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The Academic Word List

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About the list

The Academic Word List was created by Averil Coxhead at Victoria University in New Zealand. She analysed journals, texts and course notes in a range of disciplines, to establish the most common words. There are 570 words (word families) in the list.

Studies show that to read a text and have a reasonable understanding, the reader needs to know 95 out of every 100 words. If vocabulary is too limited, the reader will have trouble reading academic texts and newspapers. Knowledge of the vocabulary in the list will help students in English language tests such as IELTS and will be useful for EFL students currently studying in English at University or College.

Useful websites

[Wiktionary](#) Find the meanings here.

[AWL Highlighter](#) See how the words are used in texts. Cut and paste newspaper articles (or your essays) here to highlight AWL words. Button 1 highlights only list one. Button 2 highlights 1 & 2. Button 3 highlights 1, 2 & 3, and so on.

[ESL Desk](#) Excellent for AWL spelling.

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Example sentences and collocations - most of the AWL words are here.

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analyse
approach
area
assess
assume

[other forms & quiz](#)

Group 3

constitute
context
contract
create
data

[other forms & quiz](#)

Group 5

establish
estimate
evidence
export
factor

[other forms & quiz](#)

Group 7

indicate
individual
interpret
involve
issue

[other forms & quiz](#)

Group 9

occur
percent
period
policy
principle

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Group 11

role
section
sector
significant
similar

[other forms & quiz](#)

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Group 2

authority
available
benefit
concept
consist

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Group 4

define
derive
distribute
economy
environment

[other forms & quiz](#)
[meanings quiz](#)

Group 6

finance
formula
function
identify
income

[other forms & quiz](#)
[meanings quiz](#)

Group 8

labour
legal
legislate
major
method

[other forms & quiz](#)
[meanings quiz](#)

Group 10

proceed
process
require
research
respond

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Group 12

source
specific
structure
theory
vary

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
achieve acquire administer affect appropriate other forms & quiz meanings quiz collocations	community complex computer conclude conduct other forms & quiz meanings quiz	design distinct element equate evaluate other forms & quiz meanings quiz	institute invest item journal maintain other forms & quiz collocations short story	potential previous prime purchase range other forms & quiz meanings quiz 1 meanings quiz 2 short story	restrict security seek select site other forms & quiz meanings quiz collocations

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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
aspect assist category chapter commission other forms & quiz meanings quiz short story	consequence construct consume credit culture other forms & quiz meanings quiz collocations short story	feature final focus impact injury other forms & quiz meanings quiz short story	normal obtain participate perceive positive other forms & quiz meanings quiz collocations	region regulate relevant resident resource other forms & quiz short story	strategy survey text tradition transfer other forms & quiz short story

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
alternative circumstance comment compensate component other forms & quiz meanings quiz	convene coordinate core corporate correspond other forms & quiz meanings quiz	emphasis ensure exclude framework fund other forms & quiz meanings quiz short story	interact justify layer link locate other forms & quiz meanings quiz	philosophy physical proportion publish react other forms & quiz meanings quiz	sex shift specify sufficient task other forms & quiz meanings quiz

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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
consent considerable constant constrain contribute other forms & quiz	criteria deduce demonstrate document dominate other forms & quiz	illustrate immigrate imply initial instance other forms & quiz	maximise minor negate outcome partner other forms & quiz	register rely remove scheme sequence other forms & quiz	technical technique technology valid volume other forms & quiz

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
access adequate annual apparent approximate other forms & quiz	communicate concentrate confer contrast cycle other forms & quiz	error ethnic goal grant hence other forms & quiz	internal investigate job label mechanism other forms & quiz	parallel parameter phase predict principal other forms & quiz	resolve retain series statistic status other forms & quiz

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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
attitude	debate	hypothesis	obvious	prior	stress
attribute	despite	implement	occupy	professional	subsequent
civil	dimension	implicate	option	project	sum
code	domestic	impose	output	promote	summary
commit	emerge	integrate	overall	regime	undertake
other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz
			quizlet A	quizlet B	quizlet C

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
academic	consult	evolve	licence	orient	style
adjust	contact	expand	logic	perspective	substitute
alter	decline	expose	marginal	precise	sustain
amend	discrete	external	medical	prime	symbolic
aware	draft	facilitate	mental	psychology	target

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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
capacity	enable	fundamental	modify	pursue	transition
challenge	energy	generate	monitor	ratio	trend
clause	enforce	generation	network	reject	version
compound	entity	image	notion	revenue	welfare
conflict	equivalent	liberal	objective	stable	whereas

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
abstract	capable	exceed	incident	migrate	recover
accurate	cite	expert	incorporate	minimum	reveal
acknowledge	cooperate	explicit	index	ministry	scope
aggregate	discriminate	federal	inhibit	motivate	subsidy
allocate	display	fees	initiate	neutral	tape
other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz
meanings quiz	meanings quiz	meanings quiz			meanings quiz
collocations					quiz
Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
assign	diverse	flexible	input	nevertheless	trace
attach	domain	furthermore	instruct	overseas	transform
author	edition	gender	intelligent	precede	transport
bond	enhance	ignore	interval	presume	underlie
brief	estate	incentive	lecture	rational	utility
other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz	other forms & quiz
meanings quiz	quiz	meanings quiz		meanings quiz	quiz

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
adapt	contrary	empirical	identical	phenomenon	submit
adult	convert	equip	ideology	priority	successor
advocate	couple	extract	infer	prohibit	survive
	decade				

aid channel other forms & quiz meanings quiz collocations	definite other forms & quiz collocations	file finite other forms & quiz collocations	innovate insert other forms & quiz collocations	publication quote other forms & quiz collocations	thesis topic other forms & quiz collocations
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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
chemical classic comprehensive comprise confirm other forms & quiz meanings quiz collocations short story	deny differentiate dispose dynamic eliminate other forms & quiz collocations	foundation globe grade guarantee hierarchy other forms & quiz collocations	intervene isolate media mode paradigm other forms & quiz collocations	release reverse simulate sole somewhat other forms & quiz collocations	transmit ultimate unique visible voluntary other forms & quiz collocations

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
abandon accompany accumulate ambiguous append other forms & quiz	clarify commodity complement conform contemporary other forms & quiz	deviate displace dramatic eventual exhibit other forms & quiz	induce inevitable infrastructure inspect intense other forms & quiz	plus practitioner predominant prospect radical other forms & quiz	tense terminate theme thereby uniform other forms & quiz

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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
appreciate arbitrary automate bias chart other forms & quiz	contradict crucial currency denote detect other forms & quiz	exploit fluctuate guideline highlight implicit other forms & quiz	manipulate minimise nuclear offset paragraph other forms & quiz	random reinforce restore revise schedule other forms & quiz	vehicle via virtual visual widespread other forms & quiz

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Group 1	Group 3	Group 5	Group 7	Group 9	Group 11
accommodate analogy anticipate assure attain other forms & quiz	commence compatible concurrent confine controversy other forms & quiz	duration erode ethic format found other forms & quiz	mature mediate medium military minimal other forms & quiz	preliminary protocol qualitative refine relax other forms & quiz	sphere subordinate supplement suspend team other forms & quiz

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Group 2	Group 4	Group 6	Group 8	Group 10	Group 12
behalf bulk cease coherent coincide other forms & quiz	converse device devote diminish distort other forms & quiz	inherent insight integral intermediate manual other forms & quiz	mutual norm overlap passive portion other forms & quiz	restrain revolution rigid route scenario other forms & quiz	temporary trigger unify violate vision other forms & quiz

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Group 1

adjacent
albeit
assemble
collapse
colleague
[other forms &
quiz](#)

Group 3

enormous
forthcoming
incline
integrity
intrinsic
[other forms &
quiz](#)

Group 5

odd
ongoing
panel
persist
pose
[other forms &
quiz](#)

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Group 2

compile
conceive
convince
depress
encounter
[other forms &
quiz](#)
[quizlet A](#)

Group 4

invoke
levy
likewise
nonetheless
notwithstanding
[other forms &
quiz](#)
[quizlet B](#)

Group 6

reluctant
so-called
straightforward
undergo
whereby
[other forms &
quiz](#)
[quizlet C](#)

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