

Academic Vocabulary is defined as words that are traditionally used in academic dialogue and text. These types of words are used to explain a concept; they are not necessarily common or frequently encountered in informal conversation.

Academic language (*e.g., **analyze, contract, factor, structure, minor***) is used in classroom lessons, books, assignments, and tests, and students must become proficient in it to learn effectively in school and academic programs. It is central to building knowledge and conceptual understanding in specific domains such as science and math. Students need to understand the teacher's explanations, discuss what they are learning, read academic texts, and write about their learning. Academic language also gives students the knowledge and skills to successfully navigate school policies and expectations.

High frequency academic words

1. analysis

abstract separation of a whole into its constituent parts

2. approach

move towards

3. area

the extent of a two-dimensional surface within a boundary

4. assessment

the act of judging a person or situation or event

5. assume

take to be the case or to be true

6. authority

the power or right to give orders or make decisions

7. available

obtainable or accessible and ready for use or service

8. benefit

something that aids or promotes well-being

9. concept

an abstract or general idea inferred from specific instances

10. consistent

the same throughout in structure or composition

11. constitutional

existing as an essential characteristic

12. context

the set of facts or circumstances that surround a situation

13. contract

a binding agreement that is enforceable by law

14. create

bring into existence

15. data

a collection of facts from which conclusions may be drawn

16. definition

a concise explanation of the meaning of a word or phrase

17. derived

formed or developed from something else; not original

18. distribution

the act of spreading or apportioning

19. economic

of or relating to production and management of wealth

20. environment

the totality of surrounding conditions

21. established

brought about or set up or accepted

22. estimate

judge tentatively

23. evidence

knowledge on which to base belief

24. export

sell or transfer abroad

25. factor

anything that contributes causally to a result

26. financial

involving fiscal matters

27. formula

a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement

28. function

what something is used for

29. identified

having the identity known or established

30. income

the financial gain accruing over a given period of time

31. indicate

designate a place, direction, person, or thing

32. individual

being or characteristic of a single thing or person

33. interpretation

the act of expressing something in an artistic performance

34. involved

connected by participation or association or use

35. issue

some situation or event that is thought about

36. labour

productive work (especially physical work done for wages)

37. legal

established by or founded upon law or official rules

38. legislation

the act of making or enacting laws

39. major

greater in scope or effect

40. method

a way of doing something, especially a systematic way

41. occur

come to pass

42. percent

a proportion in relation to a whole

43. period

an amount of time

44. policy

a plan of action adopted by an individual or social group

45. principle

a basic generalization that is accepted as true

46. procedure

a particular course of action intended to achieve a result

47. process

a particular course of action intended to achieve a result

48. required

necessary by rule

49. research

a seeking for knowledge

50. response

the speech act of continuing a conversational exchange

51. role

the actions and activities assigned to a person or group

52. section

one of several parts or pieces that fit with others

53. sector

a particular aspect of life or activity

54. significant

rich in implication

55. similar

having the same or nearly the same characteristics

56. source

the place where something begins

57. specific

stated explicitly or in detail

58. structure

a complex entity made of many parts

59. theory

a belief that can guide behavior

60. variable

something that is likely to change