

## Icicles

Here in the **Icicles** section of [The RTI Community](#), you will find a monthly "white paper" discussing a wide range of topics. **Icicles** will appear on the first Tuesday of the month.

From empowering word choice, to the history behind the word "**not**", to the most commonly used "**(k)notty words**", to how words can shape the way cultures perceive and think about the world around them.

Enjoy the topics, and I look forward to lively discussions in the forums, and responding to your comments about these topics.

Empowering regards,

[Bob Nicoll](#)

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Enhance Your Dating Experience

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[Words have Power.](#)    Feb 2, 2010    Words have power. They shape people and entire cultures. Language shapes the way cultures perceive and think about the world around them. (From Words Have Power,©1998 Neuro-Linguistic Training Center of San Diego.)    [How many words are there?](#)    Jan 5, 2010    It's common to see figures for vocabulary quoted such as 10,000-12,000 words for a 16-year-old, and 20,000-25,000 for a college graduate. We have a lot more to choose from.    [Facts about the English Language](#)    Dec 1, 2009    Here are some interesting facts about the English language. The "**(k)notty words**" rank fairly high in the list of most commonest words. Check out this **icicle** and see how high that is.