Introduction to the AWL

Academic Word List

Academic Synonyms

PDF Lesson Book

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Lesson Plan

Aim: to introduce & develop the students’ awareness and lexical repertoire of the AWL.

PowerPoint Link: INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...

1. Preparation
- Photocopy a copy of the Academic Word List (AWL). Page 2
- Photocopy Academic Word list – Synonyms: Sublist 1. Page 3
- Download PPT (link above).

2. Introduction
- Give out the Academic Word List and explain the rationale behind it (use PPT slide 2).
- The Academic Word List (AWL) contains 570 non-subject specific words which were selected because they appear with great frequency in a broad range of academic texts.
- There are 3000 words because each word has a number of word forms. Example: analysis/analyse/analytical/analytically.
- There are 10 Sublists separated in terms of frequency with Sublist 1 being the most frequent.
- The list helps identify academic vocabulary and formality.

3. Academic Word List - Synonyms
- The idea for this activity is for students to familiarise themselves with the AWL.
- Give out the Academic Word List – Synonyms (Sublist 1) worksheet.
- Do the first one together as a class: A way: procedure/process/method/approach.
- Give 10-15 minutes for the students to identify the other 7 words.
- Feedback as a whole class – answers in the back of this book or use the PPT slides (includes animation for answers)

4. Gap Fill Sentence Sheet (2 sheets: difficult / easier)
- Difficult: Use the 8 words but some are in different forms.
- Easier: Use the 8 words given (no change of form).
- Feedback: answers in the back of this book or use the PPT slides (includes animation for answers).

EXTRA: https://www.academic-englishuk.com/vocabulary
- Kinesthetic Lesson / Academic Word Formation / Academic Word List Exercise x3 / Academic Word List games.

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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 • refined • 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.eapfoundation.com/vocab/academic/awllists/
Vocabulary exercises: http://www.englishvocabularyexercises.com/AWL/
# Academic Word List – Synonyms

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Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. A way [x4]
2. 
3. To find out
4. 
5. To create
6. 
7. To study something [x2]
8. 
Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 1 (difficult)

Task: Use only these words for the sentence gaps. You will have to change the word form and ONLY use one word once.

- procedure
- identity
- assume
- interpretation
- analysis
- significant

1. It is shown that the experimental _______ agree well with the _______ results predicted by the theoretical model.

2. The research teams had different ___________ of the ___________ on how _______ affects health.

3. Denmark’s income tax has risen _______ over the last 5 years to around 68%.

4. _______ factory will not be _______ until changes are made to reduce the impact on the environment.

5. No single _______ cause is found in the vast _______ people with high blood pressure.

6. With _______ it is difficult to calculate the specific cost.

7. It can be safely _______ that this _______ ahead of the competition with this particular product.

8. Since its _______ in 1945, _______ _______ has played a dominant role in the development of international law.
Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 1 (easier)

**Task:** Use only these words for the sentence gaps. ONLY use one word once.

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proceed / identifiable / assumed / interpretations / analytical / significantly
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1. It is shown that the experimental data agree well with the __________ results predicted by the theoretical model.

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Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. Lots of
2. 
3. Actions / plans
4. 
5. Important contrast
6. 
7. Relevant
8. 
Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 2 (difficult)

Task: Use only these words for the sentence gaps. You may have to change the word form and ONLY use one word once.

range / _____________ / strategies / evaluation / distinction / _____________ / appropriate
/ obtained

1. A______________ decision to sell off part of the business has placed the company in a very competitive position in the market.

2. The results of the survey fell into two _______________ groups: health and fitness.

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Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 2 (easier)

Task: Use only these words for the sentence gaps. ONLY use one word once.

| ranging / | strategic / evaluate / distinct / | appropriateness / obtainable |

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Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. To suggest

2. [Blank]

3. A reason

4. [Blank]

5. To show

6. [Blank]

7. Enough

8. [Blank]
Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 3 (difficult)

**Task:** Use only these words for the sentence gaps. You may have to change the word form and ONLY use one word once.

illustrate / justification / validity / considerable / sufficient / contribution

1. The students are holding a _____________ against the proposed changes to tuition fees.

2. The company did not have _____________ funds to pay for the goods it had received.

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Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 3 (easier)

Task: Use only these words for the sentence gaps. ONLY use one word once.

- illustrated / justified / justifiable / validity / consideration / sufficient / contribution

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Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

2. To unify

3. **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

4. Framework / variable

5. **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

6. Conclusion / suggestion

7. **XXXXXXXXXXXX**

8. Sufficient / appropriate
Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 4 (difficult)

Task: Use only these words for the sentence gaps. You may have to change the word form and ONLY use one word once.

implement / implement / parallel / parameter / parameter / implication / implication / apparent / adequate

1. It is not yet clear what the __________________ of the new legislation will be for small businesses.

2. The government was __________________ unaware of the magnitude of the housing crisis.

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Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 4 (easier)

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2. variable

3. To find out

4. identify

5. To create  | establish

6. identify  | identify

7. To study something [x2]  | analysis / research

8. identify  | identify

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Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 1 ANSWERS

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