



## The top 100 high-frequency academic words for English learners

This list represents the most essential words found in academic journals, textbooks, and proficiency exams like IELTS and TOEFL. Mastering these 100 words will significantly close your **lexical gap**.

### Analysis and logic

- **Analyze:** To examine in detail.
- **Approach:** A way of dealing with something.
- **Assume:** To suppose without proof.
- **Concept:** An abstract idea or principle.
- **Context:** The circumstances surrounding an event.
- **Data:** Facts or statistics collected for analysis.
- **Define:** To state the precise meaning.
- **Evidence:** Facts indicating whether a belief is true.
- **Identify:** To recognize or name something.
- **Interpret:** To explain the meaning of information.
- **Method:** A particular procedure for doing something.
- **Theory:** A system of ideas intended to explain something.

### Change and process

- **Alter:** To change or modify.
- **Create:** To bring something into existence.
- **Derive:** To obtain something from a specific source.
- **Emerge:** To become known or apparent.
- **Establish:** To set up or prove something permanently.
- **Evolve:** To develop gradually.
- **Function:** The work or purpose of something.
- **Generate:** To produce or create.
- **Modify:** To make partial changes.
- **Occur:** To happen or take place.
- **Proceed:** To begin or continue a course of action.
- **Shift:** A change in position, direction, or tendency.

### Comparisons and relationships

- **Alternative:** One of two or more available possibilities.
- **Component:** A part or element of a larger whole.
- **Contrast:** To compare in order to show differences.
- **Core:** The central or most important part.
- **Link:** A relationship or connection between two things.
- **Parallel:** Occurring at the same time or similar in development or logic.
- **Proportion:** A part or share in relation to a whole.
- **Ratio:** The quantitative relation between two amounts.
- **Relevant:** Closely connected or appropriate to the matter.
- **Similar:** Having a resemblance in appearance or character.
- **Status:** The relative social or professional standing.
- **Whereas:** In contrast or comparison with the fact that.

### Importance and impact

- **Affect:** To have an effect on; make a difference to.
- **Benefit:** An advantage or profit gained.
- **Consequence:** A result or effect of an action.
- **Factors:** Elements that contribute to a result.
- **Impact:** A marked effect or influence.
- **Major:** Important, serious, or significant.
- **Outcome:** The final result of a process.
- **Primary:** Of chief importance; principal.
- **Significant:** Great or important; worthy of attention.

### The remaining 50 essential headwords

Access	Achieve	Acquire	Adapt	Adequate
Adjust	Advocate	Aspect	Assist	Attitude
Attribute	Authority	Available	Aware	Capacity
Category	Civil	Clause	Code	Complex
Conflict	Consist of	Concentrate	Cycle	Debate
Despite	Dimension	Discrete	Draft	Enable

Energy	Enforce	Entity	Equivalent	Estate
Expand	Expose	External	Facilitate	Final
Global	Goal	Image	Income	Internal
Invest	Job	Label	Logic	Margin

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### Tips for mastering this list

1. **Don't learn them alone:** Learn the word with its **collocations** (e.g., don't just learn *analyze*, learn *analyze the data*).
2. **Focus on word families:** If you learn *identify* (verb), you should also learn *identification* (noun) and *identifiable* (adjective).
3. **Active recall:** Try to write three sentences today using at least five of the words from the "Analysis and logic" section.