

# The Academic Vocabulary List

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Sample of all words in COCA-Acad. Complete lists and detailed information at: [www.academicwords.info](http://www.academicwords.info).

Rank	Band	Word/lemma	PoS	COCA-All	COCA-Acad	Ratio	Disp	Range	Domain
771	2	obtain	v	26,380	17,489	2.32	0.93	8	
772	2	potential	j	34,024	17,472	1.80	0.94	9	
773	2	variety	n	36,462	17,471	1.68	0.93	9	
774	2	talk	v	248,986	17,437	0.25	0.96	9	
775	2	popular	j	45,524	17,433	1.34	0.93	9	
776	2	buy	v	109,080	17,425	0.56	0.90	8	Fin
777	2	complete	v	35,373	17,363	1.72	0.93	9	Edu
778	2	moral	j	28,851	17,288	2.10	0.90	8	Rel
779	2	component	n	23,762	17,228	2.54	0.91	8	
780	2	following	j	28,582	17,205	2.11	0.95	9	
781	2	stock	n	57,330	17,200	1.05	0.81	5	Fin
782	2	eye	n	183,865	17,179	0.33	0.94	9	
783	2	pass	v	94,585	17,160	0.64	0.93	9	

The row color is a function of the type of word:

1. "Core" academic (yellow): 3,000 words total, e.g. *potential* or *component*
2. Domain specific (gray): e.g. *moral* (Rel/Phil) or *stock* (Finance)
3. All other words (no color): e.g. *talk*, *eye*, *pass*

Columns	Explanation
Rank	In the ~20,000 words of COCA-Academic (e.g. <i>component</i> is the 779 <sup>th</sup> most frequent word)
Band	The words are divided into 500 word "bands"
word	The word; actually the lemma (e.g. [report] = {report, reported}, etc)
PoS	Part of speech ( <u>n</u> oun, <u>v</u> erb, <u>a</u> djective, <u>a</u> dverb, etc)
COCA-All	Overall frequency in COCA (450 million words)
COCA-Acad	Frequency in COCA Academic (120 million words)
ratio	A ratio showing how much more frequent the word is in Academic than the rest of COCA (per million words); e.g. 1.50 = 50% more frequent
dispersion	How "evenly" the word is spread across COCA Academic (0-1). This is the Juilland "d" measure.
range	In how many of the nine domains does the word occur with at least 20% of the expected frequency (based on the size of that domain)
domains	The domains in which the word has at least three times the expected frequency (based on the size of that domain in COCA-Academic). In these cases, the word cannot be part of the "core" academic list