



AS THE WORD TURNS The five words in the center are the oldest of the 200 below and have changed least over time. Those closest to the edge have evolved more quickly, vary more between languages, and tend to be younger.

Rate of Evolution



ADVERBS

VERBS

ADJECTIVES

I two
five who
three

Number of languages now using a similar form of each word

87 80 60 40 20 9

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| English | three |
| Swedish | tre |
| Danish | tre |
| German | drei |
| Italian | tre |
| Spanish | tres |
| Greek | tria |
| Hindi | teen |
| Punjabi | tin |
| Czech | tri |

Examples of "three" in Indo-European languages

