

The Basic Academic Words

| Headword | Word in a Sentence/Related Word Forms/Synonyms |
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| analyse | <p>He said the system could analyse an almost limitless amount of information.</p> <p>analysed, analyser, analysers, analyses, analysing, analysis, analyst, analysts, analytic, analytical, analytically, analyze, analyzed, analyzes, analyzing <u>synonyms</u>: anatomize, break down, cut, deconstruct, dissect</p> |
| approach | <p>Scientists are developing an alternative approach to treating the disease.</p> <p>approachable, approached, approaches, approaching, unapproachable <u>synonyms</u>: passage, path, route, way</p> |
| area | <p>Thus, our work enables experts in other fields to accurately and tractably mine massive data streams in their area of interest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Areas <u>synonyms</u>: field, region, zone</p> |
| assess | <p>One of our managers has also visited the area and walked the ground to assess all aspects of accessibility.</p> <p>assessable, assessed, assesses, assessing, assessment, assessments, reassess, reassessed, reassessing, reassessment, unassessed <u>synonyms</u>: estimate, appraise, evaluate, value, rate</p> |
| assume | <p>Assume <u>that</u> chimpanzees and humans diverged from a common ancestor about five million years ago.</p> <p>assumed, assumes, assuming, assumption, assumptions <u>synonyms</u>: hypothecate, hypothesize, postulate, premise, presume, presuppose, say, suppose</p> |
| authority | <p>The authorities can then share that information with local community organizations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">authoritative, authorities <u>synonyms</u>: administration, governance, government, regime, regimen, rule</p> |
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| <p>available</p> | <p>She was always available for a shoulder to cry on, or to share a triumphant moment with.</p> <p>availability, unavailable <u>synonyms</u>: accessible, reachable</p> |
| <p>benefit</p> | <p>A benefit of museum membership is <u>that</u> purchases are discounted.</p> <p>beneficial, beneficiaries, beneficiary, benefited, benefiting, benefits <u>synonyms</u>: advantage, aid, help</p> |
| <p>concept</p> | <p>Adaptation, <u>a concept of increasing interest to cultural geographers</u>, plays an important role in shaping patterns of cultural diffusion.</p> <p>conception, concepts, conceptual, conceptualisation, conceptualise, conceptualised, conceptualises, conceptualising, conceptually <u>synonyms</u>: idea, image, impression, notion, thought</p> |
| <p>consist</p> | <p>These are small groups, often family units, and usually <i>consist of</i> between five and fifteen members.</p> <p>consisted, consistency, consistent, consistently, consisting, consists, inconsistencies, inconsistency, inconsistent <u>synonyms</u>: be formed, be made up</p> |
| <p>constitute</p> | <p>The so-called rules of music theory constitute a retrospective set of principles that describe <u>what</u> various composers have done in the past.</p> <p>constituencies, constituency, constituent, constituents, constituted, constitutes, constituting, constitution, constitutional, constitutionally, constitutions, constitutive, unconstitutional <u>synonyms</u>: make up, form, compose</p> |
| <p>context</p> | <p>I think the context makes clear <u>what</u> I had in mind, but if not, I offer this amendment as well.</p> <p>contexts, contextual, contextualise, contextualised, contextualising, contextualize, contextualized, contextualizing, uncontextualised, uncontextualized <u>synonyms</u>: setting, surround, surroundings</p> |
| <p>contract</p> | <p>A local group of farmers lost their contract to grow vining peas, <u>which are the sort we eat with our meals.</u></p> |

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| | <p>contracted, contracting, contractor, contractors, contracts <u>synonyms</u>: agreement, commitment, settlement</p> |
| create | <p>I think we should improve existent parks rather than create new ones.</p> <p>created, creates, creating, creation, creations, creative, creatively, creativity, creator, creators, recreate, recreated, recreates, recreating <u>synonyms</u>: generate, produce, design, make, build</p> |
| data | <p>For example, a program <u>that loads data from a file</u> needs to handle the case <u>where that file is not found.</u></p> <p><u>synonyms</u>: information, knowledge</p> |
| define | <p>The law texts take great care to define social status, the rights and duties <u>that went with that status, and the relationships between people.</u></p> <p>definable, defined, defines, defining, definition, definitions, redefine, redefined, redefines, redefining, undefined <u>synonyms</u>: describe, explain, identify</p> |
| derive | <p>Eliot <i>derived</i> his poetics from the French Symbolists.</p> <p>derivation, derivations, derivative, derivatives, derived, derives, deriving <u>synonyms</u>: obtain, originate, take from a specified source</p> |
| distribute | <p>The money would be distributed to teams with the least revenue.</p> <p>distributed, distributing, distribution, distributional, distributions, distributive, distributor, distributors, redistribute, redistributed, redistributes, redistributing, redistribution <u>synonyms</u>: scatter, spread, disperse</p> |
| economy | <p>The economy seems to be <i>slowing down</i>, but many investors remain unconcerned.</p> <p>economic, economical, economically, economics, economies, economist, economists, uneconomical definition: the wealth and resources of a country or region, especially <i>in terms of</i> the production and consumption of <i>goods</i> and services.</p> |
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| environment | <p>Will they put human health and the environment above chemical industry profits?</p> <p>environmental, environmentalist, environmentalists, environmentally, environments <u>synonyms</u>: nature, atmosphere</p> |
| establish | <p>We are working to establish new standards for bilingual education.</p> <p>disestablish, disestablished, disestablishes, disestablishing, disestablishment, established, establishes, establishing, establishment, establishments <u>synonyms</u>: create, set</p> |
| estimate | <p>Authorities estimate 350 people were killed trying to cross the wall.</p> <p>estimated, estimates, estimating, estimation, estimations, over-estimate, overestimate, overestimated, overestimates, overestimating, underestimate, underestimated, underestimates, underestimating <u>synonyms</u>: approximate, guess, suppose</p> |
| evident | <p>In some illnesses, for example migraine or epilepsy, the diagnosis may be evident from the history alone.</p> <p>evidence, evidenced, evidential, evidently <u>synonyms</u>: obvious, clear, definite</p> |
| export | <p>The growth pace of import volume is faster than export volume.</p> <p>exported, exporter, exporters, exporting, exports definition: to send <i>goods</i> to another country for sale</p> |
| factor | <p>A tour operator should consider various economic factors in the selection of a tourist destination for holidays, education, and exploration.</p> <p>factored, factoring, factors <u>synonyms</u>: element, part</p> |
| finance | <p>Finance is the management of money, particularly <i>in relation to</i> companies, organisations, or governments.</p> <p>financed, finances, financial, financially, financier, financiers, financing <u>synonyms</u>: investment, economics, fund</p> |
| | <p>A simple mathematical formula has been devised to allow you to calculate the interest due.</p> |

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| formula | <p>formulae, formulas, formulate, formulated, formulating, formulation, formulations, reformulate, reformulated, reformulating, reformulation, reformulations</p> <p><u>synonyms:</u> principle, plan, method, notation</p> |
| function | <p>The heart performs a vital bodily function.</p> <p>functional, functionally, functioned, functioning, functions</p> <p><u>synonyms:</u> task, role, mission, job, duty</p> |
| identify | <p>Many researchers are hoping to identify ways to improve cancer treatment.</p> <p>identifiable, identification, identified, identifies, identifying, identities, identity, unidentifiable</p> <p><u>synonyms:</u> specify, diagnose, determine, find</p> |
| income | <p>Poor families spend about 80 to 90 per cent of their income on food</p> <p>Incomes</p> <p><u>synonyms:</u> earnings, revenue, gain, income, salary</p> |
| indicate | <p>The cracking and booming of the ice indicate a change of temperature.</p> <p>indicated, indicates, indicating, indication, indications, indicative, indicator, indicators</p> <p><u>synonyms:</u> denote, mean, point (to), signify, show</p> |
| individual | <p>A parent must be aware of the individual and discrete needs of each of her/his children.</p> <p>individualised, individualism, individualist, individualistic, individualists, individuality, individually, individuals</p> <p><u>synonyms:</u> personal, singular</p> |
| interpret | <p>Science, like art, is a way of interpreting the world by shaping abstract mediums.</p> <p>interpretation, interpretations, interpretative, interpreted, interpreting, interpretive, interprets, misinterpret, misinterpretation, misinterpretations, misinterpreted, misinterpreting, misinterprets, reinterpret, reinterpretation, reinterpretations, reinterpreted, reinterpreting, reinterprets</p> <p>definition: to explain or tell the meaning of</p> |
| involve | <p>I prefer teaching methods <u>that actively involve students in learning.</u></p> |

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| | <p>involved, involvement, involves, involving, uninvolved synonyms: include, take in, take account of</p> |
| issue | <p>A lot of people <i>who live on the street</i> have serious mental health issues.</p> <p>issued, issues, issuing synonyms: problem, matter, <u>topic</u>, <u>subject</u>, <u>matter</u>, affair, <u>journal</u></p> |
| labour | <p>Machines multiply our labor and increase our ability to do work.</p> <p>labor, labored, labors, laboured, labouring, labours synonyms: task, job, chore, mission, assignment</p> |
| legal | <p>It is <i>no longer</i> legal for people to be secretly arrested.</p> <p>illegal, illegality, illegally, legality, legally Synonyms: juridical, rightful, constitutional, <u>lawful</u>, <u>official</u>, <u>valid</u></p> |
| legislate | <p>The Government has decided to legislate.</p> <p>legislated, legislates, legislating, legislation, legislative, legislator, legislators, legislature Synonyms: constitutionalize, decree, order, ordain, prescribe, authorize, rule</p> |
| major | <p>The oceans are the major source of the atmospheric moisture.</p> <p>majorities, majority Synonyms: crucial, vital, great, considerable, paramount, prime, extensive, big, serious</p> |
| method | <p>This new method is a great advancement.</p> <p>methodical, methodological, methodologies, methodology, methods Synonyms: procedure, technique, system, strategy, tactic, plan</p> |
| occur | <p>It absolutely guarantees <u>that</u> no party would occur in my home.</p> <p>occurred, occurrence, occurrences, occurring, occurs, reoccur, reoccurred, reoccurring, reoccurs Synonyms: happen, take place, appear, materialize</p> |
| percent | <p>They had a ninety percent chance of surviving the operation.</p> <p>percentage, percentages Synonyms: rate, proportion</p> |

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| <p>period</p> | <p>Civil war was a crucial period in American history.</p> <p>periodic, periodical, periodically, periodicals, periods Synonyms: time, spell, term, phase, session, stage</p> |
| <p>policy</p> | <p>That is a policy decision only <u>the President can make.</u></p> <p>Policies Definition: a course or principle of action <u>adopted or proposed by a government</u></p> |
| <p>principle</p> | <p>The first principle of all things was water.</p> <p>principled, principles, unprincipled Synonyms: concept, idea, theory, postulate, assumption, presumption, basis, morality</p> |
| <p>proceed</p> | <p>We can proceed with our investigation.</p> <p>procedural, procedure, procedures, proceeded, proceeding, proceedings, proceeds Synonyms: advance, carry on, go on, pursue, continue</p> |
| <p>process</p> | <p>I tried to comprehend his thought process, but I found it irrational.</p> <p>processed, processes, processing Synonyms: operation, procedure</p> |
| <p>require</p> | <p>I require money for my journey.</p> <p>required, requirement, requirements, requires, requiring Synonyms: want, need, demand</p> |
| <p>research</p> | <p>The research shows <u>that</u> there is no link between playing violent video games and aggression.</p> <p>researched, researcher, researchers, researches, researching Synonyms: investigation, study, exploration</p> |
| <p>respond</p> | <p>I try to respond to each comment <u>I receive</u>, no matter how much it might upset me.</p> <p>responded, respondent, respondents, responding, responds, response, responses, responsive, responsiveness, unresponsive Synonyms: answer, reply to</p> |
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| role | <p>Technology played an important role in Japan.</p> <p>Roles Synonyms: part, character, position</p> |
| section | <p>There is not non-smoking section in the restaurant.</p> <p>sectioned, sectioning, sections Synonyms: segment, part, division, fraction, fragment, department, part</p> |
| sector | <p>In the financial sector, banks and insurance companies have both lost a lot of money.</p> <p>sectors Synonyms: section, segment, branch</p> |
| significant | <p>After any significant personal life-event, a catharsis is usually needed.</p> <p>insignificant, insignificantly, significance, significantly, signified, signifies, signify, signifying Synonyms: critical, considerable, important</p> |
| similar | <p>The pictures are similar, but there are subtle differences between them.</p> <p>dissimilar, similarities, similarity, similarly Synonyms: alike, akin, resembling, parallel, comparable</p> |
| source | <p>It can be frustrating to conduct online research because internet sources can be quite unreliable.</p> <p>sourced, sources, sourcing Synonyms: root, spring, origin</p> |
| specific | <p>Specific details create word pictures <u>that can make your writing easier to understand and more interesting to read</u></p> <p>specifically, specification, specifications, specificity, specifics Synonyms: concrete, distinct, especial, particular</p> |
| structure | <p>The structure of proteins enables scientists to understand the function <u>they perform.</u></p> <p>restructure, restructured, restructures, restructuring, structural, structurally, structured, structures, structuring, unstructured Synonyms: form, building</p> |
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| theory | <p>In the context of science, a theory is a well-established explanation for scientific data.</p> <p>theoretical, theoretically, theories, theorist, theorists Synonyms: hypothesis, proposition, supposition, thesis</p> |
| vary | <p>The amount of steel in the structure may vary from 0.75 to 1.5%.</p> <p>invariable, invariably, variability, variable, variables, variably, variance, variant, variants, variation, variations, varied, varies, varying Synonyms: differ, change</p> |
| achieve | <p>When it comes to starting your own company, every business needs to develop and write a good business plan <u>they can follow to achieve the company's goals.</u></p> <p>achievable, achieved, achievement, achievements, achieves, achieving Synonyms: accomplish, reach</p> |
| acquire | <p>Functional life skills are skills <u>that we acquire in order to live a better, more fulfilling life.</u></p> <p>acquired, acquires, acquiring, acquisition, acquisitions Synonyms: cultivate, develop, form, gain, obtain, get</p> |
| administrate | <p>The university administration took the students' demands seriously.</p> <p>administrates, administration, administrations, administrative, administratively, administrator, administrators Synonyms: management, managing, direction</p> |
| affect | <p>Poverty can affect anyone, <i>regardless of age, race, gender or social background.</i></p> <p>affected, affecting, affective, affectively, affects, unaffected Synonyms: impact, impress, influence</p> |
| appropriate | <p>Appropriate investigations and interpretation of results is necessary to avoid misdiagnosing Cushing's syndrome.</p> <p>appropriacy, appropriately, appropriateness, inappropriacy, inappropriate, inappropriately Synonyms: proper, suitable, good</p> |
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| aspect | <p>Fishing has continued to be an important aspect of the economy <i>up to the present day.</i></p> <p>Aspects Synonyms: angle, facet, hand, phase, side</p> |
| assist | <p>We will assist you at every stage <i>from inception to completion.</i></p> <p>assistance, assistant, assistants, assisted, assisting, assists, unassisted Synonyms: aid, back, help, support</p> |
| category | <p>We will later explain <u>why</u> this last group of books constitutes a very special category of practical books.</p> <p>categories, categorisation, categorise, categorised, categorises, categorising, categorization, categorized, categorizes, categorizing Synonyms: class, classification, division, family, genus, grade, group</p> |
| chapter | <p>You should not ignore chapter headings and sectional divisions <u>made by the author.</u></p> <p>Chapters Synonyms: Section, division, part, portion, segment, component</p> |
| community | <p>She was ostracized from the scientific community for many years <i>because of her radical political beliefs.</i></p> <p>Communities Synonyms: society, group, flock</p> |
| complex | <p>These complex factors must be understood by any country <u>that becomes involved in the peace-making process.</u></p> <p>complexities, complexity Synonyms: complicated, sophisticated</p> |
| compute | <p>To compute the costs of health and life insurance, actuaries <i>take into account many factors known to predict disease and death.</i></p> <p>computable, computation, computational, computations, computed, computer, computerised, computers, computing Synonyms: calculate, figure, reckon, count</p> |
| conclude | <p>I must conclude <u>that</u> there is something about the combination of caffeine and artificial sweetener <u>that makes this drink so special.</u></p> <p>concluded, concludes, concluding, conclusion, conclusions, conclusive, conclusively, inconclusive, inconclusively Synonyms: deduce, draw conclusion</p> |
| conduct | <p>They help conduct experiments on the effects of zero gravity and radiation on the human body.</p> <p>conducted, conducting, conducts Synonyms: perform, carry out, carry on</p> |

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| consequent | Higher prices are a necessary consequence of the company's new services. consequence, consequences, consequently Synonyms: product, result, outcome |
| construct | Plans to construct a wind farm are on the agenda for the September meeting. constructed, constructing, construction, constructions, constructive, constructs, reconstruct, reconstructed, reconstructing, reconstruction, reconstructs Synonyms: build, devise, think up, manufacture, fabricate |
| consume | Bats are economically important, as they consume insect pests, reducing the need for pesticides. consumed, consumer, consumers, consumes, consuming, consumption Synonyms: eat, devour, use |
| credit | Democrats happily take credit for the economic success of the nation. credited, crediting, creditor, creditors, credits definition: reliance on the truth or reality of something |
| culture | Cooperation between different cultures is increasing and will continue to increase. cultural, culturally, cultured, cultures, uncultured Synonyms: cultivation, civilization |
| design | Architecture is only a small part of the design world. designed, designer, designers, designing, designs Synonyms: blueprint, plan, scheme |
| distinct | Clearly, Elvira and Peterson are quite separate and distinct personalities. distinction, distinctions, distinctive, distinctively, distinctly, indistinct, indistinctly Synonyms: different, disparate, dissimilar, distant |
| element | Every element of the story deserves a documentary of its own. Elements Synonyms: building block, component, constituent, factor, ingredient |
| equate | To equate small and rural with unsophisticated would be a mistake. equated, equates, equating, equation, equations Synonyms: compare, classify, match, liken |
| evaluate | We will evaluate people by results, not by ideological beliefs. evaluated, evaluates, evaluating, evaluation, evaluations, evaluative, re-evaluate, re-evaluated, re-evaluates, re-evaluating, re-evaluation Synonyms: assess, estimate, rate, value |
| feature | Tonight's program features some outstanding performers. featured, features, featuring Synonyms: show, play, air, broadcast |
| final | The final test is to roll a golf ball in a number of directions across the green. finalise, finalised, finalises, finalising, finality, finalize, finalized, finalizes, finalizing, finally, finals Synonyms: last, ultimate, terminal |
| focus | Stock traders tend to focus more on the short term. focused, focuses, focusing, focussed, focussing, refocus, refocused, refocuses, refocusing, refocussed, refocusses, refocussing Synonyms: center, concentrate |

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| impact | <p><u>Any impact we can have on our young people is important.</u> impacted, impacting, impacts Synonyms: affect, impress, influence</p> |
| injure | <p>He said he didn't remember <u>how</u> he injured himself. injured, injures, injuries, injuring, injury, uninjured Synonyms: damage, harm, hurt, wound</p> |
| institute | <p>The Institute of Ecosystem Studies is located on the Millbrook property. instituted, institutes, instituting, institution, institutional, institutionalise, institutionalised, institutionalises, institutionalising, institutionalized, institutionalizes, institutionalizing, institutionally, institutions Synonyms: organization, college</p> |

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