 Origin (base of tree) √  
 Obsidian  
 Fiber  
 Thunder

Nature cont.

Lightning  
 Food  
 Drink  
 Meat ❖ ^  
 Fruit ^/✓  
 Gourd  
 Spice  
 Herb  
 Branch ^/✓  
 Log (chopped tree)  
 Stick (cut branch)  
 Bamboo ✓  
 Flower ^  
 Grass ^/✓  
 Vine ✓  
 Shell  
 Tree Bark ^  
 Poison  
 Venom  
 Sap  
 Oil/Fat ^  
 Honey ×  
 Berry  
 Pine  
 Pinecone  
 Pile/Heap/Stack ✓  
 Boulder  
 Storm  
 Earthquake  
 Tornado  
 Volcano  
 Eruption  
 Mountain ^  
 Hurricane/Monsoon  
 Dust ^/✓  
 Dust Storm  
 Wildfire  
 Cadaver  
 Horn ❖ ^  
 Tail ^  
 Feather ^  
 Wing ^/✓  
 Nut/Seed ^/✓  
 Hole ✓  
 Cliff  
 Cave  
 Path

Hill  
 Valley  
 Delta  
 Desert  
 Plain/Flat area ✓  
 Forest/Woods ^  
 Field ×  
 River ^  
 Sea/Ocean ^  
 Pond/Lake ^  
 Fog ^  
 Steam  
 Dew

Adjectives

Mid/Middle ×  
 Big ×❖ ^  
 Heavy ×^  
 Light (weight) ×  
 Other ×^  
 Old ×❖ ^/✓  
 New ×❖ ^  
 Young ×  
 Naked ×  
 Covered/Dressed ✓  
 Far ❖ ^  
 Near ^  
 Bitter ❖/✓  
 Sweet ❖  
 Ripe ✓  
 Rotten ^  
 Thick ❖ ^  
 Thin ^  
 Long (horizontal) ❖ ^  
 Short (horizontal)^  
 Good ❖x^  
 Bad ^  
 Okay  
 Evil  
 Hard/Firm/Rigid  
 Soft/Malleable/Flexible  
 Wide ❖ ^  
 Small ❖ ^  
 Bright  
 Dark ✓  
 Sharp ^/✓  
 Dull/Blunt ^  
 Broken ✓

Repaired  
 Clean  
 Dirty ^  
 Hungry  
 Thirsty  
 Cold ^  
 Warm ×^/✓  
 Hot  
 Frozen  
 Boiling  
 Enough  
 Rough  
 Smooth ^/✓  
 Slippery ✓  
 Hairy  
 Bare  
 Solid/Dense  
 Brittle  
 Greasy/Oily  
 Tall (vertical)  
 Short (vertical)^  
 Clear ✓  
 Calm ✓  
 Opaque  
 Murky  
 Wet ^  
 Dry ^  
 Humid  
 Sturdy  
 Loose ✓  
 Wobbly  
 Sexy  
 Ugly  
 Cute  
 Dignified  
 Strange  
 Random  
 Organized  
 Round ^  
 Squared  
 Tired  
 Exhausted  
 Weak  
 Strong  
 Straight ^  
 Curved  
 Bent ✓  
 (supposed to be  
 straight but isn't)

Adjectives cont.

Dying

Zenith/High Point ✓

Nadir/Low Point

Exposed/Vulnerable

Full ^

Empty

Verbs

To breathe ×^

To sleep/dream ×^✓

To sweat ×

To eat ×❖^✓

To drink ×❖^

To swallow

To urinate

To defecate

To give birth ×

To grow/age

To grow/increase ×✓

To live ^

To die ×^✓

To cry ❖

To hear ×^

To see/find ×❖^

To look/stare ✓

To search ✓

To know ×❖^✓

To recognize ×

To think ×^✓

To speak/say ×^

To ask ×

To dance

To sing ^

To sneeze

To laugh ❖^

To fart

To do/make ❖

To yell

To cough

To spit ^

To hunt ^

To gather

To spread out ✓

To believe ×

To lie

To construct ×

To swim ^✓

To choose ✓

To fly ❖^✓

To dig ^

To hit/bludgeon ×❖✓

To wash ^✓

To smell ^

To feel ✓

To wipe ^

To count ^

To float ^

To flow ^

To freeze ^

To melt

To boil ✓

To burn (int.) ❖^✓

To rub ^✓

To squeeze ^✓

To pinch ✓

To wrap ✓

To fold ✓

To turn (int.) ^✓

To run

To walk ^✓

To dig

To share

To split ^✓

To crack ✓

To play ^

To stab ^

To fear ^

To vomit ^

To shine

To scrape ✓

To cut ^✓

To go ×❖

To come ×❖^

To return ✓

To stand ×❖^✓

To sit ×^

To lie down ×^

To bite ❖^

To give ×❖^

To hide ❖

To suck ❖^✓

To throw ^

To catch ✓

To carry ×❖✓

To hold ^✓

To take ×❖

To grab ×

To blow ❖^✓

To roll/roll over ✓

To run❖

To fall ❖^✓

To tie ❖^✓

To crush/grind ×❖✓

To be ×

To become ×

To follow ×✓

To convey ×

To abandon ×

To kill ×^

To lead/guide ×

To protect ✓

To obstruct ✓

To fight ^

To cook

To disembowel

To mold/shape

To dye

To paint

To carve

To mix

To have sex

To scratch ^✓

To braid/weave ×

To wear/to clothe ×

To pull ^✓

To push ^

To place/to put ×

Emotions*Happy*

Playful  
 Aroused  
 Cheeky  
 Content  
 Free  
 Joyful  
 Interested  
 Curious  
 Inquisitive  
 Proud  
 Successful  
 Confident  
 Accepted  
 Respected  
 Valued  
 Powerful  
 Courageous  
 Creative  
 Peaceful  
 Loving  
 Thankful  
 Trusting  
 Sensitive  
 Intimate  
 Optimistic  
 Hopeful  
 Inspired

*Disgusted*

Repelled  
 Horrified  
 Hesitant  
 Awful  
 Nauseated  
 Detestable  
 Disappointed  
 Appalled  
 Revolted  
 Disapproving  
 Judgemental  
 Embarrassed

*Sad*

Lonely  
 Isolated  
 Abandoned  
 Vulnerable  
 Victimized  
 Fragile  
 Despair  
 Grief  
 Powerless  
 Guilt ✓  
 Remorseful  
 Ashamed  
 Depressed  
 Inferior  
 Empty  
 Hurt  
 Embarrassed  
 Disappointed

*Angry*

Critical  
 Dismissive  
 Skeptical  
 Distant  
 Numb  
 Withdrawn  
 Frustrated  
 Annoyed  
 Infuriated  
 Aggressive  
 Hostile  
 Provoked

## Mad

Jealous  
 Furious  
 Bitter  
 Violated  
 Indignant  
 Humiliated  
 Ridiculed  
 Disrespected  
 Let Down  
 Resentful  
 Betrayed

*Fearful*

Threatened  
 Nervous  
 Exposed  
 Rejected  
 Excluded  
 Persecuted  
 Weak  
 Worthless  
 Insignificant  
 Insecure  
 Inadequate  
 Inferior  
 Anxious  
 Overwhelmed  
 Worried  
 Scared  
 Helpless  
 Frightened

*Bad*

Bored  
 Indifferent  
 Apathetic  
 Busy  
 Pressured  
 Rushed  
 Stressed  
 Overwhelmed  
 Out of control  
 Tired  
 Sleepy  
 Unfocused

*Surprised*

Startled  
 Shocked  
 Dismayed  
 Confused  
 Disillusioned  
 Perplexed  
 Amazed  
 Astonished  
 Awe  
 Excited  
 Eager  
 Energetic

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