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# THE ACADEMIC WORD LIST

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## Most Frequent Words of the Academic Word List by Sublist

### *Sublist 1 of the Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

This sublist contains the most frequent words of the Academic Word List in the Academic Corpus.

<i>analysis</i>	<i>method</i>
<i>approach</i>	<i>occur</i>
<i>area</i>	<i>percent</i>
<i>assessment</i>	<i>period</i>
<i>assume</i>	<i>policy</i>
<i>authority</i>	<i>principle</i>
<i>available</i>	<i>procedure</i>
<i>benefit</i>	<i>process</i>
<i>concept</i>	<i>required</i>
<i>consistent</i>	<i>research</i>
<i>constitutional</i>	<i>response</i>
<i>context</i>	<i>role</i>
<i>contract</i>	<i>section</i>
<i>create</i>	<i>sector</i>
<i>data</i>	<i>significant</i>
<i>definition</i>	<i>similar</i>
<i>derived</i>	<i>source</i>
<i>distribution</i>	<i>specific</i>
<i>economic</i>	<i>structure</i>
<i>environment</i>	<i>theory</i>
<i>established</i>	<i>variables</i>
<i>estimate</i>	
<i>evidence</i>	
<i>export</i>	
<i>factors</i>	
<i>financial</i>	
<i>formula</i>	
<i>function</i>	
<i>identified</i>	
<i>income</i>	
<i>indicate</i>	
<i>individual</i>	
<i>interpretation</i>	
<i>involved</i>	
<i>issues</i>	
<i>labour</i>	
<i>legal</i>	
<i>legislation</i>	
<i>major</i>	

### *Sublist 2 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

This sublist contains the second most frequent words in the Academic Word List from the Academic Corpus.

<i>achieve</i>	<i>previous</i>
<i>acquisition</i>	<i>primary</i>
<i>administration</i>	<i>purchase</i>
<i>affect</i>	<i>range</i>
<i>appropriate</i>	<i>region</i>
<i>aspects</i>	<i>regulations</i>
<i>assistance</i>	<i>relevant</i>
<i>categories</i>	<i>resident</i>
<i>chapter</i>	<i>resources</i>
<i>commission</i>	<i>restricted</i>
<i>community</i>	<i>security</i>
<i>complex</i>	<i>sought</i>
<i>computer</i>	<i>select</i>
<i>conclusion</i>	<i>site</i>
<i>conduct</i>	<i>strategies</i>
<i>consequences</i>	<i>survey</i>
<i>construction</i>	<i>text</i>
<i>consumer</i>	<i>traditional</i>
<i>credit</i>	<i>transfer</i>
<i>cultural</i>	
<i>design</i>	
<i>distinction</i>	
<i>elements</i>	
<i>equation</i>	
<i>evaluation</i>	
<i>features</i>	
<i>final</i>	
<i>focus</i>	
<i>impact</i>	
<i>injury</i>	
<i>institute</i>	
<i>investment</i>	
<i>items</i>	
<i>journal</i>	
<i>maintenance</i>	
<i>normal</i>	
<i>obtained</i>	
<i>participation</i>	
<i>perceived</i>	
<i>positive</i>	
<i>potential</i>	

### *Sublist 3 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

This sublist contains the third most frequent words of the Academic Word List in the Academic Corpus.

<i>alternative</i>	<i>physical</i>
<i>circumstances</i>	<i>proportion</i>
<i>comments</i>	<i>published</i>
<i>compensation</i>	<i>reaction</i>
<i>components</i>	<i>registered</i>
<i>consent</i>	<i>reliance</i>
<i>considerable</i>	<i>removed</i>
<i>constant</i>	<i>scheme</i>
<i>constraints</i>	<i>sequence</i>
<i>contribution</i>	<i>sex</i>
<i>convention</i>	<i>shift</i>
<i>coordination</i>	<i>specified</i>
<i>core</i>	<i>sufficient</i>
<i>corporate</i>	<i>task</i>
<i>corresponding</i>	<i>technical</i>
<i>criteria</i>	<i>techniques</i>
<i>deduction</i>	<i>technology</i>
<i>demonstrate</i>	<i>validity</i>
<i>document</i>	<i>volume</i>
<i>dominant</i>	
<i>emphasis</i>	
<i>ensure</i>	
<i>excluded</i>	
<i>framework</i>	
<i>funds</i>	
<i>illustrated</i>	
<i>immigration</i>	
<i>implies</i>	
<i>initial</i>	
<i>instance</i>	
<i>interaction</i>	
<i>justification</i>	
<i>layer</i>	
<i>link</i>	
<i>location</i>	
<i>maximum</i>	
<i>minorities</i>	
<i>negative</i>	
<i>outcomes</i>	
<i>partnership</i>	
<i>philosophy</i>	

#### ***Sublist 4 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families***

This sublist contains the fourth most frequent words of the Academic Word List in the Academic Corpus.

<i>access</i>	<i>parameters</i>
<i>adequate</i>	<i>phase</i>
<i>annual</i>	<i>predicted</i>
<i>apparent</i>	<i>principal</i>
<i>approximated</i>	<i>prior</i>
<i>attitudes</i>	<i>professional</i>
<i>attributed</i>	<i>project</i>
<i>civil</i>	<i>promote</i>
<i>code</i>	<i>regime</i>
<i>commitment</i>	<i>resolution</i>
<i>communication</i>	<i>retained</i>
<i>concentration</i>	<i>series</i>
<i>conference</i>	<i>statistics</i>
<i>contrast</i>	<i>status</i>
<i>cycle</i>	<i>stress</i>
<i>debate</i>	<i>subsequent</i>
<i>despite</i>	<i>sum</i>
<i>dimensions</i>	<i>summary</i>
<i>domestic</i>	<i>undertaken</i>
<i>emerged</i>	
<i>error</i>	
<i>ethnic</i>	
<i>goals</i>	
<i>granted</i>	
<i>hence</i>	
<i>hypothesis</i>	
<i>implementation</i>	
<i>implications</i>	
<i>imposed</i>	
<i>integration</i>	
<i>internal</i>	
<i>investigation</i>	
<i>job</i>	
<i>label</i>	
<i>mechanism</i>	
<i>obvious</i>	
<i>occupational</i>	
<i>option</i>	
<i>output</i>	
<i>overall</i>	
<i>parallel</i>	

*Sublist 5 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

*academic  
adjustment  
alter  
amendment  
aware  
capacity  
challenge  
clause  
compounds  
conflict  
consultation  
contact  
decline  
discretion  
draft  
enable  
energy  
enforcement  
entities  
equivalent  
evolution  
expansion  
exposure  
external  
facilitate  
fundamental  
generated  
generation  
image  
liberal  
licence  
logic  
marginal  
medical  
mental  
modified  
monitoring  
network  
notion  
objective  
orientation  
perspective  
precise  
prime  
psychology  
pursue  
ratio  
rejected  
revenue  
stability  
styles  
substitution  
sustainable  
symbolic  
target  
transition  
trend  
version  
welfare  
whereas*

*Sublist 6 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

<i>abstract</i>	<i>motivation</i>
<i>accurate</i>	<i>neutral</i>
<i>acknowledged</i>	<i>nevertheless</i>
<i>aggregate</i>	<i>overseas</i>
<i>allocation</i>	<i>preceding</i>
<i>assigned</i>	<i>presumption</i>
<i>attached</i>	<i>rational</i>
<i>author</i>	<i>recovery</i>
<i>bond</i>	<i>revealed</i>
<i>brief</i>	<i>scope</i>
<i>capable</i>	<i>subsidiary</i>
<i>cited</i>	<i>tapes</i>
<i>cooperative</i>	<i>trace</i>
<i>discrimination</i>	<i>transformation</i>
<i>display</i>	<i>transport</i>
<i>diversity</i>	<i>underlying</i>
<i>domain</i>	<i>utility</i>
<i>edition</i>	
<i>enhanced</i>	
<i>estate</i>	
<i>exceed</i>	
<i>expert</i>	
<i>explicit</i>	
<i>federal</i>	
<i>fees</i>	
<i>flexibility</i>	
<i>furthermore</i>	
<i>gender</i>	
<i>ignored</i>	
<i>incentive</i>	
<i>incidence</i>	
<i>incorporated</i>	
<i>index</i>	
<i>inhibition</i>	
<i>initiatives</i>	
<i>input</i>	
<i>instructions</i>	
<i>intelligence</i>	
<i>interval</i>	
<i>lecture</i>	
<i>migration</i>	
<i>minimum</i>	
<i>ministry</i>	

*Sublist 7 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

*adaptation*  
*adults*  
*advocate*  
*aid*  
*channel*  
*chemical*  
*classical*  
*comprehensive*  
*comprise*  
*confirmed*  
*contrary*  
*converted*  
*couple*  
*decades*  
*definite*  
*deny*  
*differentiation*  
*disposal*  
*dynamic*  
*eliminate*  
*empirical*  
*equipment*  
*extract*  
*file*  
*finite*  
*foundation*  
*global*  
*grade*  
*guarantee*  
*hierarchical*  
*identical*  
*ideology*  
*inferred*  
*innovation*  
*insert*  
*intervention*  
*isolated*  
*media*  
*mode*  
*paradigm*  
*phenomenon*  
*priority*  
*prohibited*

*publication*  
*quotation*  
*release*  
*reverse*  
*simulation*  
*solely*  
*somewhat*  
*submitted*  
*successive*  
*survive*  
*thesis*  
*topic*  
*transmission*  
*ultimately*  
*unique*  
*visible*  
*voluntary*



***Sublist 8 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families***

*abandon  
accompanied  
accumulation  
ambiguous  
appendix  
appreciation  
arbitrary  
automatically  
bias  
chart  
clarity  
conformity  
commodity  
complement  
contemporary  
contradiction  
crucial  
currency  
denote  
detected  
deviation  
displacement  
dramatic  
eventually  
exhibit  
exploitation  
fluctuations  
guidelines  
highlighted  
implicit  
induced  
inevitably  
infrastructure  
inspection  
intensity  
manipulation  
minimised  
nuclear  
offset  
paragraph  
plus  
practitioners  
predominantly  
prospect  
radical  
random  
reinforced  
restore  
revision  
schedule  
tension  
termination  
theme  
thereby  
uniform  
vehicle  
via  
virtually  
widespread  
visual*

*Sublist 9 of Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

*accommodation*  
*analogous*  
*anticipated*  
*assurance*  
*attained*  
*behalf*  
*bulk*  
*ceases*  
*coherence*  
*coincide*  
*commenced*  
*incompatible*  
*concurrent*  
*confined*  
*controversy*  
*conversely*  
*device*  
*devoted*  
*diminished*  
*distorted/distortion -*  
*equal figures*  
*duration*  
*erosion*  
*ethical*  
*format*  
*founded*  
*inherent*  
*insights*  
*integral*  
*intermediate*  
*manual*  
*mature*  
*mediation*  
*medium*  
*military*  
*minimal*  
*mutual*  
*norms*  
*overlap*  
*passive*  
*portion*  
*preliminary*  
*protocol*

*qualitative*  
*refine*  
*relaxed*  
*restraints*  
*revolution*  
*rigid*  
*route*  
*scenario*  
*sphere*  
*subordinate*  
*supplementary*  
*suspended*  
*team*  
*temporary*  
*trigger*  
*unified*  
*violation*  
*vision*

*Sublist 10 of the Academic Word List - Most Frequent Words in Families*

This sublist contains the least frequent words of the Academic Word List in the Academic Corpus.

*adjacent*  
*albeit*  
*assembly*  
*collapse*  
*colleagues*  
*compiled*  
*conceived*  
*convinced*  
*depression*  
*encountered*  
*enormous*  
*forthcoming*  
*inclination*  
*integrity*  
*intrinsic*  
*invoked*  
*levy*  
*likewise*  
*nonetheless*  
*notwithstanding*  
*odd*  
*ongoing*  
*panel*  
*persistent*  
*posed*  
*reluctant*  
*so-called*  
*straightforward*  
*undergo*  
*whereby*