Academic Vocabulary

For many students, reading in the content areas is particularly challenging due to the academic vocabulary used by writers in these disciplines. Even native speakers of English are rarely exposed to academic English in either daily conversation or popular video and print media. Yet it is words such as achieve, motivate, and vary that carry much of the meaning in written texts. The Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000) is an excellent resource for building students' academic vocabulary. It is a research-based corpus of 570 word families that appear in many academic texts across various domains. In *Edge*, students have the opportunity to read these words in context and to reinforce their understanding through a variety of repeated, rich language experiences. Academic vocabulary is marked with a red dot in all Prepare to Read and on-page definitions.

AV Word	Related Words	Definitions
access (n., v.)	accessibility (n.) accessible (adj.) inaccessible (adj.)	General: noun the way of reaching a place or person, or the right to use or look at
pp. 562, 566, 573, 583		something
		verb to reach something or someone
		Computer Science: verb to open a computer file in order to look at or change the information in it
achieve (v.)	achievement (n.)	General: verb to succeed in finishing something or accomplishing a goal, especially
pp. 138, 149, 153	achievable (adj.)	after a lot of work or effort
affect (<i>v.</i> , <i>n</i> .) pp. 10, 19, 25, 35	affected (adj.) affectation (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to influence someone or something; to cause someone or something to change
pp. 10, 10, 20, 00	affection (n.)	verb (formal) to pretend to feel or think something
	affectionate (adj.) affective (adj.)	Psychology: noun emotion or feeling
alternative (<i>adj.</i>) pp. 542, 550	alternate (v.) alternative (n.)	General: <i>noun</i> something that is different from something else, especially from what is usual, and offering the possibility of choice
pp. 6 12, 666	alternatively (adv.)	adjective allowing or requiring a choice between two or more things
		alternative energy: noun energy from moving water, wind, the sun, and gas from animal waste
		alternative medicine: noun different treatments for medical conditions that people use instead of, or with western medicine
aspect (n.)	n/a	General: noun one feature or part of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
p. 621		Mathematics: noun the side or surface facing a given direction
assemble (v.)	assembly (n.)	General: verb to put something together; to gather a group of people
pp. 362, 371, 380, 387	assembled (adj.)	
assume (v.)	assumption (n.)	General: verb to accept that something is true without question or proof; to pretend
pp. 340, 346	unassuming (<i>adj.</i>)	to be someone you are not; to take responsibility for or control of something
authority (n.)	authoritative (adj.)	General: noun the right or ability to control, command, or decide; a person or
pp. 262, 282, 285, 287		institution that has this right or ability
bias (n.)	biased (adj.)	General: noun an opinion or mindset that prevents objective judgment; partiality
pp. 562, 572, 575, 578		Design: noun a diagonal line of direction, especially across a woven fabric
bond (n.)	bond (v.) bonded (adj.)	General: noun a close connection joining two or more people; a cord, rope, or band
pp. 612, 635, 640, 641		Chemistry: noun the attraction between atoms in a molecule or crystalline structure
		Economics: <i>noun</i> an official paper issued by the government or a company to show that you have lent money that they will pay back at a fixed interest rate
		Law: noun money that is paid to officially promise that someone accused of a crime and being kept in jail will appear for trial if released

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capable (<i>adj</i> .) pp. 436, 448, 456, 459	capability (n.) capably (adj.) incapable (adj.)	General: adjective able to do something; efficient, competent
categorize (v.) p. 411	categorizable (adj.) category (n.) categorization (n.)	General: verb to put people or things into groups with the same features noun any group of things which have some shared features; a class, a type, or a set Mathematics: noun a type of mathematical object, as a set, group, or metric space, together with a set of mappings from such an object to other objects of the same type
cease (v.) pp. 462, 475	ceaseless (adj.) cessation (n.) unceasing (adj.)	General: verb (slightly formal) to stop or come to an end
circumstance(s) (n.) pp. 40, 54, 58	circumstantial (adj.)	General: noun (usually plural) a fact or event that makes a situation the way it is Economics: plural noun how much money someone has Law: circumstantial adjective containing information, especially about a crime, which makes you think something is true but does not prove it
clarify (v.) pp. 9, 313	clarity (n.) clarification (n.)	General: verb to make something clear or easier to understand by giving more details or a simpler explanation Cooking: verb to purify and remove water from fat, such as butter, by heating it
collapse (v.) pp. 612, 628	collapse (n.) collapsible (adj.)	General: verb to fall down or inward suddenly; to fold compactly; (of people and business) to suffer the sudden inability to continue or work correctly Medicine: verb to sink into extreme weakness; (of lungs or blood vessels) to become flattened
commit (v.) pp. 40, 44, 53, 118, 123	committal (n.) commitment (n.) committed (adj.)	General: verb to do, perform, or perpetrate; to promise or give your loyalty, time, or money to a particular principle, person, or plan of action noun a pledge or promise; obligation Law: verb to send someone officially to a prison or hospital
conflict (n.) pp. 10, 14, 25	conflict (v.) conflicting (adj.)	General: noun a disagreement between people with opposing opinions or principles; fighting
consequence(s) (n.) pp. 40, 44, 51, 54	consequential (adj.) consequently (adj.)	General: noun an often bad or inconvenient result of a particular action or situation adjective happening as a result of something
constant (adj.) pp. 340, 355, 356	constancy (n.) constantly (adv.) inconstancy (n.)	General: adjective staying the same, or not getting less or more Mathematics: noun a particular number or amount that never changes
consumer (n.) pp. 514, 520, 537	consumables (n. pl.) consume (v.) consumption (n.)	General: noun a person who buys goods or services for their own use
contribute (v.) pp. 10, 30	contributing (adj.) contribution (n.) contributory (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to give something, especially money, together with other people; to write articles for a newspaper, magazine, or book
convince (v.) pp. 514, 518, 537	convinced (adj.) convincing (adj.) convincingly (adv.)	General: verb to persuade someone or make them certain
culture (n.) pp. 138, 149	cultural (<i>adj.</i>) culturally (<i>adv.</i>) cultured (<i>adj.</i>) uncultured (<i>adj.</i>)	General: noun the way of life, especially the general customs and beliefs, of a particular group of people at a particular time; music, art, theatre, literature, etc. Biology: noun cells, tissues, organs or organisms grown for scientific purposes, or breeding and keeping certain living things in order to get substances they produce
detect (v.) pp. 562, 575	detectable (adj.) detection (n.) detective (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to notice something that is partly hidden or not clear or to discover something, especially using a special method; to discover something, usually using special equipment

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device (n.)	devise (v.)	General: noun an object or machine which has been invented to fulfill a particular
pp. 362, 378, 380, 382		purpose; a method which is used to produce a desired effect, such as a literary device; a bomb or other explosive
devotion (n.)	devote (v.)	General: noun loyalty and love or care for someone or something; religious worship
pp. 646, 667, 673	devoted (adj.)	
discriminate (v.) pp. 262, 266, 284, 285	discriminating (adj.) discrimination (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to treat a person or particular group of people differently, especially in a worse way, because of their race, religion, gender, etc.; to be able to see the difference between two things or people
		noun treating a person or particular group of people differently, especially in a worse way, because of their race, religion, gender, etc.
distorted (adj.) pp. 562, 570	distort (v.) distortion (n.)	General: <i>adjective</i> changed from the usual, original, natural or intended meaning, condition, or shape
emphasis (n.)	emphasizing (adj.)	General: noun the particular importance or attention that you give to something
p. 115	emphasize (v.) emphatic (adj.)	verb to show or state that something is particularly important or worth giving attention to; to make something more obvious
	emphatically (n.)	Linguistics: noun the extra force that you give to a word or part of a word
environment (n.) pp. 362, 368	environmental (adj.) environmentalist (n.) environmentally (adv.)	General: <i>noun</i> the conditions that you live or work in and the way that they influence how you feel or how effectively you can work; the air, water, and land in or on which people, animals, and plants live
evaluate (v.) pp. 118, 131	evaluative (adj.) evaluation (n.) re-evaluate (v.) re-evaluation (n.)	General: verb to judge or calculate the quality, importance, amount, or value of something noun judgment or calculation
evidence (n.)	evidential (adj.)	General: noun one or more reasons for believing that something is or is not true
pp. 208, 221, 226, 230,	evident (adj.)	adjective easily seen or understood; obvious
512	evidently (adv.)	Law: state's evidence noun evidence from someone who has been accused of committing a crime, given in order to have their own punishment reduced
expand (v.) pp. 542, 551, 585	expansion (n.) expansive (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to increase in size, number, or importance, or to make something increase in this way
feature (n.) pp. 678, 686	feature (v.) featuring (adj.)	General: <i>noun</i> a typical quality or an important part of something; one of the parts of someone's face that you notice when you look at them
		Journalism: <i>noun</i> a special article in a newspaper or magazine, or a part of a television or radio broadcast, that deals with a particular subject
generation (n.) pp. 10, 31, 33, 35	generate (v.)	General: noun all the people of about the same age within a society or family; a group of devices which are all at the same stage of development
		Biology: noun one complete life cycle; one of the alternate phases that complete a life cycle having more than one phase (for example, the gametophyte generation)
		Mathematics: <i>noun</i> the production of a geometrical figure by motion of another one Physics: <i>noun</i> one of the successive sets of nuclei produced in a chain reaction
grant (v.) pp. 412, 416	granted (adj.) granting (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to give or allow someone something, usually in an official way; to accept that something is true, often before expressing an opposite opinion
,, .==, .==		Government: noun a sum of money given, especially by the government, to a person or organization for a special purpose
guarantee (n.) p. 409	guarantee (v.) guaranteed (adj.)	General: <i>noun</i> a promise that something will be done or will happen, especially a written promise by a company; a formal acceptance of responsibility for something, such as the payment of someone else's debt

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image (n.) p. 607	image (v.) imagery (n.)	General: <i>noun</i> a picture in your mind or an idea of how someone or something is; the way that something or someone is thought of by other people
		Literature: <i>noun</i> a mental picture or idea which forms in a reader's or listener's mind from the words that they read or hear
		Mathematics: <i>noun</i> the point or set of points in the range corresponding to a designated point in the domain of a given function
impact (n.) pp. 514, 521, 531	impact (v.) impacted (adj.)	General: noun the force or action of one object hitting another; a powerful effect that something, especially something new, has on a situation or person
infer (v.)	inferential (adj.) inference (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to form an opinion or guess that something is true because of the information that you have
p. 205	inferentially (adv.)	noun an opinion or guess based on information that you have
inherent (adj.)	inherently (adv.)	General: adjective existing as a natural or basic part of something
pp. 236, 255, 256, 257		Grammar: adjective standing before a noun
inhibit (v.) pp. 236, 255, 257	inhibited (<i>adj.</i>) inhibiting (<i>adj.</i>)	General: <i>verb</i> to prevent someone from doing something, or to slow down a processor the growth of something
pp. 200, 200, 201	inhibition (n.)	Biology: <i>noun</i> the condition in which or the process by which an enzyme, for example, is inhibited
		Chemistry: noun a condition or process which inhibits a reaction
		Psychology: noun conscious or unconscious restraint of certain behavior
insight (<i>n</i> .) pp. 118, 129, 133, 182	insightful (adj.)	General: noun (the ability to have) a clear, deep, and sometimes sudden understanding of a complicated problem or situation
μρ. 110, 123, 133, 162 		Psychology: <i>noun</i> an understanding of relationships that on or helps solve a problem
inspire (v.) pp. 64, 84, 86, 87	inspiration (n.) inspirational (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it; to make someone have a strong feeling or reaction; to give someone an idea for a book, film, product, etc.
integrity (<i>n</i> .) pp. 612, 630, 641	n/a	General: <i>noun</i> the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change; the quality of being whole and complete
interactive (adj.)	interaction (n.) interactively (adv.)	General: verb to communicate with or react to
p. 608	interactively (adv.)	adjective involving communication between people
		Technology: <i>adjective</i> describes a system or computer program which is designed to involve the user in the exchange of information
interpret (v.) interpretation (n.)	interpretive (adj.) interpreter (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to decide what the intended meaning of something is; to change what someone is saying into another language
pp. 609, 678, 686	misinterpret (v.) misinterpretation (n.)	noun an explanation or opinion of what something means; a performance
	reinterpret (v.) reinterpretation (n.)	Performing Arts: <i>verb</i> to express your own ideas about the intended meaning of a play or a piece of music when performing it
invest (v.) pp. 612, 618	investment (n.) investor (n.) reinvest (v.)	General: <i>verb</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or get a advantage; to buy something because you think it will be useful, even if you think it is expensive
investigation (<i>n</i> .) pp. 208, 227	investigate (v.) investigative (adj.) investigator (n.)	General: noun to examine a crime, problem, statement, etc. carefully, especially to discover the truth
issue (<i>n</i> .) pp. 646, 665, 667, 673	issue (v.)	General: noun a subject or problem which people are thinking and talking about; (informal) a personal problem or emotional disorder
		verb to produce or provide something official
		Finance: <i>noun</i> an issue of shares is when a company gives people the chance to buy part of it or gives extra shares to people who already own some
		Media: <i>noun</i> a set of newspapers or magazines published at the same time or a single copy of a newspaper or magazine

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major (adj. n.)	majority (n.)	General: adjective more important, bigger, or more serious than others
pp. 678, 693		Education: <i>noun</i> the most important subject a college or university student studies
		Military: noun an officer of middle rank in the British, U.S., and many other armed forces, such as the U.S. Air Force
		Music: adjective based on a scale in which there is a whole tone between the second and third notes and a half tone between the third and fourth notes
manipulate (v.) pp. 514, 524, 537	manipulated (adj.) manipulation (n.) manipulative (adj.)	General: verb to control something using the hands; (usually negative) to control something or someone to your advantage, often unfairly or dishonestly Medicine: verb to handle and move in an examination or for therapeutic purposes
media (n.) pp. 542, 546, 551, 553,	n/a	General: group noun a type of mass communication, such as newspapers, magazines, radio and television, usually considered as a group
557, 583		medium noun a method or way of expressing something
		Art: medium noun a liquid with which pigments are mixed; the material or technique with which an artist works, such as oil or watercolor paint
		Biology: medium noun the substance in which a specific organism lives and thrives
		Chemistry: medium noun a filtering substance, such as filter paper
		Technology: medium noun an object or device on which data is stored
mental (<i>adj</i> .) p. 607	mentality (n.) mentally (adv.)	General: adjective relating to the mind, or involving the process of thinking
minor (<i>adj.</i>) pp. 678, 693	minority (n.)	General: <i>adjective</i> having little importance, influence or effect, especially when compared with other things of the same type
pp. 010, 000		Education: noun a less important subject studied by a student (see major)
		Law: noun someone who is too young to have the legal responsibilities of an adult
		Music: <i>adjective</i> belonging or relating to a type of musical scale that generally has a sad sound, typically having a half tone between the second and third and between the fifth and sixth notes, and a whole tone between each of the others
monitor (v.) p. 7	monitor (n.) monitored (adj.)	General: verb to watch and check a situation carefully for a period of time in order to discover something about it
ľ	unmonitored (adj.)	Technology: noun a device with a screen on which words or pictures can be shown
motivate (v.) pp. 10, 29, 35	motivator (n.) motivated (adj.)	General: verb to cause someone to behave in a particular way; to make someone want to do something well
pp. 23, 23, 33	motivation (n.)	adjective given a reason for action; enthusiastic
	unmotivated (adj.)	noun enthusiasm for doing something; the need or reason for doing something
objectivity (<i>n</i> .) pp. 562, 575, 578, 579	objective (adj., n.) objectively (adv.)	General: <i>noun</i> judgment based on observable phenomena and uninfluenced by emotions or personal prejudices
, see 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		Technology: objective <i>noun</i> the lens or lens system in a microscope or other optical instrument that first receives light rays from the object and forms the image
obvious (adj.)	obviously (adv.)	General: adjective clear; easy to see, recognize, or understand
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orient (v.) p. 313	oriented (adj.) orientation (n.) orienting (adj.) reorient (v.) reorientation (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to aim something at someone or something, or make something suitable for a particular group of people
		orientation <i>noun</i> the particular interests, activities, or aims that someone or something has; an introduction, as to guide one in adjusting to new surroundings, employment, activity, or the like (for example, freshman orientation); location or position relative to the points of the compass (for example, an easterly orientation)
		Chemistry: <i>noun</i> the relative positions of certain atoms or groups, especially in aromatic compounds
		Mathematics: verb to assign a constant, outward direction at each point
perceive (v.) pp. 64, 79, 86, 206	perceived (adj.) perception (n.) perceiving (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to see something or someone, or to become aware of something that is obvious; to come to an opinion or have a belief about something
pp. 0 1, 10, 00, 200		noun an awareness of things through the physical senses, especially sight; someone's ability to notice and understand things that are not obvious to other people; a belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on appearances
		Psychology: noun recognition and interpretation of sensory stimuli
persistent (adj.)	persist (v.)	General: adjective lasting for a long time or difficult to get rid of
pp. 262, 282	persistence (n.) persistently (adv.)	Biology: <i>adjective</i> continuing or permanent; having continuity of phylogenetic characteristics
perspective (n.)	n/a	General: noun a particular way of thinking about something; a point of view
pp. 138, 142, 182, 207		Art: <i>noun</i> the way that objects appear smaller when they are further away and the way parallel lines appear to meet each other at a point in the distance
phenomenon (<i>n</i> .) pp. 160, 171, 173, 177, 181	phenomena (n. pl.) phenomenal (adj.)	General: <i>noun</i> someone or something extremely successful, often because of special qualities or abilities; something that exists and can be seen, felt, tasted, etc., especially something which is unusual or interesting
		Physics: noun an observable event
precision (<i>n</i> .) pp. 436, 442, 459	precise (adj.) precisely (adv.)	General: noun the quality of being exact; (usually positive) the qualities of being careful and accurate
ρρ. 430, 442, 439	imprecise (adj.)	Mathematics: <i>noun</i> the degree to which the correctness of a quantity is expressed
		Chemistry, Physics: <i>noun</i> the extent to which a given set of measurements of the same sample agree with their mean
predict (v.)	prediction (n.) predictable (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to say that an event or action will happen in the future, especially as a result of knowledge or experience
ρ. /	predictably (adv.) unpredictable (adj.)	noun when you say what will happen in the future
priority (<i>n</i> .) pp. 562, 569	prioritize (v.) prioritization (n.)	General: <i>noun</i> something that is very important and must be dealt with before other things; a preceding or coming earlier in time
profession (n.)	professional (adj., n.)	General: noun any type of work which needs special training or a particular skill,
pp. 314, 332, 334	professionally (adv.) professionalism (n.)	often one which is respected because it involves a high level of education; the people who do a type of work, considered as a group
release (v.)	release (n.)	General: verb to give freedom or free movement to someone or something; to move
pp. 318, 417		a device from a fixed position to allow it to move freely; to allow something to be shown in public or to be available for use
		Law: noun the surrender of a right or the like to another
relevance (n.)	relevant (adj.)	General: noun the degree to which something is related or useful to what is
pp. 462, 473, 477, 481, 483	irrelevance (n.) irrelevant (adj.)	happening or being talked about
rely (v.)	reliability (n.)	General: verb to need a particular thing or the help and support of someone or
pp. 205, 436, 442, 457, 459	reliable (adj.) reliably (adv.)	something in order to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed; to trust someone or something or to expect them to behave in a particular way

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restore (v.) pp. 646, 670	restoration (n.) restorative (adj.)	General: verb to return something or someone to an earlier good condition or position; to bring back into use something that has been absent for a period of time
	restorer (n.)	Dentistry: verb to bring teeth or parts of teeth back to a former or original state
		History: the Restoration <i>noun</i> the reestablishment of the monarchy in England with the return of Charles II in 1660
sequence (n.) p. 311	sequence (v.) sequential (adj.) sequencing (n.) sequentially (adv.)	General: <i>noun</i> a series of related things or events, or the order in which they follow each other
		adjective (formal) following a particular order
	Sequentially (auv.)	Biochemistry: <i>noun</i> the order of constituents in a polymer, especially the order of nucleotides in a nucleic acid or of the amino acids in a protein
		Mathematics: noun an ordered set of quantities, such as x, 2x2, 3x3, 4x4
structure (<i>n</i> .) pp. 160, 166, 174, 175, 611	structure (v.) structural (adj.) structurally (adv.)	General: noun the way in which the parts of a system or object are arranged or organized, or a system arranged in this way; something which has been made or built from parts, especially a large building
	structuralism (n.) structuralist (n.)	Biology: <i>noun</i> the arrangement or formation of the tissues, organs, or other parts of an organism; an organ or other part of an organism
	restructure (v.) restructuring (n.)	Chemistry: noun the manner in which atoms in a molecule are joined to each other
	unstructured (adj.)	Geology: <i>noun</i> the attitude of a bed or stratum or of beds or strata of sedimentary rocks, as indicated by the dip and strike
summarize (v.) pp. 117	summarization (n.) summary (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to express the most important facts or ideas about something or someone in a short and clear form
	summary (adj.)	noun a short clear description that gives the main facts or ideas about something
survive (<i>v</i> .) pp. 236, 253	survival (n.) survivor (n.)	General: <i>verb</i> to continue to live or exist, especially after coming close to dying or being destroyed or after being in a difficult or threatening situation
		noun a person who continues to live, despite nearly dying; a person who is able to continue living their life successfully despite experiencing difficulties
		Law: verb to live longer than someone you are related to noun the members of a person's family who continue to live after he or she has died
symbol (<i>n</i> .) pp. 64, 73, 87	symbolically (adv.) symbolism (n.) symbolize (v.)	General: <i>noun</i> a sign, shape or object which is used to represent something else; something that is used to represent a quality or idea; a number, letter or sign used in mathematics, music, science, etc.
		Psychology: noun an object or image that an individual unconsciously uses to represent repressed thoughts, feelings, or impulses
technology (n.) pp. 362, 374, 377, 380,	technological (<i>adj</i> .) technologically (<i>adv</i> .)	General: noun (the study and knowledge of) the practical, especially industrial, use of scientific discoveries
381, 387		Computer Science: information technology <i>noun</i> the science and activity of using computers and other electronic equipment to store and send information (often abbreviated as IT)
trace (n.)	trace (v.) tracing (n.) traceable (adj.)	General: noun a very slight amount
pp. 436, 455, 456		Mathematics: <i>noun</i> the point at which a line, or the curve in which a surface, intersects a coordinate plane
transform (v.) pp. 118, 125	transformation (n.) transformational (adj.)	General: <i>verb</i> to change completely the appearance or character of something or someone, especially so that they are improved
		Mathematics: <i>verb</i> to change the form of (a figure, expression, etc.) without in general changing the value
		Physics: verb to change into another form of energy