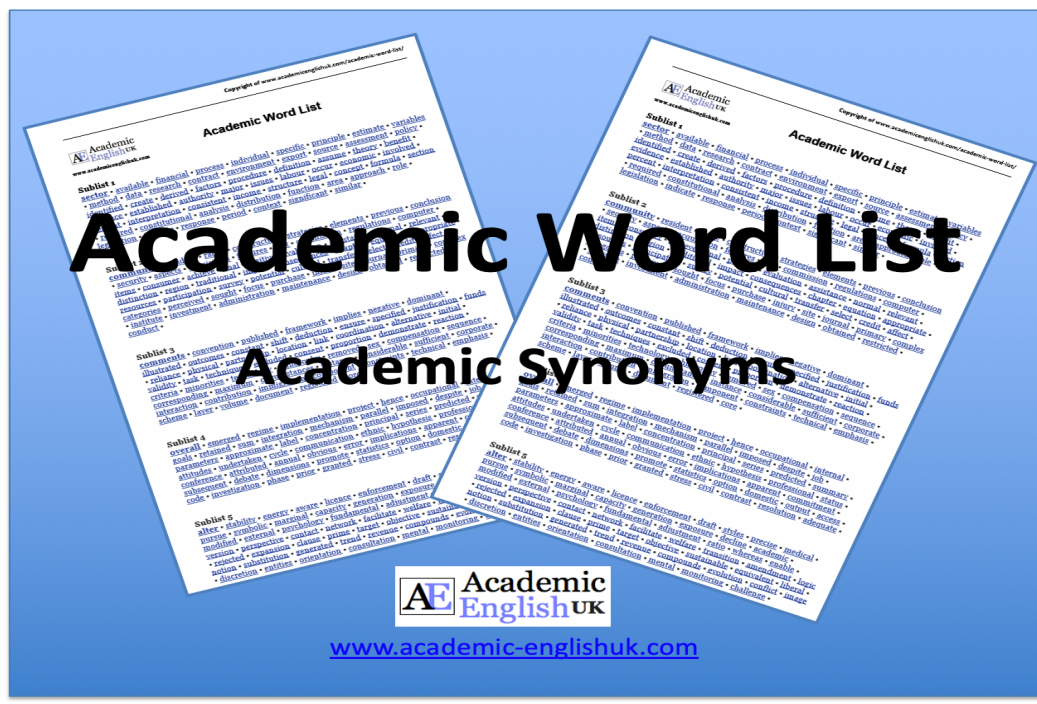




# Introduction to the AWL



# PDF Lesson Book

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## Academic Word List – an introduction

### Lesson Plan

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

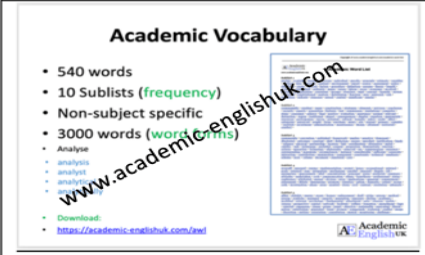


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### 1. Preparation

- 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/ analyst /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.*

PPT slide 2: Introductory slide	PPT Slide 3: AWL – Synonyms (with animation)	Sentence Gap Fill (with animation)
		

### 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 • relaxed • 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/highlighter/>

AWL Word Forms: <https://www.eapfoundation.com/vocab/academic/awllists/>

## Academic Word List – Synonyms

### Sublist 1

sector	available	financial	process	individual	specific	principal
estimate	variables	method	data	research	contradict	different
export	source	assessment	policy	identified		derived
factors	procedure	definition	assume	+	benefit	evidence
established	authority	major	issue	jour	occur	economic
involved	percent	interpret	consistent	income	structure	legal
concept	formula		required	constitutional	analysis	distribution
function	Ac	approach	role	legislation	indicate	response
period	context	significant	similar			

Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. A way [x4]	
2. [REDACTED]	
3. To find out	
4. [REDACTED]	
5. To create	
6. [REDACTED]	
7. To study something [x2]	
8. [REDACTED]	

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the last 5 years to around 68%.
4.   factory will not be \_\_\_\_\_ until changes are made to reduce the impact \_\_\_\_\_ environment.
5. No single \_\_\_\_\_ cause is found in the vast   people with high blood pressure.
6. When \_\_\_\_\_ it is difficult to calculate the specific cost.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

proceed / [ ] / identifiable / assumed / [ ] / interpretations /  
analytical / significantly

1. It is shown that the experimental data 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the last 5 years to around 68%.
4. [ ] the factory will not \_\_\_\_\_ until changes are made to reduce the impact \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## Academic Word List – synonyms

### Sublist 2

community	resident	range	construct	strategies	elements	previous
conclusion	security	aspects	acquisition	features	text	mission
regulations	computer	items	consume	achieve		positive
evaluation	assistance	normal	relevant		region	traditional
impact	consequence	chapter	transfer	appropriate	resources	participation
survey	potential	culture	transfer	select	credit	affect
categories	perceive	focus	focus	purchase	injury	site
journal		complex	institute	investment	administrate	maintenance
design	obtained	restricted				



Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. Lots of	
2. [REDACTED]	
3. Actions / plans	
4. [REDACTED]	
5. Important contrast	
6. [REDACTED]	
7. Relevant	
8. [REDACTED]	



## 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 / I  /  
appropriateness / obtainable

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## Academic Word List – synonyms

### Sublist 3



comments	convention	published	framework	implies	negative	dominant
illustrated	outcomes	constant	shift	deduction	ensure	used
justification	funds	reliance	partnership	physicist		link
coordination	alternative	initial	validity		techniques	excluded
consent	proportion	demonstrate		criteria	minorities	technology
philosophy	removed	considerable	sex	sequence	correspond	maximum
circumstances	incentive	sufficient	corporate	interaction	contribution	
immigrant	component	constraints	technical	emphasis	scheme	layer
volumes	document	registered	core			

Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. To suggest	
2. <input type="text"/>	
3. A reason	
4. <input type="text"/>	
5. To show	
6. <input type="text"/>	
7. Enough	
8. <input type="text"/>	

## 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**)

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illustrated /  / justifiable / validity /  / consideration /  
sufficient / contribution

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## Academic Word List – synonyms

### Sublist 4

<i>overall</i>	<i>emerged</i>	<i>regime</i>	<i>implement</i>	<i>project</i>	<i>hence</i>	<i>occupational</i>
<i>internal</i>	<i>goals</i>	<i>retained</i>	<i>sum</i>	<i>integration</i>	<i>mechanism</i>	
<i>imposed</i>	<i>despite</i>	<i>job</i>	<i>parameters</i>	<i>approximate</i>		<i>concentration</i>
<i>principal</i>	<i>series</i>	<i>predicted</i>	<i>summary</i>	<i>relevant</i>	<i>undertaken</i>	<i>cycle</i>
<i>communicate</i>	<i>ethnic</i>	<i>hypothesis</i>	<i>professions</i>	<i>status</i>	<i>conference</i>	<i>attributed</i>
<i>annual</i>	<i>obvious</i>	<i>error</i>	<i>communications</i>	<i>apparent</i>	<i>commitment</i>	<i>subsequent</i>
<i>dimensions</i>	<i>debts</i>	<i>scale</i>	<i>statistics</i>	<i>option</i>	<i>domestic</i>	<i>output</i>
<i>access</i>		<i>investigate</i>	<i>phase</i>	<i>prior</i>	<i>granted</i>	<i>stress</i>
<i>civil</i>	<i>contrast</i>	<i>resolution</i>	<i>adequate</i>			

Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. <input type="text"/>	
2. To unify	
3. <input type="text"/>	
4. Framework / variable	
5. <input type="text"/>	
6. Conclusion / suggestion	
7. <input type="text"/>	
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 / i [ ] / parallel / parameter / [ ] / 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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## Academic Word List – synonyms **ANSWERS**

### Sublist 1

sector	available	financial	process	individual	specific	primary
estimate	variables	method	data	research	contribution	environment
export	source	assessment	policy	identify	benefit	derived
factors	procedure	definition	assume	labour	occur	evidence
established	authority	major	consistent	income	structure	economic
involved	percent	international	required	constitutional	analysis	legal
concept	form	approach	role	legislation	indicate	distribution
function	context	significant	similar			response
people						

Find an academic word for these synonyms:

1. A way [x4]	procedure / process / method / approach
2. [REDACTED]	variable
3. To find out	[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5. To create	establish
6. [REDACTED]	identify
7. To study something [x2]	analysis / research
8. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## Sentence Gap Fill – Sublist 1 **ANSWERS**

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5. No single identifiable cause is found in the vast [ ] people with high blood pressure.
6. Due to many variables, it is difficult to calculate the specific cost.
7. It can be safely assumed that this [ ] ahead of the competition with this particular product.
8. Since its establishment in 1945, [ ] has played a dominant role in the development of international law.

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