

# Word Lists

## A Resource for Instructors

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## Growing a Student's Vocabulary

If students are to become effective and efficient readers, they must increase their working vocabulary. To do this, students need exposure to a wide range of words. This resource provides instructors with a variety of word lists that they can use when working with students.

The **General Service List** consists of approximately 2000 words which have been found to be the most serviceable words in the English language.

- The First 1000 Words (K-1) should be used with students who are currently reading between a 3.0 – 5.0 grade equivalent.
- The Second 1000 Words (K-2) should be used with students who are currently reading between a 5.0 – 7.9 grade equivalent.

The **Academic Word List** consists of approximately 500 words that students should know and be able to use prior to taking the GED Tests. Instructors working with higher level students, 8.0 and above grade equivalent, should introduce these words to their students.

The **Fry Signal Word List** consists of more than 230 words and phrases that provide signals or clues to readers. These words and phrases help students make predictions about what will happen next in text, determine what is most significant, separate fact from opinion, determine cause and effect, sequence events included in text or directions, and draw conclusions. Instructors should begin introducing signal words to students at the earliest level possible.

The **Dolch Basic Sight Word List** consists of 11 lists each containing 20 words. This list should be used with students who function at the most basic level of reading 0.0 – 3.0. This list includes high frequency words with which all students must be familiar.

The **Fry Instant Word List** consists of 300 words which students frequently encounter when they are reading text of any kind. This list should be used with students who function at the 0.0 – 4.0 grade equivalent.

## Strategy: Vocabulary Builders

**Speed Drills** – The procedure for using speed drills is to use a word list, such as the Academic Word List and have a student read as many words correctly as possible in one minute. The number correct is charted on a daily basis. If time permits, more than one drill can be used per class period. Depending on the level of the reader, the teacher may wish to do two types of word drills for fluency, one on sight words and one on words that are needed for the academic area being taught or real-life words that the student needs to know.

### Before and After Vocabulary Grids

Give each student a list of key words with two blank columns. In the first column, the students write the meaning of each word or what they guess the meaning is for each word. As they come across the word later during the lesson, the students can revise their original definition. At this point, the answers can be discussed and clarified in the whole class.

The benefits of Before and After Vocabulary Grids are that they:

- Focus attention onto key words
- Provide opportunities for students to actively work out word meaning
- Help students become independent learners of new words by using strategies such as context clues

### Before and After Vocabulary Grid Template

Word List	What I think the word means	Revised definition

## Word Jar

Word Jars are excellent vocabulary builders for lower-level readers. Have each student write the following information on a strip of paper and add it to the Word Jar in the classroom:

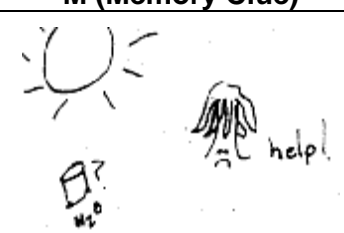

Word
Name of book and page number
Sentence in which the word was used
Dictionary definition
Student's name

At the end of class, choose a word from the Word Jar and read it aloud. Have students try to guess the meaning of the word (excluding the student who contributed the word). Then read the word in context and the dictionary definition. You may wish to have a Word Wall on which these words are added.

## K. I. M. (Key Idea – Information – Memory Clue)

K. I. M. is a great strategy for new words or concepts. Write the term or key idea (K) in the left column, the information (I) that goes along with it in the center column, and draw a picture of the idea, a memory clue, (M) in the right column.

The key idea may be a new vocabulary word or a new concept. The information may be a definition or it may be a more technical explanation of the concept. The memory clue is a way for students to fully integrate the meaning of the key idea into their memories. By making a simple sketch that explains the key idea, students synthesize and interpret the new information, making it their own. Then, students can reference their drawings to easily remember new key ideas. This strategy can be used with different levels of students who have a variety of learning styles.

K (Key Idea)	I (Information)	M (Memory Clue)
drought	Little or no rain over a period of time	
coup	Take over of government by the military	

## Personal Dictionary

Personal dictionaries are a way for students to self-access those words with which they have difficulty. This is an activity that can be used in individualized learning while working with a small-group on a different reading activity.

### Sample Template for a Personal Reading Dictionary

Word _____ Synonym(s) _____ Antonym(s) _____ Contrasted Word(s) _____	Meaning _____ _____ Sentence _____ _____
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Word _____ Synonym(s) _____ Antonym(s) _____ Contrasted Word(s) _____	Meaning _____ _____ Sentence _____ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Meeting New Vocabulary

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**Word**

**Drawing Or Symbol For Word**

Predicted meaning of word:

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Based on that meaning, use this word in a sentence:

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Definition from dictionary:

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Based on the dictionary's meaning, use this word in a sentence:

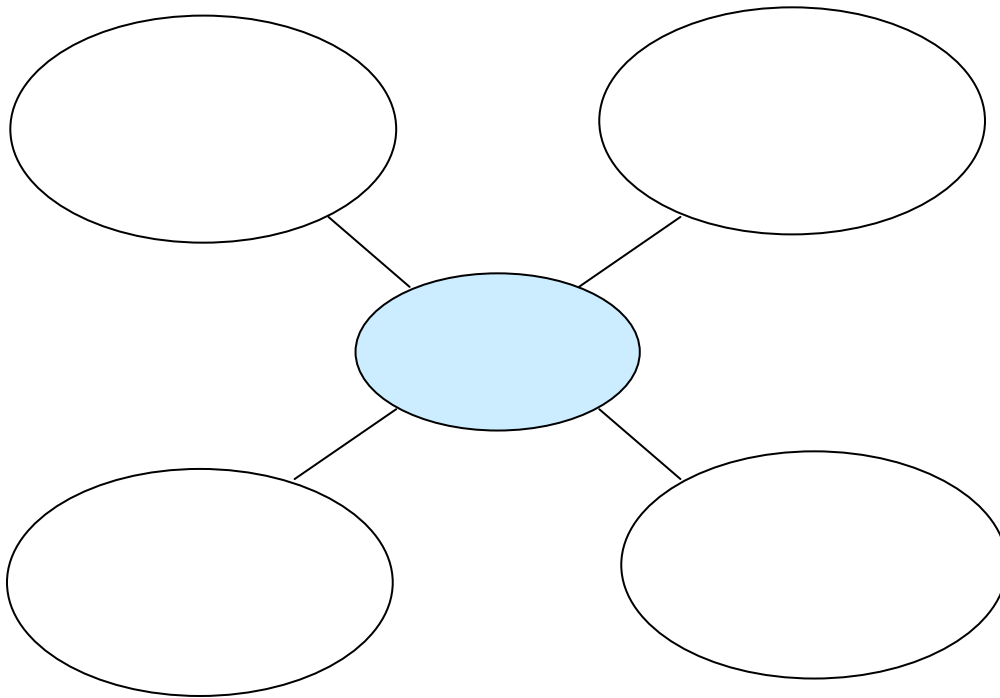
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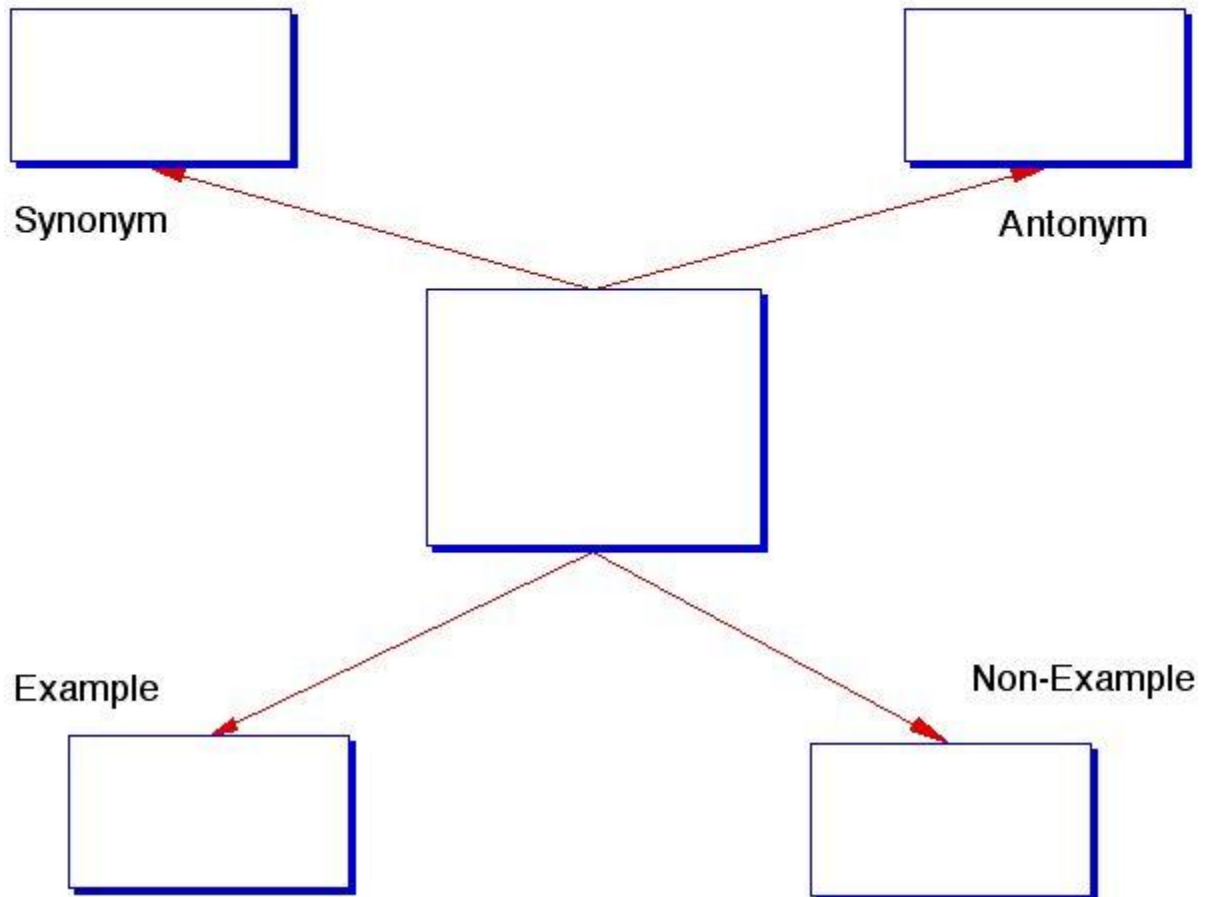
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## Semantic Maps

Semantic maps are graphic organizers that help students associate an unfamiliar word with familiar related words. To map the word *noun*, for example, draw a circle and write *noun* in the center of it. Then draw smaller circles around the central circle and fill each with a key related word, such as *person*, *place*, and *thing*. To complete the map, surround each outer circle with a series of subcircles, each containing an example of the related word, such as the name of a specific person, place, or thing. Then show the relationships by connecting all the circles with lines.

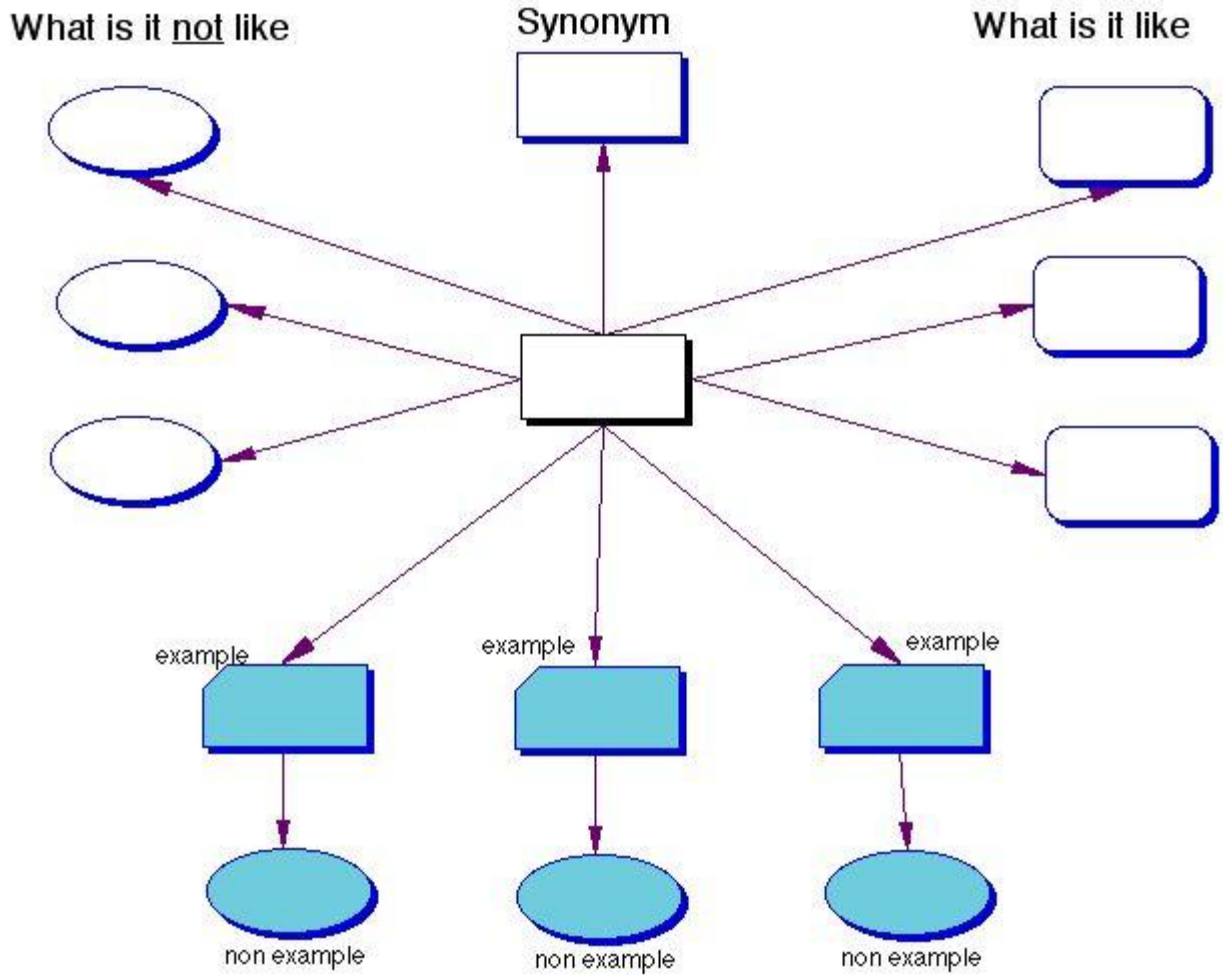


# Word Map





# Words in Context



Adapted from Janet Allen

**The First 1000 Words of the General Service List**  
West, 1953

a	agent	appear	base
able	ago	apply	battle
about	agree	appoint	be
above	air	arise	bear
accept	all	arm	beauty
accord	allow	army	because
account	almost	around	become
across	alone	arrive	bed
act	along	art	before
actual	already	article	begin
add	also	as	behind
address	although	ask	being
admit	always	association	believe
adopt	among	at	belong
advance	amount	attack	below
advantage	an	attempt	beneath
adventure	ancient	average	best
affair	and	away	better
afford	animal	back	between
after	another	bad	beyond
again	another	ball	big
against	answer	bank	bill
age	any	bar	bird

bit	buy	circle	connect
black	by	city	consider
bless	call	claim	contain
blood	camp	class	content
blow	can	clean	continue
blue	canal	clear	control
board	capital	close	corn
boat	captain	cloud	corner
boat	car	club	cost
body	care	coal	cotton
book	carry	coast	could
born	case	coin	council
box	castle	cold	count
boy	cause	college	country
branch	centre	colony	course
bread	century	color	court
break	certain	come	cover
bridge	chair	comfort	creature
bright	chance	command	crop
bring	change	committee	cross
broad	character	common	crowd
brother	charge	company	crown
build	chief	compare	cry
burn	child	complete	current
business	choose	concern	custom
but	church	condition	cut

dance	develop	each	even
danger	die	ear	evening
dare	difference	early	event
dark	difficult	earth	ever
date	direct	east	every
daughter	discover	easy	evil
day	disease	eat	example
dead	distance	edge	excellent
deal	distinguish	edge	except
dear	district	effect	exchange
debt	divide	effort	exercise
decide	do	egg	exist
declare	dog	either	expect
deep	dollar	elect	expense
defeat	door	else	experience
degree	double	empire	experiment
deliver	down	employ	explain
demand	draw	end	express
department	dream	enemy	extend
depend	dress	English	eye
describe	drink	enjoy	face
desert	drive	enough	fact
desire	drop	enter	factory
destroy	dry	entire	fail
detail	due	equal	fair
determine	duty	escape	faith

fall	fish	game	hall
familiar	fit	garden	hand
family	fix	gas	handle
famous	flag	gate	hang
fancy	floor	gather	happen
far	flow	general	happy
farm	fly	gentle	hard
fashion	follow	get	hardly
fast	for	girl	have
fate	force	give	he
favor	foreign	glad	head
fear	forest	glass	health
feed	forget	glory	hear
feel	form	go	heat
fellow	former	God	heaven
few	forth	gold	heavy
field	fortune	good	help
fight	free	grain	her
figure	fresh	grave	here
fill	friend	great	hide
find	from	green	hide
fine	front	ground	high
finger	full	grow	hill
finish	furnish	guard	his
fire	future	gun	history
first	gain	habit	hold

home	interest	lay	local
honest	into	lead	long
honor	introduce	leaf	look
hope	iron	learn	lord
horse	it	least	lose
hot	its	leave	lost
hour	join	leg	lot
house	joy	less	love
how	judge	let	low
human	just	letter	machine
I	keep	level	main
idea	kill	liberty	make
ideal	kind	library	man
if	king	lie	manner
ill	know	life	manners
important	lack	lift	manufacture
impossible	lady	light	many
in	lake	like	march
inch	land	likely	mark
include	language	line	market
increase	large	limit	marry
indeed	last	lip	mass
independent	late	listen	master
influence	latter	literature	material
instead	laugh	little	matter
intend	law	live	may

me	moreover	night	onto
mean	morning	no	open
measure	most	noble	operation
member	mother	none	opinion
memory	motion	nor	opportunity
mention	motor	north	or
merchant	mountain	not	or
mere	mouth	note	order
metal	much	nothing	ordinary
middle	music	notice	organize
might	must	now	other
mile	my	number	otherwise
milk	name	object	ought
mind	narrow	observe	out of
mine	nation	occasion	out
mine	native	ocean	over
minister	nature	of	owe
minute	near	off	own
miss	necessary	offer	page
mistake	neck	office	pain
modern	need	often	paint
moment	neighbor	oil	paper
money	neither	old	part
month	never	once	particular
moon	new	one	party
more	next	only	pass

past	possible	protect	recent
pay	post	prove	recognize
peace	power	provide	record
people	practical	public	red
per	practice	pull	reduce
perfect	prepare	purpose	refuse
perhaps	present	put	regard
permanent	preserve	quality	regular
permit	president	quantity	relation
person	press	queen	religion
picture	pretty	question	remain
piece	prevent	quiet	remark
place	price	quite	remember
plain	print	race	rent
plan	private	raise	repeat
plant	problem	rank	reply
play	produce	rate	report
please	product	rather	represent
poet	production	reach	republic
point	profit	read	reserve
political	program	ready	respect
poor	progress	real	rest
popular	promise	realize	result
population	proper	really	return
position	property	reason	rich
possess	propose	receive	ride



right	science	shine	slight
ring	sea	ship	slow
rise	season	shoe	small
river	seat	shoot	smile
road	second	shore	snow
rock	secret	short	so
roll	secretary	should	society
room	see	shout	soft
rough	seem	show	soil
round	seize	side	soldier
royal	sell	sign	some
ruin	send	silence	son
rule	sense	silver	soon
run	separate	simple	sort
rush	serious	since	soul
safe	serve	sing	sound
sail	set	single	south
sale	settle	sir	space
salt	several	sister	speak
same	shade	sit	special
sand	shadow	situation	speed
say	shake	size	spend
scale	shall	skill	spirit
scarce	shape	sky	spite
scene	share	slave	sport
school	she	sleep	spot

spread	strong	taste	through
spring	struggle	tax	throw
square	study	teach	thus
stage	subject	tear	till
stand	substance	tell	time
standard	succeed	temple	title
star	such	tend	to
start	sudden	term	today
state	suffer	terrible	together
stay	sugar	test	ton
steel	suggest	than	too
step	summer	that	tooth
stick	sun	the	top
still	supply	theatre	total
stock	support	their	touch
stone	suppose	them	toward/s
stop	sure	then	town
store	surface	there	trade
storm	surprise	therefore	train
story	surround	these	travel
straight	sweet	they	tree
strange	sword	thing	trouble
stream	system	think	true
street	table	this	trust
stretch	take	though	try
strike	talk	thought	turn

type	virtue	west	wise
uncle	visit	western	wish
under	voice	what	with
understand	vote	when	within
union	wage/s	where	without
unite	wait	whether	woman
university	walk	which	wonder
unless	wall	while	wood
until	want	white	word
until	war	who	work
up	warn	whose	world
upon	waste	why	worse
upper	watch	wide	worth
use	water	wife	wound
usual	wave	wild	write
valley	way	will	wrong
value	we	win	year
various	wealth	wind	yes
very	wear	window	yet
vessel	weather	wine	yield
victory	week	wing	you
view	welcome	winter	young
village	well		

## The Second 1000 words of the General Service List

West, 1953

abroad	amongst	attract	bay
absence	amuse	audience	beak
absolutely	anger	aunt	beam
accident	angle	autumn	bean
accuse	annoy	avenue	beard
accustom	anxiety	avoid	beast
ache	apart	awake	beat
actual	apologize	awkward	beg
admire	applaud	axe	behave
advertise	apple	baby	bell
advice	approve	bag	belt
afford	arch	baggage	bend
afraid	argue	bake	beneath
afternoon	arrange	balance	berry
agriculture	arrest	band	bicycle
ahead	arrow	bar	bind
aim	artificial	barber	birth
airplane	ash	bare	bit
alike	ashamed	bargain	bite
alive	aside	barrel	bitter
aloud	asleep	basin	blade
altogether	astonish	basket	blame
ambition	attend	bath	bless

blind	burst	chain	collar
block	bury	chair	collect
boast	bus	chalk	comb
boil	bush	charm	combine
bold	busy	cheap	commerce
bone	butter	cheat	companion
border	button	check	compare
borrow	cage	cheer	compete
bottle	cake	cheese	complain
bottom	calculate	check	complicated
boundary	calm	chicken	compose
bound	camera	chimney	confess
bow	camp	Christmas	confidence
bowl	canal	civilize	confuse
brain	cap	clay	congratulate
brass	cape	clean	connect
brave	card	clerk	conquer
breakfast	carriage	clever	conscience
breath	cart	cliff	conscious
bribe	cat	climb	convenience
brick	cattle	clock	conversation
brown	caution	cloth	cook
brush	cave	club	cool
bucket	cent	coarse	copper
bunch	century	coat	copy
bundle	ceremony	coffee	cork

corner	cushion	dig	eager
correct	custom	dinner	earn
cottage	damage	dip	earnest
cough	damp	dirt	ease
courage	dance	disappoint	edge
cousin	dare	discipline	educate
cow	deaf	discuss	efficient
coward	debt	disease	elastic
crack	decay	disgust	elder
crash	deceive	dish	electricity
cream	decrease	dismiss	elephant
creature	deed	disturb	empty
creep	deer	ditch	enclose
crime	defend	dive	encourage
critic	delay	donkey	engine
crop	delicate	dot	entertain
cruel	delight	double	entire
crush	deliver	dozen	envelope
cultivate	descend	drag	envy
cup	desert	drawer	especial
cure	deserve	drown	essence
curious	desk	drum	everywhere
curl	despair	duck	evil
curse	devil	dull	exact
curtain	diamond	during	examination
curve	dictionary	dust	excellent

excess	film	fun	guess
excuse	finger	funeral	guest
expense	firm	fur	guide
explode	flag	gallon	guilty
explore	flame	gap	habit
extra	flash	garage	hair
extraordinary	flat	gate	hall
extreme	flavor	gay	hammer
fade	flesh	generous	handkerchief
faint	float	glory	handle
false	flood	goat	harbor
fan	flour	govern	harm
fancy	fold	grace	harvest
farther	fond	gradual	haste
fashion	fool	grain	hat
fat	foot	grammar	hate
fate	forbid	grand	hay
fault	forgive	grass	heal
favorite	fork	grateful	health
feast	formal	grave	heap
feather	frame	grease	heart
feed	freeze	greed	height
female	frequent	greet	hesitate
fence	fright	grey	hinder
fever	fruit	grind	hire
fierce	fry	guard	hit

hole	ink	kitchen	log
holiday	inn	knee	lonely
hollow	inquire	kneel	loose
holy	insect	knife	lot
honest	inside	knock	loud
hook	instant	knot	loyal
horizon	instrument	ladder	luck
hospital	insult	lamp	lump
host	insure	lazy	lunch
hotel	intend	leaf	lung
humble	interfere	lean	mad
hunger	international	left	mail
hunt	interrupt	leg	male
hurry	invent	lend	manage
hurt	invite	lessen	map
hut	inward/s	lesson	mat
ice	jaw	liberty	match
ideal	jealous	lid	meal
idle	jewel	limb	meanwhile
imagine	joint	liquid	meat
imitate	journey	list	mechanic
immediate	juice	load	medicine
immense	jump	loaf	melt
improve	key	loan	mend
industry	kick	lock	merchant
inform	kiss	lodging	mercy



merry	net	pain	pick
message	nice	pair	pig
mild	niece	pale	pigeon
mill	noise	pan	pile
miserable	nonsense	parcel	pin
mistake	noon	pardon	pinch
mix	nose	parent	pink
model	noun	park	pint
modest	nuisance	passage	pipe
monkey	nurse	paste	pity
moral	nut	path	plaster
moreover	oar	patient	plenty
motion	obey	patriotic	plough
mouse	ocean	pattern	plural
mud	offend	pause	pocket
multiply	omit	paw	poet
murder	opportunity	pearl	poison
mystery	opposite	peculiar	police
nail	orange	pen	polish
narrow	organ	pencil	polite
neat	origin	penny	pool
neck	ornament	perfect	postpone
needle	otherwise	perform	pot
neglect	overcome	permanent	pour
nephew	pack	pet	poverty
nest	pad	photograph	powder

practical	pupil	rejoice	roast
practice	pure	relieve	rob
praise	purple	remedy	rod
pray	push	remind	roof
preach	puzzle	rent	root
precious	qualify	repair	rope
prefer	quarrel	repeat	rot
prejudice	quart	replace	row
preserve	quick	reproduce	rub
pretend	quiet	reputation	rubber
pride	rabbit	request	rubbish
priest	radio	rescue	rude
print	rail	resign	rug
prison	rain	responsible	ruin
probable	rake	restaurant	ruler
procession	rapid	retire	rush
produce	rare	revenge	rust
profession	raw	review	sacred
program	ray	reward	sacrifice
prompt	razor	ribbon	sad
pronounce	recommend	rice	saddle
proof	refer	rid	sake
proud	reflect	ripe	salary
pump	refresh	risk	sample
punctual	regret	rival	sand
punish	regular	roar	satisfy

sauce	sheet	smell	sport
saucer	shelf	smoke	staff
saw	shell	smooth	stain
scale	shelter	snake	stairs
scatter	shield	soap	stamp
scent	shilling	socks	steady
scissors	shirt	soil	steam
scold	shock	solemn	steep
scorn	shoe	solid	steer
scrape	shop	solve	stem
scratch	shout	sore	stiff
screen	shower	sorry	sting
screw	shut	soup	stir
search	sick	sour	stockings
seed	silk	sow	stomach
seize	sincere	spade	storm
seldom	sink	spare	stove
sentence	skill	spell	straight
severe	skin	spill	strap
sew	skirt	spin	straw
shade	slave	spit	stretch
shadow	slide	spite	strict
shallow	slight	splendid	string
shame	slip	split	strip
sharp	slope	spoil	stripe
sheep	slow	spoon	stuff

stupid	temperature	tire	tube
substance	tempt	title	tune
suck	tend	tobacco	twist
sudden	tender	toe	ugly
sugar	tent	tomorrow	umbrella
suit	terrible	tongue	unclear
supper	thank/s	tonight	unit
suspect	theater	tool	unity
swallow	thick	tooth	universe
swear	thief	tough	upper
sweat	thin	tour	upright
sweep	thirst	towel	upset
swell	thorn	tower	urge
swim	thorough	toy	vain
swing	thread	track	veil
sympathy	threaten	translate	verb
tail	throat	trap	verse
tailor	thumb	tray	violent
tall	thunder	treasure	vowel
tame	ticket	treat	voyage
tap	tide	tremble	waist
taste	tidy	trial	wake
taxi	tie	tribe	wander
telegraph	tight	trick	warm
telephone	tin	trip	warn
temper	tip	trunk	waste

wax

weak

weapon

weather

weave

weed

weigh

wet

wheat

wheel

whip

whisper

whistle

whole

wicked

widow

wine

wing

wipe

wire

witness

wool

worm

## Academic Word List

Sublists by frequency of word families in each sublist

Retrieved from the World Wide Web at: <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/lals/staff/averil-coxhead/awl/index.html>.

### Sublist 1

require  
income  
section  
structure  
policy  
economy  
process  
research  
vary  
issue  
analyze  
method  
data  
function  
area  
define  
proceed  
significant  
individual  
respond  
identify  
export  
similar  
approach  
occur  
environment  
contract  
involve  
establish  
specific  
theory  
benefit  
major  
assess  
indicate  
finance  
evident  
period  
source  
principle  
percent  
labor

consist  
assume  
factor  
formula  
legal  
sector  
authority  
create  
concept  
constitute  
legislate  
distribute  
derive  
context  
role  
available  
estimate  
interpret

### Sublist 2

range  
obtain  
strategy  
conclude  
commission  
appropriate  
institute  
credit  
region  
acquire  
invest  
construct  
community  
design  
item  
equate  
injure  
chapter  
participate  
compute  
select  
relevant

maintain  
reside  
culture  
text  
regulate  
final  
distinct  
potential  
resource  
element  
administrate  
focus  
seek  
achieve  
site  
consequent  
survey  
normal  
complex  
feature  
consume  
affect  
primary  
previous  
secure  
tradition  
transfer  
journal  
conduct  
purchase  
positive  
perceive  
impact  
evaluate  
restrict  
assist  
category  
aspect

### Sublist 3

partner  
technical

rely  
corporate  
contribute  
exclude  
react  
sex  
alternative  
initial  
convene  
technology  
circumstance  
link  
minor  
comment  
shift  
sufficient  
proportion  
ensure  
document  
constant  
component  
core  
immigrate  
emphasis  
valid  
instance  
consent  
physical  
fund  
dominate  
demonstrate  
outcome  
specify  
volume  
task  
layer  
maximize  
technique  
correspond  
locate  
framework  
constrain  
criteria  
interact  
illustrate  
deduce  
coordinate  
compensate  
imply  
philosophy  
negate

justify  
scheme  
sequence  
publish  
considerable  
remove  
register

#### **Sublist 4**

stress  
statistic  
concentrate  
domestic  
debate  
subsequent  
commit  
mechanism  
grant  
professional  
overall  
hypothesis  
investigate  
summary  
impose  
civil  
code  
series  
apparent  
adequacy  
ethnic  
contrast  
output  
job  
goal  
cycle  
internal  
dimension  
resolve  
approximate  
hence  
principal  
attitude  
retain  
promote  
implement  
sum  
access  
project  
obvious  
undertake

option  
attribute  
communicate  
predict  
occupy  
confer  
error  
integrate  
label  
parameter  
regime  
prior  
annual  
despite  
implicate  
phase  
status  
parallel  
emerge

#### **Sublist 5**

generate  
target  
clause  
adjust  
liberal  
logic  
license  
fundamental  
image  
generation  
stable  
expose  
academy  
orient  
equivalent  
external  
mental  
trend  
enable  
energy  
sustain  
style  
transit  
consult  
compound  
medical  
welfare  
whereas  
objective

ratio  
conflict  
challenge  
revenue  
psychology  
decline  
aware  
capacity  
discrete  
evolve  
modify  
symbol  
contact  
enforce  
expand  
precise  
version  
substitute  
draft  
notion  
reject  
entity  
margin  
facilitate  
pursue  
network  
monitor  
prime  
amend  
alter  
perspective

**Sublist 6**

utilize  
lecture  
inhibit  
rational  
accuracy  
explicit  
assign  
author  
incorporate  
reveal  
minimum  
acknowledge  
underlie  
trace  
edit  
cooperate  
index

aggregate  
transport  
exceed  
migrate  
overseas  
display  
subsidy  
incentive  
presume  
flexible  
federal  
domain  
furthermore  
ignorance  
diverse  
abstract  
attach  
nevertheless  
scope  
allocate  
enhance  
ministry  
gender  
tape  
recover  
neutral  
incidence  
input  
fee  
brief  
intelligence  
interval  
expert  
bond  
transform  
initiate  
capable  
precede  
estate  
motive  
cite  
discriminate  
instruct

**Sublist 7**

release  
deny  
ultimate  
adapt  
differentiate

intervene  
survive  
innovate  
advocate  
simulate  
file  
isolate  
unique  
channel  
paradigm  
empirical  
ideology  
couple  
media  
chemical  
confirm  
dispose  
infer  
convert  
finite  
submit  
mode  
grade  
dynamic  
somewhat  
quote  
insert  
phenomenon  
transmit  
thesis  
reverse  
identical  
eliminate  
sole  
comprehensive  
globe  
classic  
guarantee  
foundation  
equip  
prohibit  
contrary  
aid  
successor  
topic  
adult  
extract  
decade  
hierarchy  
priority  
definite



voluntary  
visible  
publication  
comprise

### **Sublist 8**

accumulate  
currency  
schedule  
detect  
virtual  
tense  
displace  
commodity  
highlight  
arbitrary  
reinforce  
appendix  
paragraph  
offset  
intense  
fluctuate  
visual  
predominant  
terminate  
exhibit  
random  
ambiguous  
induce  
uniform  
chart  
guideline  
denote  
radical  
inspect  
plus  
abandon  
deviate  
appreciate  
thereby  
revise  
implicit  
eventual  
bias  
via  
contradict  
theme  
practitioner  
nuclear  
inevitable

conform  
exploit  
accompany  
vehicle  
drama  
crucial  
contemporary  
complement  
clarify  
manipulate  
widespread  
infrastructure  
automate  
restore  
prospect  
minimize

### **Sublist 9**

vision  
mediate  
insight  
controversy  
restrain  
accommodate  
qualitative  
anticipate  
ethic  
analogy  
inherent  
refine  
temporary  
mature  
minimal  
diminish  
portion  
duration  
distort  
intermediate  
relax  
behalf  
sphere  
team  
norm  
mutual  
overlap  
format  
manual  
preliminary  
attain  
unify

device  
devote  
bulk  
assure  
integral  
found  
military  
route  
confine  
erode  
coincide  
suspend  
subordinate  
rigid  
violate  
cease  
protocol  
scenario  
passive  
revolution  
concurrent  
converse  
commence  
supplement  
medium  
coherent  
trigger  
compatible

### **Sublist 10**

panel  
persist  
invoke  
pose  
incline  
undergo  
conceive  
encounter  
collapse  
intrinsic  
assemble  
convince  
reluctance  
odd  
notwithstanding  
colleague  
enormous  
compile  
depress  
whereby

levy  
nonetheless  
integrity  
adjacent  
ongoing  
albeit  
so-called  
straightforward  
likewise  
forthcoming

## Signal Words\*

### 1. Continuation Signals (*Warning—there are more ideas to come.*)

and	also	another
again	and finally	first of all
a final reason	furthermore	in addition
last of all	likewise	more
moreover	next one	reason
other	secondly	similarly
too	with	

### 2. Change-of-Direction Signals (*Watch out—we're doubling back.*)

although	but	conversely
despite	different from	even though
however	in contrast	instead of
in spite of	nevertheless	otherwise
the opposite	on the contrary	on the other hand
rather	still	yet
while	though	

### 3. Sequence Signals (*There is an order to these ideas.*)

first,	second,	third	A, B, C
in the first place	for one thing	then	next
before	now after	while	during
into (far into the night)	until	last	on time
since	always	o'clock	
later	earlier		

### 4. Time Signals (*When is it happening?*)

when	immediately	now
lately	already	little by little
at the same time	final	after awhile
once	during	

### 5. Illustration Signals (*Here's what that principle means in reality.*)

for example	specifically
for instance	to illustrate
such as	much like
in the same way	as similar to

### 6. Emphasis Signals (*This is important.*)

a major development	it all boils down to
a significant factor	most of all
a primary concern	most noteworthy
a key feature	more than anything else

a major event  
a vital force  
a central issue  
a distinctive quality  
above all  
by the way  
especially important  
especially relevant  
especially valuable  
important to note

of course  
pay particular attention to  
remember that  
should be noted  
the most substantial issue  
the main value  
the basic concept  
the crux of the matter  
the chief outcome  
the principle item

### 7. Cause, Condition, or Result Signals (*Condition or modification is coming up.*)

because	if	of
for	from	so
while	then	but
that	until	since
as	whether	in order that
so that	therefore	unless
yet	thus	due to
resulting from	consequently	without

### 8. Spatial Signals (This answers the “where” question.)

between	below	about	left	alongside
here	outside	around	close to	far
right	over	away	side	near
near	in	into	beside	
middle	next to	beyond	north	
east	on	opposite	over	
south	there	inside	in front of	
under	these	out	behind	
across	this	adjacent	above	
toward	west	by	upon	

### 9. Comparison-Contrast Signals (*We will now compare idea A with idea B.*)

and	or	also
too	best	most
either	less	less than
more	than	same
even	then	half
much as	like	analogous to
but	different from	still
yet	however	although
opposite	rather	while
though		

## 10. Conclusion Signals (*This ends the discussion and may have special importance.*)

as a result	consequently	finally
from this we see	in conclusion	in summary
hence	last of all	therefore

## 11. Fuzz Signals (*Idea is not exact, or author is not positive and wishes to qualify a statement.*)

almost	if	looks	like
maybe	could	some	
except	should	alleged	
nearly	might	reputed	
seems like	was reported	purported	
sort of	probably		

## 12. Nonword Emphasis Signals

exclamation point (!)

underline

*italics*

**bold type**

subheads, like *The Conclusion*

indentation of paragraph

graphic illustrations

numbered points (1, 2, 3)

very short sentence: *Stop war.*

“quotation marks”

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