The Academic Word List

The Academic Word List (commonly known as the AWL) consists of vocabulary that students are likely to encounter across all academic fields. It includes the most common 570 words in academic texts, excluding the 2,000 words of West's General Service List. (A sample of words from the General Service List are: *the, in, of, about, under, dog, cat, that, eat, take, door.* English learners who learn and practice the words on this list before they graduate from high school are likely to be able to master academic material with more confidence and speed, wasting less time and effort in guessing words or consulting dictionaries than those who only know the basic 2,000-words, which characterize ordinary conversation. Knowledge of this type of vocabulary is an important factor in achieving high scores on the SAT-I and ACT as well as writing exams such as the SAT-II/Writing, tests which are often prerequisites to entering colleges in the United States.

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~~Analyze~~ ~~Approach~~ ~~Area~~ ~~Assess~~ ~~Assume~~ ~~Authority~~ ~~Available~~	~~Achieve~~ ~~Acquire~~ ~~Administrate~~ ~~Affect~~ ~~Appropriate~~ ~~Aspect~~ ~~Assist~~	~~Alternative~~	~~Access~~ ~~Adequate~~ ~~Annual~~ **Apparent** ~~Approximate~~ ~~Attitude~~ ~~Attribute~~	~~Academy~~ **Adjust** ~~Alter~~ **Amend** ~~Aware~~	~~Abstract~~ ~~Accurate~~ ~~Acknowledge~~ ~~Aggregate~~ ~~Allocate~~ ~~Assign~~ ~~Attach~~ ~~Author~~	~~Adapt~~ ~~Adult~~ ~~Advocate~~ ~~Aid~~	~~Abandon~~ ~~Accompany~~ ~~Accumulate~~ ~~Ambiguous~~ Append Appreciate Arbitrary Automate	Accommodate Analogy Anticipate Assure Attain	Adjacent Albeit Assemble
Benefit					Bond Brief		Bias	Behalf Bulk	
Concept Consist Constitute Context Contract Create	Category Chapter Commission Community Complex Compute Conclude Conduct Consequent Construct Consume Credit Culture	Circumstance Comment Compensate Component Consent Considerable Constant Constrain Contribute Convene Coordinate Core Corporate Correspond Criteria	Civil Code Commit Communicate Concentrate Confer Contrast Cycle	Capacity Challenge Clause Compound Conflict Consult Contact	Capable Cite Cooperate	Channel Chemical Classic Comprehensive Comprise Confirm Contrary Convert couple	Chart Clarify Commodity Complement Conform Contemporary Contradict Crucial Currency	Cease Coherent Coincide Commence Compatible Concurrent Confine Controversy Converse	Collapse Colleague Compile Conceive Convince
Data Define Derive Distribute	Design Distinct	Deduce Demonstrate Document Dominate	Debate Despite Dimension Domestic	Decline Discrete Draft	Discriminate Display Diverse Domain	Decade Definite Deny Differentiate Dispose Dynamic	Denote Detect Deviate Displace Drama	Device Devote Diminish Distort Duration	depress
Economy Environment Establish Estimate Evident Export	Element Equate Evaluate	Emphasis Ensure Exclude	Emerge Error Ethnic	Enable Energy Enforce Entity Equivalent Evolve Expand Expose external	Edit Enhance Estate Exceed Expert Explicit	Eliminate Empirical Equip Extract	Eventual Exhibit Exploit	Erode Ethic	Encounter Enormous

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Factor Finance Formula Function	Feature Final Focus	Framework Fund		Facilitate fundamental	Federal Fee Flexible Furthermore	File Finite Foundation	Fluctuate	Format Founded	Forthcoming
			Goal Grant	Generate generation	Gender	Globe Grade Guarantee	guideline		
			Hence Hypothesis			Hierarchy	Highlight		
Identify Income Indicate Individual Interpret Involve Issue	Impact Injure Institute Invest Item	Illustrate Immigrate Imply Initial Instance Interact	Implement Implicate Impose Integrate Internal Investigate	image	ignorant Incentive Incidence Incorporate Index Inhibit Initiate Input Instruct Intelligence Interval	Identical Ideology Infer Innovate Insert Intervene Isolate	Implicit Induce Inevitable Infrastructure Inspect intense	Inherent Insight Integral Intermediate	Incline Integrity Intrinsic Invoke
	Journal	Justify	Job						
Labour Legal Legislate		Layer Link Locate	Label	Liberal License Logic	Lecture				Levy Likewise
Major Method	Maintain	Maximize Minor	Mechanism	Margin Medical Mental Modify Monitor	Migrate Minimum Ministry Motive	Media Mode	Manipulate Minimize	Manual Mature Mediate Medium Military Minimal Mutual	
	Normal	Negate		Network Notion	Neutral Nevertheless		Nuclear	Norm	Nonetheless Notwithstanding
Occur	Obtain	Outcome	Obvious Occupy Option Output Overall	Objective Orient	Overseas		Offset	Overlap	Odd Ongoing

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Percent Period policy Principle Proceed Process	Participate Perceive Positive Potential Previous Primary Purchase	Partner Philosophy Physical Proportion Publish	Parallel Parameter Phase Predict Principal Prior Professional Project Promote	Perspective Precise Prime Psychology Pursue	Precede Presume	Paradigm Phenomenon Priority Prohibit Publication	Paragraph Plus Practitioner Predominant Prospect	Passive Portion Preliminary Protocol	Panel Persist Pose
						Quote		Qualitative	
Require Research Respond Role	Range Region Regulate Relevant Reside Resource Restrict	React Register rely Remove	Regime Resolve retain	Ratio Reject Revenue	Rational Recover Reveal	Release reverse	Radical Random Reinforce Restore Revise	Refine Relax Restrain Revolution Rigid Route	Reluctance
Section Sector Significant Similar Source Specific Structure	Secure Seek Select Site Strategy Survey	Scheme Sequence Sex Shift Specify Sufficient	Series Statistic Status Stress Subsequent Sum Summary	Stable Style Substitute Sustain symbol	Scope Subsidy	simulate Sole Somewhat Submit Successor survive	Schedule	Scenario Sphere Subordinate Supplement Suspend	So-called Straightforward
Theory	Text Tradition Transfer	Task Technical Technique Technology		target Transit Trend	Tape Trace Transform Transport	thesis Topic transmit	Tense Terminate Theme Thereby	Team Temporary Trigger	
			undertake		Underlie utilize	ultimate Unique	uniform	Unify	Undergo
Vary		Valid volume		Version		Visible voluntary	Vehicle Via Virtual Visual	Violate vision	
			Welfare whereas				widespread		whereby