

Academic Word List

These words often appear in academic texts but not in our everyday speech, hence why students may find these words challenging. Many words have several meanings in different contexts or when applied to different subjects.

abstract	cease	corporate	displace	evaluate
accommodate	channel	corporate	dispose	eventual
accompany	circumstance	credit	distinct	evident
accumulate	civil	conceive	distort	evolve
acknowledge	clarify	concept	distribute	exceed
acquire	classic	conclude	diverse	exclude
adapt	coherent	concurrent	document	exhibit
adequate	coincide	conduct	domain	expand
adjacent	commence	culture	domestic	explicit
adjust	commission	currency	dominate	exploit
advocate	commodity	data	duration	export
affect	compatible	conceive	dynamic	expose
allocate	compensate	concept	economy	external
alter	compile	conclude	element	extract
ambiguous	complement	concurrent	eliminate	facilitate
amend	component	conduct	emerge	factor
analyse	comprehensive	confer	emphasis	feature
anticipate	comprise	confine	empirical	federal
apparent	compute	confirm	framework	fee
approach	consist	conform	function	finite
approximate	constitute	deduce	fund	fluctuate
arbitrary	constrain	definite	fundamental	format
aspect	consult	demonstrate	enable	formula
assemble	consume	denote	encounter	forthcoming
assign	contemporary	depress	enforce	foundation
assume	context	derive	enhance	generate
assure	contract	despite	ensure	generation
attach	contradict	detect	entity	grant
attain	contrary	deviate	environment	guideline
attribute	contrast	device	equate	hierarchy
automate	controversy	devote	equip	hypothesis
bias	convene	differentiate	equivalent	identity
bond	converse	dimension	erode	ideology
bulk	convert	diminish	establish	ignorance
capacity	convince	discrete	ethic	illustrate
category	core	discriminate	ethnic	immigrate

impact	licence	participate	regulate	survey
implement	link	passive	reinforce	suspend
implicate	locate	perceive	reject	sustain
implicit	logic	period	relevant	symbol
imply	maintain	persist	reluctance	target
impose	major	perspective	rely	technical
incentive	manipulate	phase	require	technique
incidence	manual	phenomenon	reside	temporary
incline	margin	philosophy	resolve	tense
income	mature	physical	restore	terminate
incorporate	maximise	policy	restrain	text
indicate	mechanism	portion	restrict	theme
induce	mediate	pose	retain	theory
inevitable	medium	positive	revenue	trace
infer	mental	potential	revolution	tradition
infrastructure	method	practitioner	rigid	transfer
inherent	migrate	precede	role	transform
inhibit	minimal	predominant	route	transit
initial	minimise	preliminary	scenario	transmit
initiate	ministry	presume	schedule	transport
innovate	minor	primary	scheme	trend
input	mode	prime	scope	trigger
insight	modify	prior	section	ultimate
instance	monitor	priority	sector	undergo
institute	motive	proceed	secure	underlie
instruct	mutual	process	seek	undertake
integral	negate	prohibit	sequence	unify
integrate	network	promote	shift	utilize
integrity	neutral	proportion	simulate	valid
intense	norm	prospect	sole	vary
interact	notion	protocol	source	version
intermediate	objective	psychology	specific	via
internal	obtain	publication	specify	violate
interpret	occupy	publish	stable	virtual
interval	occur	pursue	status	visible
intervene	offset	qualitative	strategy	vision
intrinsic	orient	radical	structure	visual
invest	outcome	range	style	volume
invoke	output	ratio	submit	voluntary
isolate	overall	rational	subordinate	welfare
justify	overlap	react	subsequent	widespread
labour	overseas	recover	subsidy	
legal	panel	refine	substitute	
legislate	paradigm	regime	sum	
levy	parallel	region	summary	
liberal	parameter	register	supplement	

