# ELS006: Year 2 Language and Skills Support

## Unit A: Assessed Task

You will need to use the various skills we have covered in Unit A to complete the task.

### **What to do**

**Step 1: Choose a text** that you need to read for your course.

* It must be related to your course and be between 2000 and 10,000 words long.
* It can be: a chapter from a text book (but not a whole book); a journal article; or a webpage from a website provided that it is recommended reading by your department.
* You must be able to copy and paste the text into the Vocabprofiler tool.

**Step 2:** **run a Vocabulary Profile** of the text using the ***Vocabprofiler*** tool (link: <https://www.lextutor.ca/vp/eng/> )

**Step 3: do 1 or 2 screenshots** of the AWL (yellow) and ‘off-list’ (red) words, listed with the number of times they occur (as in the video, and as shown in class). You do not need to do screenshots for all of them, but you should include the words you investigate in Step 4 below.

**Step 4: choose a total of 8 AWL and discipline-specific words** that you wish to know more about. (You can amend your choices later if you need to. It can be any combination, e.g. 3 AWL and 5 red discipline-specific; or 6 AWL and 2 red etc.).

**Step 5: investigate the words** in the ***Lextutor concordance tool*** (link: <https://www.lextutor.ca/conc/eng/> ) and in ***WebCorp*** (link: <http://www.webcorp.org.uk/live/>). (WebCorp will be useful for some discipline-specific words, but you must choose ‘advanced options’ and select ‘UK academic’). **Note down any useful, common patterns which show you how to use them in a sentence.**

**Step 6:** **save screenshots** from the tools in step 5 for **two** of your words.

**Step 7: additional:** checkmeaning in a dictionary if you wish, but remember that the meaning in your subject may be different. Only record the information if it is relevant.

**Step 8:** **write 3 sentences**: for 3 of the 8 words, write your own example academic sentence (such as you might write in an assignment). This must be your own words, not a dictionary or concordance example.

### **Submission – Friday March 18th 24.00 (midnight, China Time). Late submissions will be subject to a penalty.**

The assignment should be submitted via Turnitin as **one Word document**. **You must use the template provided.**

There should be **five parts** to your submission, all on the same document:

**PART 1:** A **full reference** for the text (including web address) and the **word count**. These must be typed.

**PART 2:** **The** **screenshot(s) from step 3**.

**PART 3:** **Your 8 words, and your summary of the information you have found out about them.**

* This must be typed.
* Use notes; do not write in paragraphs.
* If you include any dictionary definitions, you must include a link to the definition as a reference.

**PART 4:** **Your 3 example sentences. Make sure that they are grammatically correct.**

**PART 5:** **The two screenshots from step 6.**