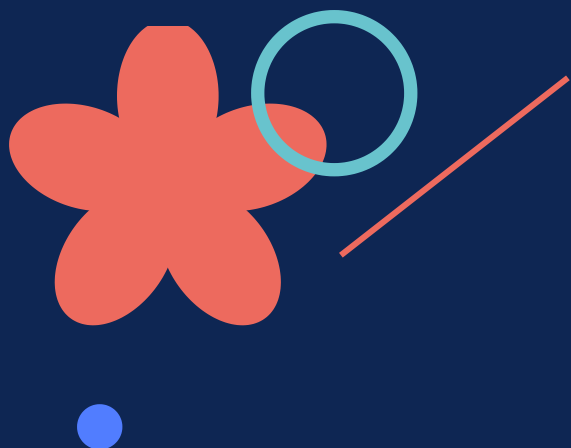




The Academic Word List

570 academic word families with plain-English definitions, organised by frequency

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What is the Academic Word List?

The Academic Word List (AWL) was developed by Averil Coxhead at Victoria University of Wellington and published in 2000. It contains 570 word families that occur frequently across a wide range of academic subjects. The list was built from a corpus of about 3.5 million words taken from academic texts in 28 subject areas across the arts, commerce, law and science, so the words are useful whatever you plan to study.

The most frequent 2,000 words of general English are deliberately left out, as are technical, subject-specific words. What remains is the general academic vocabulary that sits between everyday English and the language of your field.

The 570 families are divided into ten sublists by frequency. Sublist 1 contains the 60 most common families, Sublist 2 the next 60, and so on. Sublists 1 to 9 have 60 families each and Sublist 10 has 30.

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How to use this list

The advice below follows the guidance published with the list by Victoria University of Wellington, adapted for exam candidates.

- * **Start with Sublist 1 and work down.** The sublists are ordered by frequency, so the words in Sublist 1 are the ones you will meet most often. Once you know them, move on to Sublist 2, and so on.
- * **Learn word families, not single words.** Each entry stands for a whole family. If you know **analyse**, you can also recognise **analysis**, **analyst**, **analytical** and **analytically**. When you learn a word, note its noun, verb, adjective and adverb forms.
- * **Mix your words.** Do not learn the list from A to Z. Choose words that do not look alike and do not have related meanings, so they do not get confused in your memory.
- * **Practise retrieving, not just recognising.** Use word cards with the word on one side and the meaning on the other. Every time you recall the meaning, or the word from its meaning, the memory gets stronger.
- * **Read and listen widely.** Meet these words in real academic reading and listening, for example articles, textbooks and lectures. Choose texts that are only a little above your level.
- * **Use them in your own speaking and writing.** Vocabulary you can produce, not just understand, is what lifts your scores. Put new words into your essays, summaries and spoken answers.
- * **Check new words against the list.** When you meet an unfamiliar word in a text, check whether it is on the AWL. If it is, it is worth learning.

How much of an academic text does each sublist cover?

The figures below show the share of the words in the original academic corpus that each sublist accounts for. Sublist 1 alone covers about 3.6% of all the running words in academic texts, which is why it comes first.

Sublist	Word families	Coverage of the academic corpus
Sublist 1	60	3.6%
Sublist 2	60	1.8%
Sublist 3	60	1.2%
Sublist 4	60	0.9%
Sublist 5	60	0.8%
Sublist 6	60	0.6%
Sublist 7	60	0.5%
Sublist 8	60	0.3%
Sublist 9	60	0.2%
Sublist 10	30	0.1%

Source: Victoria University of Wellington, School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, Academic Word List information pages.



Sublist 1

The 60 most frequent word families in academic texts

Word	Definition
analysis	careful examination
approach	a way of doing something or dealing with a problem
area	a particular subject or type of activity
assess	examine something and make a decision about it
assume	think that something is true
authority	the power or right to make decisions or give orders, or an expert on a subject
available	able to be obtained, used or bought
benefit	an advantage or improvement
concept	a general idea
consist	made of or contain a number of different things
constitution	a set of laws that describe the power and purposes of a government or organisation
context	the situation within which something happens
contract	a formal written agreement between people or companies etc.
create	make something new exist or happen
data	information or facts
definition	a phrase or sentence that says exactly what a word, phrase or idea means
derive	obtain something from a particular source, or come from a source
distribution	the way something is shared out or spread over an area, or the supplying of goods
economic	concerning trade, industry and the making of money
environment	the land, water and air that people, plants and animals live in
establish	start or decide something
estimate	decide what you think the value of something is
evidence	facts, statements or signs that make you believe something exists or is true
export	the business of selling products to another country
factors	the things that influence a cause or situation
financial	connected with money
formula	a group of numbers or letters that show a mathematical or scientific rule
function	the purpose that something is made for
identify	recognise and name somebody or something
income	money that you earn
indicate	show that something is likely to be true or exist
individual	considered separately from other people or things in the same group



Sublist 1 (continued)

The 60 most frequent word families in academic texts

Word	Definition
interpretation	a way of explaining or understanding information, someone's actions etc.
involve	include or affect someone or something
issue	a subject or problem
labour	work, especially hard physical work
legal	allowed or done according to the law
legislation	a law or set of laws
major	very large or important, especially when compared to other things or people of a similar kind
method	a way of doing something
occur	happen, especially without being planned first
percent	one part in every hundred
period	a length of time
policy	a way of doing or dealing with things, especially one that has been officially decided by a political party or organisation
principle	a moral rule or idea that has a strong influence on the way you behave
proceed	continue to do something that has already started
process	a series of actions or steps taken to achieve a result
require	need something
research	the study of a subject in detail so you can discover new facts about it
respond	behave in a particular way after someone has done something or something has happened
role	the position that someone or something has in a situation or activity
section	one of the parts that an object, group, place etc. is divided into
sector	one of the parts that an area or large group of people is divided into
significant	noticeable or important
similar	almost the same but not exactly
source	the thing, place or person that you get something from
specific	used to talk about a particular thing, person, or time
structure	the way in which the parts of something are organised and are related to each other
theory	an explanation for something that has not been proved to be true
variable	likely to change often

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Sublist 2

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
achieve	succeed in doing something good
acquire	get something
administration	the work of managing the affairs of a company
affect	cause a change
appropriate	suitable for a particular time or purpose
aspect	one of the parts of a situation or subject
assistance	help and support
categories	groups of people or things that have the same qualities or features
chapter	one of the parts that a book is divided into
commission	ask for a piece of work to be done by someone
community	a small area or town and the people who live in it
complex	consisting of many connected parts
computer	an electronic machine that can store and arrange large quantities of information
conclusion	something you decide after considering all the information you have
conduct	carry out or organise something
consequences	things that happen as a result of something else
construction	the process of building something large such as a house, bridge or road
consumer	someone who buys or uses goods or services
credit	praise given to someone for doing something
culture	relating to a particular society and its way of life
design	draw or plan something that will be made
distinction	a clear difference between things
element	one part of a plan, system, piece of writing etc.
equate	consider that one thing is the same as something else
evaluate	carefully consider something or someone to decide how good they are
features	important, interesting or typical parts of something
final	last in a series or happening at the end of something
focus	give all your attention to a particular thing
impact	the effect someone or something has
injury	physical harm that someone suffers in an accident or attack
institute	an organisation that does educational or scientific work
investment	the money you give to a company or bank in order to make a profit later

Word	Definition
item	a single thing in a set
journal	a magazine for people who are interested in a particular subject
maintain	make something continue in the same way or at the same standard as before
normal	usual, typical or expected
obtain	get something
participation	taking part in an activity or an event
perceive	understand or think about something in a particular way
positive	good or useful, or showing agreement or certainty
potential	the possibility that something will happen or develop in a particular way
previous	happening or existing at an earlier time
primary	most important, main
purchase	when somebody buys something
range	a group of things that are different, but belong to the same general type
region	a fairly large area within a state, country, etc., usually without exact limits
regulate	control an activity or process, especially by having rules
relevant	directly related to the problem or subject being discussed
reside	live somewhere
resources	something that a country, organisation, person etc. has which they can use
restrict	limit something
secure	not likely to change or become a risk
seek	try to find or get something
select	choose something or someone
site	a place where something important or interesting happens
strategy	a set of plans used to achieve something or to help you be successful
survey	a set of questions that you ask a lot of people in order to find out information
text	the writing in a book, magazine, etc., rather than the pictures
tradition	a custom, belief or way of doing something that has existed for a long time
transfer	move someone or something from one place, part of an organisation etc. to another

Word	Definition
alternative	something you can do instead of something else
circumstances	a fact or condition that affects what happens in a situation
comment	give an opinion about something or someone
compensation	money or something else given to make up for loss, damage or injury
component	one of the different parts of a machine or system
consent	permission to do something
considerable	large enough to be important or have an effect
constant	happening regularly or all the time
constraints	things that limit your freedom to do what you want
contribution	something that you give or do to help make something successful
conventional	the normal and traditional way of thinking and behaving in a society
coordination	when people and things are organised so they work together effectively
core	a central or most important part of something
corporate	relating to a large company or corporation
corresponding	having the same position, effect or importance as something else
criteria	facts or standards to help you decide something
deduce	decide that something is true using the information you have
demonstrate	show somebody something
document	a piece of paper that has official information written on it
dominant	strongest, most important or most noticeable
emphasis	special importance that you give to something
ensure	make certain that something happens
exclude	deliberately not include something
framework	a set of rules, facts or beliefs that people use to make plans or decisions
fund	an amount of money that is kept for a particular purpose
illustrate	explain or make something clear by giving examples
immigration	when people come to a country in order to live there
imply	suggest that something is true without saying or showing it directly
initial	happening at the beginning, first
instance	an example of a particular kind of situation or behaviour
interaction	the way two or more people or things communicate with or affect each other
justification	a good reason for doing something

Word	Definition
layer	one of several levels of different substances or materials that are on top of each other
link	a relationship or connection between two or more events, people or ideas
location	a particular place or position
maximise	increase something as much as possible
minor	small and not very important or serious
negative	having a bad or harmful effect
outcome	the final results of a meeting, process etc.
partnership	a relationship between two people or organisations who work together to achieve something
philosophy	the study of ideas about existence, thought and behaviour
physical	relating to someone's body, rather than mind
proportion	a part of a large amount or number
publish	print and make something available for people to read
reaction	something that you feel or do because of what has happened to you or been said to you
register	record names, facts, etc. on an official list
rely	trust or depend on something or someone
remove	take something away
scheme	an official plan or system for achieving something
sequence	a series of events or actions that have a particular order
sex	whether someone is male or female
shift	a change in the way most people think about something
specify	state something in an exact and detailed way
sufficient	as much as you need for a particular purpose
task	a piece of work that someone has to do, especially one that is difficult or unpleasant
technical	relating to practical skills, knowledge and methods used in science or industry
technique	a special skill or way of doing something
technology	a combination of all the knowledge, equipment, methods etc. that are used in scientific or industrial work
valid	can be used legally; officially acceptable
volume	the total amount of something

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Sublist 4

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
access	the right or opportunity to use, reach or enter something
adequate	enough for a particular purpose
annual	happening once every year
apparent	easily seen or understood
approximately	a little more or less than an exact number
attitude	what you think and feel about something
attribute	say that something is caused by, or belongs to, someone or something
civil	relating to ordinary citizens, or to private legal matters rather than criminal ones
code	a set of rules or laws
commitment	a promise to do something
communication	process of exchanging information or ideas by speaking or writing
concentration	a large amount of something in the same place
conference	a large formal meeting in which people exchange ideas
contrast	a big difference between people, situations, ideas etc. that are being compared
cycle	a number of connected events that happen many times in the same order
debate	discuss a subject formally
despite	without being affected by the thing mentioned
dimension	the size of something, including its length, width and height
domestic	happening within one country
emerge	become known, or come out from somewhere
error	mistake, especially one that causes problems
ethnic	relating to a particular race of people
goal	something that you hope to achieve in the future
grant	an amount of money given to someone by an organisation for a particular purpose
hence	for this reason
hypothesis	an idea that someone suggests as an explanation of something, but that they have not proved to be true
implement	begin to make something happen
implications	possible results of a plan, action etc.
impose	force someone to accept a rule, a tax, your beliefs etc.
integration	the combination of two or more things to make an effective system
internal	inside something, such as your body or a country



Sublist 4 (continued)

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
investigation	an official attempt to find out something
job	work that you do regularly in order to earn money
label	a piece of paper or other material with information on it which is stuck or tied to an object
mechanism	that part of a machine that does a particular job
obvious	easy to notice or understand
occupational	connected with your job
option	something that you can choose to do
output	the amount of work, goods, etc. that someone or something produces
overall	considering or including everything
parallel	lines that are the same distance apart along their whole length
parameters	the limits that decide how something can be done or considered
phase	one part of a process in which something develops or grows
predict	say that something will happen
principal	most important, main
prior	before
professional	a job that needs special education and training
project	important work that is planned and organised carefully over a period of time
promote	help something to develop and be successful
regime	a system of government or management, especially one you disapprove of
resolve	find a way of dealing with a problem
retain	keep something and not lose it
series	several events or actions of the same kind that happen one after the other
statistics	a set of numbers that have been collected to show information about something
status	the position that someone or something has compared to other people or things
stress	continuous feelings of worry about your work or personal life that prevent you from relaxing
subsequent	coming after something else
sum	an amount of money
summary	a short statement that gives the main information about something
undertake	start to do a piece of work, especially one that is long and difficult

Word	Definition
academic	connected with education
adjust	change or move something slightly
alter	change or make something change
amend	make small changes or improvements
aware	knowing about or realising something
capacity	the amount that something can hold or produce, or the ability to do something
challenge	say you doubt whether something is right or true
clause	a part of a legal document
compound	a substance that consists of two or more elements
conflict	a situation in which you have to choose between opposing things
consultation	a discussion in which people who are affected by a decision can say what they think should be done
contact	communicating with a person, organisation or country
decline	become weaker, smaller or less important
discretion	the authority to decide what the right thing to do is in a particular situation
draft	a piece of writing or a plan that is not yet finished
enable	make it possible for someone to do something
energy	power from oil, coal etc. that produces heat and makes machines work
enforce	make people obey a rule or law
entity	something that exists as a single and complete unit
equivalent	equal in amount or value to something else
evolution	gradual change or development
expansion	when something increases in size, number or amount
expose	remove the cover from something that is usually covered
external	relating to the outside of something
facilitate	make it easier for something to happen
fundamental	relating to the most basic and important parts of something
generate	make something happen or start to exist
generation	all of the people who are about the same age
image	the way that people consider something or someone to be
liberal	willing to understand or respect other people's behaviour and ideas
licence	an official document that gives you permission to do something

Word	Definition
logic	the science or study of thinking carefully about something using formal methods
margin	the amount by which one thing is more or less than another, or the edge of something
medical	relating to medicine and the treatment of disease or injury
mental	relating to the mind, or happening in the mind
modify	make small changes in something in order to improve it
monitor	watch or measure something carefully for a period of time to see how it changes
network	a system of things or people that are connected with each other
notion	an idea or belief about something
objective	not influenced by your own feelings or opinions
orientation	the kind of beliefs and ideas that a group or person has
perspective	a way of thinking about something
precise	exact and correct in every detail
prime	main or most important
psychology	the scientific study of the mind and how it works
pursue	continue to do something, or try to achieve something over a long period of time
ratio	a relationship between two amounts, written as two numbers
reject	refuse to accept, believe in or agree with something
revenue	money that is earned by a company or money that the government receives from tax
stable	strong and not likely to move or change
style	a way of doing or making something that is typical of a particular person, group or period
substitute	use something new or different instead of something else
sustain	make something continue to exist
symbol	a picture, object etc. that is the sign of a particular quality, idea or organisation
target	a result you are trying to achieve
transit	when people, goods, etc. are moved from one place to another
trend	the way a situation is generally developing or changing
version	a form of something that is different from other forms
welfare	the general health and happiness of a person or group
whereas	used for showing a fact that is different



Sublist 6

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
abstract	existing as an idea rather than as a physical thing
accurate	exactly correct
acknowledge	accept or admit that something is true or exists
aggregate	total
allocate	decide to use something for a particular purpose
assign	give somebody a job to do
attach	fasten or join
author	someone who writes a book or article
bond	a shared feeling or interest that unites people
brief	continuing for only a short time
capable	having the skill, power or other qualities that are needed to do something
cite	use someone's words to support what you are saying
cooperative	willing to help
discrimination	when one group of people is unfairly treated differently from another
display	put things where people can see them easily
diversity	a range of different people or things; variety
domain	all the things that are included in a subject or activity
edition	the copies of a book that are all the same
enhance	improve something
estate	all of someone's property or money
exceed	more than a particular number or amount
expert	someone with special skills or knowledge
explicit	very clear and easy to understand
federal	relating to the national government of a country which consists of several states
fee	money that you pay for professional services
flexible	able to change easily
furthermore	in addition to what has already been said
gender	the fact of being masculine or feminine
ignore	pay no attention to someone or something
incentive	something that encourages you to work harder, or to start something new
incidence	how often something happens
incorporate	include something as part of a group, system etc.



Sublist 6 (continued)

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
index	an alphabetical list at the end of a book that contains all the names, subjects etc. in the book and the pages where you can find them
inhibit	prevent something from growing or developing
initiate	arrange for something important to start
input	ideas, advice, money or effort that you put into a job, meeting etc. in order to help it succeed
instruct	tell someone to do something, or teach them how to do it
intelligent	good at learning and understanding things
interval	a period of time between two events or activities
lecture	a talk to a group of people about a subject
migrate	go to live in another place, usually to find work
minimum	the smallest number or amount that is possible or needed
ministry	government department
motive	the reason why someone does something
neutral	not supporting any side in a war, argument or election
nevertheless	in spite of what has just been mentioned
overseas	to, in, or from another country that is across the sea
precede	happen or exist before something else
presume	think that something is not true, although you are not certain
rational	based on real facts or scientific knowledge, and not influenced by feelings
recover	get better after an illness, injury, shock etc.
reveal	make something known that was previously secret or not known
scope	the range of subjects that a book, discussion etc. deals with
subsidy	money that a government or organisation pays to help with the cost of something
tape	a long, thin strip of material used for sticking, measuring or recording
trace	find the origins of something and find out how it developed
transform	change something or someone completely
transport	when people, goods, etc. are moved from one place to another
underlying	important but hidden
utilise	use something



Sublist 7

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
adaptation	a change in something so that it can be used in a different situation
adult	fully grown
advocate	say you strongly support a way of doing things
aid	help or support
channel	direct money, energy or effort towards a particular purpose
chemical	related to substances used in chemistry
classical	based on a traditional set of ideas
comprehensive	including everything that is needed
comprise	consist of, or be made up of, a number of parts
confirm	state or prove that something is definitely true
contrary	used to emphasise that the opposite of what someone has just said is actually true
convert	change something from one form, system or purpose to another
couple	two things joined together
decade	a period of ten years
definite	completely certain and not likely to be changed
deny	say that something is not true
differentiate	notice or understand the difference between things or people
disposal	when you get rid of something
dynamic	relating to forces that produce movement
eliminate	completely get rid of something or someone
empirical	based on scientific method or practical example
equipment	things that are used for a particular activity
extract	remove something
file	a set of papers containing information about a particular person or thing
finite	having an end or limit
foundation	basic belief or idea that something is based on
globe	the world
grade	level of quality or importance
guarantee	promise that something will happen or will be done
hierarchical	arranged in levels according to rank or importance
identical	exactly the same
ideology	a set of beliefs or ideas on which a political or economic system is based



Sublist 7 (continued)

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
infer	decide that particular facts must be true because of other information that you already have
innovation	a new idea, method, etc. that is used for the first time
insert	put something inside or into something
intervene	do something to try to stop an argument, war, etc.
isolate	make or keep one person separate from others
media	television, radio, newspapers and the internet, considered as a group
mode	a particular way of behaving, living or doing something
paradigm	a typical example or pattern of something
phenomenon	something that happens or exists, especially something that is unusual or difficult to understand
priority	the thing that you think is most important and should be dealt with first
prohibit	have a law that stops people doing things
publication	a book, magazine or report that is printed or released for people to read
quote	repeat the words that someone else has written
release	make something available or public, or allow someone or something to go free
reverse	change something, such as a decision or way of doing something, so that it is the opposite of what it was before
simulate	create the conditions or appearance of something, especially in order to practise or test
sole	the only one
somewhat	more than a little but not very
submit	formally send something to someone in writing for them to consider
successor	the person who has someone's job after they leave
survive	continue to live after an accident, illness etc.
thesis	a long piece of writing that you do for a university degree
topic	a subject that people talk or write about
transmit	send or pass something from one place or person to another
ultimate	the final and most important thing
unique	the only one of its kind; often very good or special
visible	something that can be seen or noticed
voluntary	done willingly rather than because you are forced, often without payment

Word	Definition
abandon	stop doing something because of problems
accompany	go somewhere with someone, or happen at the same time as something else
accumulation	gradual increase in quantity
ambiguous	having more than one possible meaning
appendix	a part at the end of a book or report that has additional information
appreciate	understand a difficult situation or problem
arbitrary	not based on any practical or good reasons
automate	make a process or system work using machines or computers rather than people
bias	an opinion that unfairly influences how you do something
chart	information that is shown in the form of a picture
clarify	make something clearer or easier to understand
commodity	a product that is being bought or sold
complement	something that goes well with or completes another thing
conform	obey or follow an existing rule
contemporary	happening or existing in the same period of time
contradiction	a difference between two statements, facts etc. which means they cannot both be true
crucial	extremely important
currency	the type of money that a country uses
denote	be used as sign for something
detect	notice or discover something that is not easy to see
deviation	a difference from what is normal or expected
displace	take the place of someone or something
dramatic	sudden and surprising
eventually	after a long time
exhibit	put something in a particular place so that people can see it
exploit	make full use of something, or use someone unfairly for your own advantage
fluctuations	small regular changes
guidelines	official advice about the way to do something
highlight	make something the main subject or problem that people pay attention to
implicit	suggested or understood but not stated directly
induce	cause something to happen, or persuade someone to do something
inevitable	will definitely happen and you cannot avoid it



Sublist 8 (continued)

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
infrastructure	the basic systems that a country or organisation needs in order to work properly
inspection	an official visit to a building or organisation to check that everything is of a good enough standard
intense	involving a lot of thought, work, effort, etc. in a short period of time
manipulate	skilfully control or move something
minimise	make the degree or amount of something as small as possible
nuclear	using the energy that is produced when an atom is split or joined to another atom
offset	make a bad situation better by providing something good
paragraph	a group of sentences in a piece of writing that starts on a new line
plus	used when one number or amount is added to another
practitioner	someone who practises a profession, such as a doctor or lawyer
predominantly	mostly or mainly
prospect	the chance that something you hope for will happen soon
radical	relating to complete or fundamental change
random	happening or chosen without any definite plan or system
reinforce	support an opinion, feeling, system etc. and make it stronger
restore	repair something so that it is in its original condition
revise	change something to improve it or make it more suitable
schedule	a plan of when work is to be done
tense	nervous and anxious
terminate	end or make something end
theme	the main subject or idea in a book
thereby	with the result that
uniform	all the same size, shape etc.
vehicle	a thing such as a car or bus that is used for carrying people or things
via	travelling through or stopping at a place when you are going to another place
virtual	almost completely
visual	relating to seeing or your ability to see
widespread	happening in many places, among many people, or in many situations



Sublist 9

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
accommodation	a place to live or work
analogy	a comparison between two things that shows how they are similar
anticipate	expect something to happen
assure	tell somebody that something will definitely happen or is true
attain	achieve something after trying for a long time
behalf	instead of someone
bulk	in large quantities
cease	stop doing something, or stop happening
coherent	clear and easy to understand
coincide	happen by chance at the same time or in the same place
commence	begin
compatible	able to exist or live together
concurrent	existing or happening at the same time
confine	keep something within limits or in a particular place
controversy	a lot of argument and disagreement about something
conversely	in a way that is opposite to something
device	a machine or tool used for a particular purpose
devote	give all your time, effort or attention to something
diminish	become or make smaller, weaker or less important
distort	change the shape or sound of something so it is strange or unclear
duration	the length of time that something continues
erode	gradually destroy something
ethical	connected with principles of what is right and wrong
format	the way something is organised or designed
found	start an organisation
inherent	a quality that is naturally part of something
insight	the ability to understand something clearly
integral	forming a necessary part of something
intermediate	between two stages
manual	working using your hands, especially hard physical work
mature	fully grown or developed
mediate	try to help two groups, countries etc. stop arguing and make an agreement



Sublist 9 (continued)

The next 60 most frequent word families

Word	Definition
medium	way of communicating information or expressing ideas to people
military	relating to war
minimal	extremely small in amount or degree and therefore not worth worrying about
mutual	shared by two or more people
norms	the usual and acceptable ways of behaving
overlap	when part of one thing covers part of another thing
passive	tending to accept situations or things that other people do, without trying to change or influence them
portion	a part of something
preliminary	happening or done at the beginning of a process, especially in order to prepare for what will come later
protocol	system of rules about the correct way to behave on official occasions
qualitative	relating to the quality of something rather than its size
refine	use an industrial process to make a natural substance more pure
relax	become calm and less worried, or make rules or controls less strict
restrain	prevent someone from doing something, or keep something under control
revolution	a complete change in the way people do something, or in the ideas that people have about a subject
rigid	stiff and not moving or bending
route	the way from one place to another
scenario	a situation that could happen but has not happened yet
sphere	the shape of a ball
subordinate	someone who has a less important job than someone else in an organisation
supplement	something that you add to something else to improve it
suspend	officially stop or delay something for a short period
team	a group of people who work together to do a particular job
temporary	existing or happening for a limited period of time
trigger	make something start to happen
unify	join the parts of a country, organisation etc. together to make a single country, organisation etc.
violate	disobey a law, agreement etc.
vision	the ability to see, or an idea of what the future could be

Word	Definition
adjacent	next to something
albeit	although
assembly	a group of people who have come together for a particular purpose
collapse	fail suddenly and completely
colleague	people you work with
compile	make a book, list etc. from different pieces of information
conceive	think of a new idea or plan
convinced	certain that something is true
depression	a feeling of sadness and loss of hope
encounter	experience something that causes difficulty
enormous	extremely big
forthcoming	happening soon
inclination	the desire to do something
integrity	the quality of being honest and having high moral standards
intrinsic	forming part of the basic character of something
invoke	use a law, principle, etc. to support your opinions or actions
levy	officially make someone pay a tax etc.
likewise	in the same way
nonetheless	in spite of what has just been mentioned
notwithstanding	in spite of something
odds	how likely it is that something will or will not happen
ongoing	continuing to happen
panel	a group of people who are chosen to discuss something or answer questions
persist	continue to do something, even though it is difficult or other people do not like it
pose	cause a problem or ask a question
reluctant	unwilling and therefore slow to do something
so-called	used to show that you think the word used to describe something is wrong
straightforward	simple to do or easy to understand
undergo	have a difficult or unpleasant experience
whereby	by which; because of which

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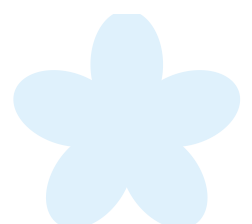
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