

Academic Vocabulary List

What is the Academic Vocabulary List?

A list of words often found in school textbooks and other academic texts. Being able to quickly read and understand these words can help students at school.

How to use this list at home

Here are some examples of how to practice the Academic Vocabulary Words as a family. (Hint: You don't have to do these steps in order – after all – family life is not just like school!)

- 1) Ask your child/adolescent, "What does the word [study] mean?"
- 2) Help them understand the meaning(s) of the word. For example, "That's true! The word "study" can be something we do to learn something new. What are some different ways we can study something?" "Yep! We can look closely at something, read about it, listen to a teacher talk about it, write a summary about it, or watch a video about it. Those are all ways of studying. Did you know it can also be a room in a house where you learn, like another name for a library?"
- 3) Tell your child, "The word _[study]__ is often used in school textbooks, so it's a good word to practice and know really well."
- 4) Ask your child to write the word, type it, or use letter tiles of some kind to form the word in front of them.
- 5) Share the different forms that the word can take. For example, "Can you think of any words that are related to the word study, or different forms of the word? Like the past tense of study, or the present tense?"
- 6) Use the word in conversations with your child throughout your day or week. For example, "I wonder what a person has to study in school to become a weather forecaster. Do you know? Let's look it up!"
- 7) Praise them when they use it in conversation or recognize it while they read.

Table of Academic Vocabulary Words

Number (Most frequently used are at top)	Word (Practice reading & understanding these words!)	Word type (noun, verb, adjective, adverb)	Related words (also called Inflected forms)	Frequency (per million words)
1	study	n	studies	1143.4
2	group	n	groups	1016.8
3	system	n	systems	918.1
4	social	adj		831.2
5	provide	V	provided, provides, providing	776.8
6	however	adv		757.6
7	research	n		694.4
8	level	n	levels	651.4
9	result	n	results	600.7
10	include	v	included, includes, including	584.2
11	important	adj		560.5
12	process	n	processes	553.2
13	use	n	uses	537.7
14	development	n	developments	529.2
15	data	n	datas, datum	529
16	information	n		516.1
17	effect	n	effects	500.7
18	change	n	changes	494
19	table	n	tables	493
20	policy	n	policies	491.6
21	university	n	universities	482
22	model	n	models	477.6
23	experience	n	experiences	471.2
24	activity	n	activities	459.6
25	human	adj		455.6
26	history	n	histories	445.6

27	develop	V	developed, developing, develops	437.9
28	suggest	v	suggested, suggesting, suggests	436.8
29	economic	adj		436.4
30	low	adj	lower, lowest	432.2
31	relationship	-		422.9
		n	relationships	
32	both	adv		416.2
33	value	n	values	415.8
34	require	V	required, requires, requiring	413
35	role	n	roles	411.9
36	difference	n	differences	409
37	analysis	n	analyses	404.2
38	practice	n	practices	399.3
39	society	n	societies	392.2
40	thus	adv		385.7
41	control	n	controls	380.8
42	form	n	forms	377.3
43	report	V	reported, reporting, reports	372.2
44	rate	n	rates	370.8
45	significant	adj		370.1
46	figure	n	figures	367.4
47	factor	n	factors	365.6
48	interest	n	interests	362.5
49	culture	n	cultures	354.7
50	need	n	needs	351.6
51	base	v	based, bases, basing	350.7
52	population	n	populations	340.9
53	international	adj		339.6
54	technology	n	technologies	334.2
55	individual	n	individuals	328
56	type	n	types	324.1

57	describe	V	described, describes, describing	320.8
58	indicate	V	indicated, indicates, indicating	316.9
59	image	n	images	316.8
60	subject	n	subjects	313.4
61	science	n	sciences	310.4
62	material	n	materials	310.1
63	produce	V	produced, produces, producing	310
64	condition	n	conditions	307.8
65	identify	V	identified, identifies, identifying	306.8
66	knowledge	n	knowledges	305.3
67	support	n	supports	305
68	performance	n	performances	302.9
69	project	n	projects	302.2
70	response	n	responses	301.9
71	approach	n	approaches	300.8
72	support	V	supported, supporting, supports	300.6
73	period	n	periods	296.6
74	organization	n	organisation, organisations, organizations	295
75	increase	V	increased, increases, increasing	294.1
76	environmental	adj		293.3
77	source	n	sources	290.7
78	nature	n	natures	286.8
79	cultural	adj		285.3
80	resource	n	resources	283.2
81	century	n	centuries	281.1
82	strategy	n	strategies	279.3
83	theory	n	theories	276.2
84	product	n	products	276.1
85	method	n	methods	275.9
86	goal	n	goals	275.4

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87	likely	adj	likelier, likeliest	274.7
88	note	V	noted, notes, noting	273.6
89	represent	V	represented, representing, represents	272.5
90	general	adj		264.6
91	article	n	articles	262.6
92	similar	adj		261.5
93	environment	n	environments	259.3
94	language	n	languages	259.1
95	determine	V	determined, determines, determining	258.9
96	structure	n	structures	257.4
97	section	n	sections	257.1
98	common	adj		256.3
99	occur	V	occurred, occurring, occurs	255.9
100	current	adj		255.2
101	available	adj		255.1
102	present	V	presented, presenting, presents	253
103	term	n	terms	249.4
104	reduce	V	reduced, reduces, reducing	248.8
105	measure	n	measures	246.1
106	involve	V	involved, involves, involving	244.4
107	movement	n	movements	244.3
108	specific	adj		240.3
109	focus	v	focuses, focusing, focussed, focussin g	239.1
110	region	n	regions	238.3
111	relate	V	related, relates, relating	238.3
112	individual	adj		237.5
113	quality	n	qualities	234.6
114	establish	V	established, establishes, establishing	232.7
115	author	n	authors	231
116	seek	V	seeking, seeks, sought	230.2

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117	compare	V	compared, compares, comparing	230.1
118	growth	n	growths	227.7
119	natural	adj		227.2
120	various	adj		226.1
121	standard	n	standards	224.1
122	example	n	examples	223.7
123	management	n	managements	222.1
124	scale	n	scales	221.8
125	argue	V	argued, argues, arguing	219.7
126	degree	n	degrees	218.3
127	design	n	designs	217.6
128	concern	n	concerns	216.1
129	state	v	stated, states, stating	215.5
130	therefore	adv		215.1
131	examine	v	examined, examines, examining	214.4
132	pattern	n	patterns	214.2
133	researcher	n	researchers	212
134	task	n	tasks	210.4
135	traditional	adj		209.5
136	finding	n	findings	207.3
137	positive	adj		206.7
138	central	adj		206.5
139	act	n	acts	206.4
140	impact	n	impacts	205
141	reflect	v	reflected, reflecting, reflects	202.6
142	recognize	v	recognise, recognised, recognises, re cognising, recognized, recognizes, re cognizing	201.4
143	context	n	contexts	201
144	relation	n	relations	198.9
145	maintain	V	maintained, maintaining, maintains	198.6

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146	African	adj		198.5
147	concept	n	concepts	198.4
148	discussion	n	discussions	198.2
149	associate	V	associated, associates, associating	196.4
150	design	V	designed, designing, designs	194.6
151	particularly	adv		194.1
152	purpose	n	purposes	193.5
153	address	V	addressed, addresses, addressing	193.1
154	define	V	defined, defines, defining	192.7
155	particular	adj		192
156	benefit	n	benefits	191.8
157	survey	n	surveys	190.6
158	effective	adj		190.4
159	apply	V	applied, applies, applying	188.7
160	contain	V	contained, containing, contains	188.6
161	understanding	n	understandings	187.1
162	production	n	productions	186.5
163	form	V	formed, forming, forms	186.2
164	association	n	associations	185.4
165	reveal	V	revealed, revealing, reveals	185.3
166	range	n	ranges	185.2
167	affect	V	affected, affecting, affects	185.1
168	attitude	n	attitudes	184.5
169	status	n		184.5
170	necessary	adj		184.1
171	function	n	functions	181.3
172	indeed	adv		181.1
173	present	adj		180.4
174	global	adj		179.9
175	conflict	n	conflicts	179.3

176	achieve	V	achieved, achieves, achieving	179.1
177	conduct	V	conducted, conducting, conducts	178.6
178	critical	adj		178.2
179	perform	V	performed, performing, performs	178.2
180	discuss	V	discussed, discusses, discussing	175.1
181	exist	V	existed, existing, exists	174.2
182	improve	V	improved, improves, improving	172.6
183	observe	V	observed, observes, observing	172
184	demonstrate	V	demonstrated, demonstrates, demons trating	171.9
185	unit	n	units	171.7
186	total	adj		171.3
187	modern	adj		170.6
188	literature	n	literatures	170
189	result	V	resulted, resulting, results	167.8
190	experience	v	experienced, experiences, experiencing	167.1
191	principle	n	principles	166.7
192	element	n	elements	165
193	challenge	n	challenges	164.7
194	control	V	controlled, controlling, controls	163.5
195	historical	adj		163.5
196	aspect	n	aspects	161.7
197	perspective	n	perspectives	159.9
198	basic	adj		159.5
199	measure	V	measured, measures, measuring	159.1
200	tradition	n	traditions	159.1
201	belief	n	beliefs	158.9
202	western	adj		158.4
203	procedure	n	procedures	157.6
204	test	V	tested, testing, tests	157.4

205	category	n	categories	157.3
206	tend	v	tended, tending, tends	156.8
207	technique	n	techniques	155.6
208	outcome	n	outcomes	155.3
209	significantly	adv		155.1
210	generally	adv		154.5
211	future	adj		153.2
212	mean	n	means	153.1
213	importance	n	importances	153.1
214	application	n	applications	152.8
215	feature	n	features	152.6
216	influence	n	influences	150.9
217	basis	n	bases	149.4
218	interaction	n	interactions	149.2
219	refer	v	refered, referred, referring, refers	148.4
220	communication	n	communications	148
221	negative	adj		147.8
222	primary	adj		147.7
223	characteristic	n	characteristics	147.2
224	European	adj		145.9
225	lack	n	lacks	145.9
226	obtain	v	obtained, obtaining, obtains	145.7
227	potential	adj		145.6
228	variety	n	varieties	145.6
229	component	n	components	143.6
230	following	adj		143.4
231	access	n		142.9
232	contribute	v	contributed, contributes, contributing	142.6
233	assume	v	assumed, assumes, assuming	141.4
234	express	v	expressed, expressing	141.4

235	tool	n	tools	141.1
236	promote	V	promoted, promotes, promoting	140.9
237	participate	V	participated, participates, participating	140.6
238	labor	n	labors	139.8
239	engage	V	engaged, engages, engaging	139.6
240	review	n	reviews	139.3
241	additional	adj		139
242	highly	adv		139
243	appropriate	adj		138.7
244	publish	V	published, publishes, publishing	137.1
245	encourage	V	encouraged, encourages, encouragin	136.8
246	successful	adj		136.7
247	assess	V	assessed, assesses, assessing	135
248	view	V	viewed, viewing, views	134.9
249	client	n	clients	134.8
250	instrument	n	instruments	134.3
251	relatively	adv		134
252	meaning	n	meanings	133.6
253	limit	V	limited, limiting, limits	133.1
254	increase	n	increases	131.9
255	directly	adv		131.7
256	previous	adj		131.6
257	demand	n	demands	131.6
258	vision	n	visions	131.4
259	female	adj		130.9
260	attempt	n	attempts	129.7
261	influence	V	influenced, influences, influencing	129.2
262	independent	adj		129
263	solution	n	solutions	128.3
264	direct	adj		127.1

265	conclusion	n	conclusions	126.6
266	presence	n	presences	125.9
267	scientific	adj		125.8
268	ethnic	adj		125.3
269	complex	adj		125.1
270	active	adj		124.5
271	male	n	males	124.2
272	claim	n	claims	123.7
273	participation	n	participations	123.7
274	focus	n	foci, focuses	122.8
275	contrast	n	contrasts	122.2
276	failure	n	failures	121.6
277	internal	adj		121.1
278	journal	n	journals	120.1
279	multiple	adj		118.9
280	facility	n	facilities	117.9
281	user	n	users	117.8
282	emerge	v	emerged, emerges, emerging	117.3
283	protection	n	protections	117.1
284	extent	n	extents	116.8
285	male	adj		116.7
286	mental	adj		116.5
287	explore	v	explored, explores, exploring	115.6
288	consequence	n	consequences	115.6
289	generate	v	generated, generates, generating	115.5
290	content	n	contents	114.2
291	device	n	devices	113.9
292	requirement	n	requirements	113.1
293	broad	adj		113.1
294	observation	n	observations	112.6

295	visual	adj		112.3
296	difficulty	n	difficulties	111.5
297	regional	adj		109.6
298	perceive	V	perceived, perceives, perceiving	109.6
299	ie	adv		109.4
300	urban	adj		109.3
301	female	n	females	108.8
302	capacity	n	capacities	108.3
303	increased	adj		108.3
304	ensure	v	ensured, ensures, ensuring	108.1
305	select	v	selected, selecting, selects	107.1
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307	emphasize	V	emphasise, emphasised, emphasises , emphasising, emphasized, emphasi zes, emphasizing	105.7
308	institute	n	institutes	105.4
309	extend	v	extended, extending, extends	105.2
310	connection	n	connections	105.2
311	sector	n	sectors	104.7
312	commitment	n	commitments	104.4
313	interpretation	n	interpretations	104
314	evaluate	V	evaluated, evaluates, evaluating	103.3
315	conclude	V	concluded, concludes, concluding	103
316	notion	n	notions	102.4
317	increasingly	adv		102.3
318	domestic	adj		102.2
319	consist	V	consisted, consisting, consists	101.7
320	reference	n	references	101.3
321	initial	adj		100.8
322	adopt	V	adopted, adopting, adopts	100.6
323	comparison	n	comparisons	100.5

324	depend	V	depended, depending, depends	100.1
325	attempt	V	attempted, attempting, attempts	100.1
326	standard	adj		99.9
327	predict	V	predicted, predicting, predicts	99.9
328	employ	V	employed, employing, employs	99.7
329	definition	n	definitions	99.6
330	essential	adj		98.9
331	contact	n	contacts	98.7
332	frequently	adv		98.3
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334	actual	adj		98.1
335	account	V	accounted, accounting, accounts	97.7
336	dimension	n	dimensions	97.7
337	theme	n	themes	97.5
338	largely	adv		97.4
339	link	V	linked, linking, links	97.1
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341	overall	adj		96.7
342	useful	adj		96.5
343	consistent	adj		96.3
344	distribution	n	distributions	96.2
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352	exchange	n	exchanges	95
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356	contribution	n	contributions	94.1
357	enable	V	enabled, enables, enabling	93.7
358	organize	V	organise, organised, organises, organising, organized, organizes, organizing	93.3
359	specifically	adv		92.8
360	currently	adv		92.7
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362	locate	V	located, locates, locating	92
363	primarily	adv		91.6
364	scholar	n	scholars	91.6
365	enhance	V	enhanced, enhances, enhancing	91.5
366	improvement	n	improvements	91.5
367	flow	n	flows	91.4
368	estimate	V	estimated, estimates, estimating	90.9
369	phase	n	phases	90.6
370	rural	adj		90.3
371	typically	adv		90.3
372	above	adv		90.2
373	long-term	adj		90.1
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379	framework	n	frameworks	88.3
380	existing	adj		88.2
381	creation	n	creations	87.7
382	code	n	codes	87.7

383	emphasis	n	emphases	87.4
384	industrial	adj		87.2
385	external	adj		87
386	waste	n	wastes	86.5
387	potential	n	potentials	86.4
388	climate	n	climates	85.6
389	explanation	n	explanations	84.7
390	technical	adj		84.6
391	mechanism	n	mechanisms	84.2
392	description	n	descriptions	83.9
393	vary	V	varied, varies, varying	83.7
394	reduction	n	reductions	83.4
395	discipline	n	disciplines	82.8
396	construct	V	constructed, constructing, constructs	82.5
397	equal	adj		82.2
398	origin	n	origins	81.8
399	rely	V	relied, relies, relying	81.4
400	fundamental	adj		81.4
401	transition	n	transitions	80.9
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410	hypothesis	n	hypotheses	78.4
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420	typical	adj		77
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432	mode	n	modes	74.5
433	similarly	adv		74.5
434	resistance	n	resistances	74.4
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436	diversity	n	diversities	74
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478	signal	n	signals	65.7
479	passage	n	passages	65.7
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481	discovery	n	discoveries	65.6
482	biological	adj		65.6
483	introduction	n	introductions	65.6
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485	substantial	adj		65.1
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499	index	n	indices	62.8
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