

Academic Word List Teaching Tools - Sublist 1-10

Time: 30 minutes

Level: *****[B1/B2/C1]

Lesson Plan

Aim: to develop the students' awareness and lexical repertoire of the Academic Word List.

1.Preparation

- Copy one Academic Word List per student <https://www.academic-englishuk.com/awl>
- Photocopy and cut up one sublist word set for a group of 3/4 students
- **Disclaimer: only the most frequent words in the sublists are in the table sets.**

2.Academic Word List Sheet

- Give out and explain the rationale behind the Academic Word list sheet (if necessary). *The Academic Word List (AWL) contains 570 word families which were selected because they appear with great frequency in a broad range of academic texts. The list helps identify academic vocabulary and formality.*
- Only focus on one sublist per week. Give time for the students to read through the sublist first (or set for homework) - highlight and check unknown words.
- Give out a set of cut up sublist 1 words per group of 3/4. Stds share out words.

3.The activity [useful websites - <https://dictionary.cambridge.org>, <http://www.thesaurus.com>]

- Students explain their words to the group without saying the word using synonyms, definitions and explanation (do NOT show your words). While they explain the word the other members use the AWL sheet to identify which word.

4. Language

*My word is noun/verb/adjective/adverb
A synonym of this word is... / a similar word is...
It means... / one possible meaning is...
It can be defined as... / an example would be...*

- Give time (10 minutes) for students to prepare what to say and check synonyms.
- Allow 20 minutes for the activity and whoever guesses the correct word gets the word card. At the end whoever has the most cards is the winner.

5.Extras

- BINGO - share out cards per 3/4 group / tutor calls out words.
- Word Forms - identify the form and then say its noun, verb, adj, adv form.
- Write sentences using your words to contextualise - (Homework activity)
- Next lesson - share out one set for a class / students explain to whole group.

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Academic Word List Sublist 1

available	financial	process	individual
specific	principle	estimate	variable
method	research	source	assessment
identified	create	derived	factors
procedure	definition	assume	theory
benefit	evidence	established	authority
major	issues	occur	interpretation
consistent	structure	concept	analysis
function	area	approach	indicate
response	context	significant	similar

Academic Word List Sublist 2

range	construction	strategies	elements
previous	conclusion	aspects	acquisition
features	regulations	achieve	evaluation
assistance	relevant	distinction	impact
consequences	equation	appropriate	resources
participation	survey	potential	transfer
select	credit	affect	categories
perceived	focus	primary	complex
investment	administration	maintenance	obtained
restricted	security	items	region

Academic Word List Sublist 3

convention	framework	published	implies
negative	dominant	illustrated	outcomes
constant	shift	deduction	ensure
specified	justification	reliance	coordination
alternative	initial	validity	proportion
demonstrate	criteria	minorities	philosophy
sequence	corresponding	circumstances	considerable
sufficient	interaction	contribution	component
constraints	emphasis	scheme	volume
registered	core	link	maximum

Academic Word List Sublist 4

overall	emerged	implementation	project
internal	goals	retained	sum
integration	mechanism	parallel	imposed
parameters	approximate	concentration	principle
series	predicted	summary	undertaken
cycle	hypothesis	status	attributed
obvious	error	implications	apparent
subsequent	debate	dimensions	statistics
option	output	access	investigation
phase	prior	resolution	adequate

Academic Word List Sublist 5

alter	stability	energy	aware
draft	precise	pursue	marginal
capacity	exposure	decline	academic
modified	external	fundamental	adjustment
ratio	enable	version	perspective
facilitate	transition	logic	expansion
amendment	rejected	prime	objective
sustainable	equivalent	notion	substitution
generated	trend	compounds	evolution
conflict	consultation	monitoring	challenge

Academic Word List Sublist 6

intelligence	transformation	presumption	acknowledged
furthermore	accurate	diversity	attached
recovery	assigned	motivation	nevertheless
cited	scope	enhanced	incorporated
instructions	subsidiary	input	abstract
capable	preceding	incentive	trace
ignored	incidence	cooperative	revealed
explicit	underlying	brief	rational
minimum	interval	neutral	flexibility
initiatives	allocation	exceed	migration

Academic Word List Sublist 7

intervention	confirmed	definite	voluntary
release	visible	finite	prohibited
equipment	disposal	solely	deny
identical	submitted	phenomenon	paradigm
ultimately	extract	converted	transmission
global	inferred	guarantee	advocate
dynamic	simulation	topic	comprise
hierarchical	unique	comprehensive	differentiation
eliminate	priority	empirical	ideology
foundation	adaption	successive	innovative

Academic Word List Sublist 8

highlighted	inspection	termination	displacement
arbitrary	reinforced	offset	exploitation
detected	random	revision	virtually
uniform	predominately	implicit	ambiguous
clarity	conformity	contemporary	automatically
accumulation	widespread	infrastructure	deviation
fluctuations	manipulation	commodity	minimises
radical	visual	appreciation	prospect
dramatic	contradiction	inevitably	complement
intensity	crucial	exhibit	bias

Academic Word List Sublist 9

unified	commenced	erosion	anticipated
minimal	ceases	vision	mutual
intermediate	supplementary	incompatible	concurrent
ethical	preliminary	integral	conversely
confined	temporary	distorted	subordinate
analogous	scenario	diminished	coherence
assurance	controversy	sphere	mediation
format	qualitative	medium	coincide
violation	refine	devoted	attained
restraints	route	founded	duration

Academic Word List Sublist 10

inclination	encountered	convinced	assembly
albeit	enormous	reluctant	collapse
persistent	undergo	notwithstanding	straightforward
intrinsic	compiled	adjacent	integrity
forthcoming	conceived	ongoing	invoked

Academic Word List [AWL]

Sublist 1

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

Sublist 2

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

Sublist 3

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

Sublist 4

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

Sublist 5

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

Sublist 6

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

Sublist 7

intervention • confirmed • definite • classical • chemical • voluntary • release • visible • finite • publication • channel • file • thesis • equipment • disposal • solely • deny • identical • submitted • grade • phenomenon • paradigm • ultimately • extract • survive • converted • transmission • global • inferred • guarantee • advocate • dynamic • simulation • topic • insert • reverse • decades • comprise • hierarchical • unique • comprehensive • couple • mode • differentiation • eliminate • priority • empirical • ideology • somewhat • aid • foundation • adults • adaptation • quotation • contrary • media • successive • innovation • prohibited • isolated •

Sublist 8

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

Sublist 9

bulk • behalf • unified • commenced • erosion • anticipated • minimal • ceases • vision • mutual • norms • intermediate • manual • supplementary • incompatible • concurrent • ethical • preliminary • integral • conversely • relaxed • confined • accommodation • temporary • distorted • passive • subordinate • analogous • military • scenario • revolution • diminished • coherence • suspended • mature • assurance • rigid • controversy • sphere • mediation • format • trigger • qualitative • portion • medium • coincide • violation • device • insights • refine • devoted • team • overlap • attained • restraints • inherent • route • protocol • founded • duration •

Sublist 10

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

Academic Word List Resources

AWL essay check: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/alzsh3/acvocab/awlhightlighter.htm>

Vocabulary exercises: <http://www.englishvocabularyexercises.com/AWL/>

60 Top Academic Word List (according to www.vocabulary.com)

analysis	approach	area	assessment
assume	authority	available	benefit
concept	consistent	constitutional	context
contract	create	data	definition
derived	distribution	economic	environment
established	estimate	evidence	export
factor	financial	formula	function
identified	income	indicate	individual
interpretation	involved	issue	labour
legal	legislation	major	method

occur	percent	period	policy
principle	procedure	process	required
research	response	role	section
sector	significant	similar	source
specific	structure	theory	variable