



Academic Word List (EGE)

Thinking & Reasoning

Academic word Example sentence

analyse	Analyse the information before answering.
compare	Compare the two solutions.
conclude	What can you conclude from the results?
consider	Consider another explanation.
define	Define the concept in your own words.
demonstrate	Demonstrate how you solved the problem.
describe	Describe the process step by step.
differentiate	Differentiate between fact and opinion.
evaluate	Evaluate the quality of the evidence.
explain	Explain your reasoning.
identify	Identify the main idea.
illustrate	Illustrate your answer with an example.
infer	What can you infer from the data?
interpret	Interpret the graph.
investigate	Investigate different possibilities.
justify	Justify your answer.



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Academic word Example sentence

predict	Predict what will happen next.
reflect	Reflect on your learning.
summarise	Summarise the text.
synthesise	Synthesise information from different sources.

Research & Inquiry

Word	Example
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argument	Support your argument with evidence.
assumption	Challenge your assumptions.
credibility	Evaluate the credibility of the source.
criterion	Use the assessment criteria.
data	Collect relevant data.
evidence	Provide evidence for your claim.
experiment	Design an experiment.
finding	Discuss your findings.
hypothesis	Formulate a hypothesis.
observation	Record your observations.
perspective	Consider another perspective.
research	Conduct research.



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Word	Example
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source	Find reliable sources.
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theory	Explain the theory.
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variable	Identify the variables.
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Communication

Word	Example
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clarify	Clarify your answer.
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communicate	Communicate your ideas clearly.
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debate	Participate in the debate.
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discuss	Discuss the results.
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explain	Explain your opinion.
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formulate	Formulate a conclusion.
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illustrate	Illustrate your point.
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persuade	Persuade your audience.
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present	Present your findings.
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question	Question the assumptions.
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Learning & Organisation



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Word	Example
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achieve	Achieve your learning goal.
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adapt	Adapt your strategy.
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collaborate	Collaborate with your classmates.
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complete	Complete the assignment.
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develop	Develop your skills.
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organise	Organise your notes.
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participate	Participate actively.
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plan	Plan your work.
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prepare	Prepare your presentation.
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prioritise	Prioritise the tasks.
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process	Process the information.
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revise	Revise your work.
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structure	Structure your text.
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Future Studies & Careers



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Word	Example
ambition	Describe your ambitions.
application	Complete the application.
aspiration	Discuss your aspirations.
career	Explore different careers.
competence	Demonstrate your competences.
confidence	Develop confidence.
goal	Set realistic goals.
motivation	Explain your motivation.
opportunity	Recognise new opportunities.
pathway	Choose an educational pathway.
professionalism	Show professionalism.
qualification	Obtain qualifications.
responsibility	Take responsibility.
strength	Identify your strengths.

Word Families (examples)



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Headword Word family

analyse	analysis – analytical – analyst
compare	comparison – comparable – comparatively
conclude	conclusion – conclusive
create	creation – creative – creativity
describe	description – descriptive
develop	development – developmental
evaluate	evaluation – evaluative
identify	identification – identifiable
interpret	interpretation – interpretative
investigate	investigation – investigator
motivate	motivation – motivated
organise	organisation – organised
present	presentation – presenter
reflect	reflection – reflective
respond	response – responsive
structure	structure – structured
summarise	summary – summarise
justify	justification – justifiable



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Teacher Tip

Rather than teaching isolated words, group vocabulary into meaningful themes and encourage students to use new words actively through discussion, writing, presentations and collaborative activities. Students learn academic vocabulary most effectively when they repeatedly encounter and apply words in authentic learning situations. This principle is central to the EGE Academic Language Programme.