

Academic Word List (AWL)

[part of the 4,000 Simple Word Families]

The AWL was developed by Coxhead (2000) from analyses of college texts. Of the 570 words on that list, 343 are among the 4,000 simple word families. Most of the words belong to word families with at least several members among the most frequent words in English.



Sorted in alphabetic order

abandon	capable	contract
access	capacity	contrary
accompany	category	contrast
accurate	cease	contribute
achieve	challenge	convert
acquire	channel	convince
adapt	chapter	core
adequate	chart	couple
adjust	chemical	create
administration	circumstance	credit
adult	civil	culture
affect	clause	cycle
aid	code	data
alternative	commission	debate
amend	commit	decade
analyze	communicate	decline
annual	community	define
apparent	complex	definite
appreciate	component	demonstrate
approach	compound	depress
appropriate	compute	derive
approximate	concentrate	design
area	concept	despite
aspect	conclude	detect
assign	conduct	device
assist	confine	devote
assume	conflict	display
assure	consent	distinct
attach	consequent	distribute
attitude	considerable	domestic
author	consist	draft
authority	constant	economy
available	construct	edit
aware	consume	element
benefit	contact	eliminate
bond	contemporary	emerge
brief	context	emphasis



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enable	identical	mechanism
encounter	identify	media
energy	illustrate	medical
enormous	image	medium
environment	immigrate	mental
equip	impact	method
equivalent	income	military
error	index	minimize
establish	indicate	minimum
estate	individual	minor
estimate	initial	mutual
evaluate	injure	network
eventual	input	neutral
evident	instance	nevertheless
evolve	institute	normal
exhibit	intelligent	notion
expand	intense	nuclear
expert	internal	objective
expose	interpret	obtain
external	interval	obvious
factor	investigate	occupy
feature	involve	occur
federal	isolate	odd
fee	issue	output
file	item	overall
final	job	paragraph
flexible	journal	parallel
focus	label	participate
formula	layer	partner
found	legal	percent
foundation	legislate	period
framework	liberal	phase
function	license	phenomenon
fund	likewise	philosophy
fundamental	link	physical
furthermore	locate	plus
generation	maintain	policy
globe	major	portion
goal	manual	positive
grade	margin	potential
grant	mature	precede
hence	maximize	precise



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predict	reverse	tape
previous	revolution	target
primary	rigid	task
prime	role	team
principal	route	technical
principle	schedule	technique
prior	section	technology
proceed	secure	temporary
process	seek	tense
professional	select	text
project	sequence	theme
promote	series	theory
proportion	sex	thereby
psychology	shift	topic
publish	significant	trace
purchase	similar	tradition
radical	site	transfer
range	so-called	transmit
ratio	somewhat	transport
react	source	trend
recover	specific	ultimate
region	specify	uniform
register	sphere	unique
regulate	stable	vary
relax	statistic	vehicle
release	status	version
rely	stress	virtual
remove	structure	visible
require	style	vision
research	substitute	visual
resolve	sufficient	volume
resource	sum	welfare
respond	survey	whereas
restrict	survive	widespread
reveal	suspend	
revenue	symbol	



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