

## The Academic Word List

The Academic Word List (commonly known as the AWL) consists of vocabulary that students are likely to encounter across all academic fields. It includes the most common 570 words in academic texts, excluding the 2,000 words of West's General Service List. (A sample of words from the General Service List are: *the, in, of, about, under, dog, cat, that, eat, take, door*. English learners who learn and practice the words on this list before they graduate from high school are likely to be able to master academic material with more confidence and speed, wasting less time and effort in guessing words or consulting dictionaries than those who only know the basic 2,000-words, which characterize ordinary conversation. Knowledge of this type of vocabulary is an important factor in achieving high scores on the SAT-I and ACT as well as writing exams such as the SAT-II/Writing, tests which are often prerequisites to entering colleges in the United States.



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