

Academic word list

These words are needed by students to access and understand academic texts at the highest level

Most commonly found					Least commonly found				
analyse	achieve	alternative	access	academy	abstract	adapt	abandon	accommodate	adjacent
approach	acquire	circumstance	adequate	adjust	accurate	adult	accompany	analogy	albeit
area	administrate	comment	annual	alter	acknowledge	advocate	accumulate	anticipate	assemble
assess	affect	compensate	apparent	amend	aggregate	aid	ambiguous	assure	collapse
assume	appropriate	component	approximate	aware	allocate	channel	append	attain	colleague
authority	aspect	consent	attitude	capacity	assign	chemical	appreciate	behalf	compile
available	assist	considerable	attribute	challenge	attach	classic	arbitrary	bulk	conceive
benefit	category	constant	civil	clause	author	comprehensive	automate	cease	convince
concept	chapter	constrain	code	compound	bond	comprise	bias	coherent	depress
consist	commission	contribute	commit	conflict	brief	confirm	chart	coincide	encounter
constitute	community	convene	communicate	consult	capable	contrary	clarify	commence	enormous
context	complex	coordinate	concentrate	contact	cite	convert	commodity	compatible	forthcoming
contract	compute	core	confer	decline	cooperate	couple	complement	concurrent	incline
create	conclude	corporate	contrast	discrete	discriminate	decade	conform	confine	integrity
data	conduct	correspond	cycle	draft	display	definite	contemporary	controversy	intrinsic
define	consequent	criteria	debate	enable	diverse	deny	contradict	converse	invoke
derive	construct	deduce	despite	energy	domain	differentiate	crucial	device	levy
distribute	consume	demonstrate	dimension	enforce	edit	dispose	currency	devote	likewise
economy	credit	document	domestic	entity	enhance	dynamic	denote	diminish	nonetheless
formula	culture	dominate	emerge	fundamental	furthermore	eliminate	detect	distort	notwithstanding
function	design	emphasis	goal	generate	gender	empirical	deviate	duration	odd
identify	distinct	ensure	grant	generation	ignorance	foundation	displace	format	ongoing
income	element	framework	hence	image	incentive	globe	drama	found	panel
indicate	impact	fund	hypothesis	liberal	incidence	grade	guideline	inherent	persist
individual	injure	illustrate	implicate	licence	incorporate	guarantee	highlight	insight	pose
interpret	institute	immigrate	impose	logic	index	hierarchy	implicit	integral	reluctance
involve	invest	imply	integrate	margin	inhibit	identical	induce	intermediate	so-called
issue	item	initial	internal	medical	initiate	ideology	inevitable	manual	straightforward
labour	journal	instance	investigate	mental	input	infer	infrastructure	mature	undergo
legal	maintain	interact	job	modify	instruct	innovate	inspect	mediate	whereby
legislate	normal	justify	label	monitor	intelligence	insert	intense	medium	
major	obtain	layer	mechanism	network	interval	intervene	manipulate	military	
method	participate	link	obvious	notion	lecture	isolate	minimise	minimal	
occur	perceive	locate	occupy	objective	migrate	media	nuclear	mutual	
per cent	positive	maximise	option	orient	minimum	mode	offset	norm	
period	potential	minor	output	perspective	ministry	paradigm	paragraph	overlap	
policy	previous	negate	overall	precise	motive	phenomenon	plus	passive	
require	purchase	outcome	parallel	psychology	neutral	prohibit	practitioner	portion	
research	range	partner	parameter	pursue	nevertheless	publication	predominant	preliminary	
respond	region	philosophy	phase	ratio	overseas	quote	prospect	protocol	
role	regulate	physical	predict	reject	precede	release	radical	qualitative	
section	relevant	proportion	professional	revenue	presume	reverse	random	refine	
sector	reside	publish	project	stable	rational	simulate	reinforce	relax	
significant	resource	react	promote	style	recover	sole	restore	restrain	
similar	restrict	register	regime	substitute	reveal	somewhat	revise	revolution	
source	secure	rely	resolve	sustain	scope	submit	schedule	rigid	
specific	seek	remove	retain	symbol	subsidy	successor	terminate	route	
structure	select	scheme	series	target	tape	survive	theme	scenario	
theory	site	sequence	statistic	transit	trace	thesis	thereby	sphere	
vary	strategy	sex	status	trend	transform	topic	uniform	subordinate	
	survey	shift	stress	version	transport	transmit	vehicle	supplement	
	text	specify	sum	welfare	underlie	ultimate	via	suspend	
	tradition	sufficient	summary	whereas	utilise	unique	virtual	team	
	transfer	task	undertake			visible	visual	temporary	
		technical	implement			voluntary	tense	trigger	
		technique	subsequent					unify	
		technology						violate	
		valid						vision	
		volume							

How many words do you know?