

Word Count, Pages and Reading Time Chart

Approximate pages at 12 pt and reading or speaking time (200 and 130 words a minute)

Words	Single-spaced	Double-spaced	Reading	Speaking
100	about 0.2	about 0.4	1 min	1 min
250	about 0.5	about 0.9	1 min	2 min
500	about 1	about 1.8	3 min	4 min
750	about 1.5	about 2.7	4 min	6 min
1,000	about 2	about 3.6	5 min	8 min
1,500	about 3	about 5.5	8 min	12 min
2,000	about 4	about 7.3	10 min	15 min
2,500	about 5	about 9.1	13 min	19 min
3,000	about 6	about 10.9	15 min	23 min
5,000	about 10	about 18.2	25 min	38 min

Page counts are estimates: font, size, margins and headings all change them. A common rule of thumb is about 500 words per single-spaced page and 250 to 300 words per double-spaced page.

Typical lengths

Tweet-length note: under 50 words. Paragraph: 100 to 200 words. Five-paragraph essay: 500 to 800 words. Blog post: 800 to 2,000 words. Short story: 1,000 to 7,500 words.