

IELTS Academic Words

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Task 2 useful academic words

Useful adjectives for task 2 (nearly 165 words)

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Low lexis / meaning	High lexis	Low lexis / meaning	High lexis
Bad	Abominable, deplorable	Relating to money	Financial
Good	Acceptable, palatable, satisfactory, reasonable	Imaginary	Fictional, fabulous
Harmful	Adverse, deleterious, detrimental, inimical, injurious, destructive	Showing that sth exists	Indicative, demonstrative
Useful	Effective, fruitful, advantageous, constructive, beneficial	Related to understanding or explaining	Interpretive, analytical
Busy	Active, engaged, involved,	More important	Major, significant, cardinal, main, focal, dominant
Crowded	Congested, replete, crammed, cramped, flooded	Needed	Vital, crucial, necessary
Empty	Blank, bare	Looking the same	Similar, akin, comparable
Hopeful	Life affirming, optimistic, sanguine,	Changing often	Variable
Sad	Bereft, disconsolate, desolate, despondent	Can be reached or done, possible	Achievable, attainable, feasible, manageable, potential
Happy	Blissful, charmed, cheerful, delighted	Right	Suitable, apropos, apt
Satisfied	Complacent, content,	Difficult to understand	Abstruse, complex, byzantine
Satisfactory	Palatable, acceptable	Certain	Conclusive
Having controlling ability	Authoritative, commanding	Limited	Restricted, ambit

Can be measured	Assessable	Related, connected with	Relevant
Possible	Susceptible	Having good organization	Coordinated, well-organized
Present	Available, accessible, obtainable	Done or said in a strong way	Emphatic, assertive
Not present	Unavailable, inaccessible	Having good reason for sth	Justifiable
Producing unusual ideas	Creative, stimulating, visionary	Morally correct	Righteous, principled, upstanding, virtuous
Can be seen, clear	Evident, apparent, conspicuous, distinct, noticeable	Of or at the beginning	Initial, introductory, primary
Different	Alternative, contrasting, discrepancy, disparate, distinctive	Happening a lot or all the time	Constant, frequent, endless
Trustable	Reliable	Enough	Adequate, fair
Loyal	Committed, dedicated	Essential or important part, basic	Fundamental, integral indispensable, requisite

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Useful verbs for task 2 (nearly 250 words)

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Low Lexis	High Lexis	Low Lexis	High Lexis
Keep	store	show	indicate, illustrate, demonstrate, reveal
feel unhappy	become disappointed, disappoint	make rule	legislate
refresh	restore, rejuvenate	happen	occur
make happen faster	accelerate	(to cause)move forward	proceed, propel, inspire
send out	emit	need	require
Begin	commence	ask for	demand, request
go to school	attend school	do research	conduct, carry out, undertake
receive education	acquire an education	say yes	accept, approve, admit
Force	oblige, compel, impose	answer	respond, reply
Want	intend to, plan to	make	structure, form, construct
put up	install	change	alter, vary
Try	make an effort	do sth successfully	achieve, fulfill, attain
keep eye on sb/sth	supervise, monitor	get	gain, acquire, become, obtain
pay attention to	attend	do	administer
be keen on, interested in	to be enthusiastic about, show enthusiasm regarding	put into categories	categorize, classify
Love	show affection towards	help	assist
spend time on	devote, contribute to	to end sth, finish	conclude, terminate, adjourn
Use	consume, utilize, apply in	calculate the value, judge	evaluate
Work	function	look for	seek
understand, tell from	recognize, discern, identify, interpret, absorb	choose	select, adopt
give opinion about	comment on	to live	reside
pay for sth	afford	believe	perceive
make up for	compensate	buy	purchase
say	argue, believe,	to move to	transfer

	maintain, claim		
suggest	recommend, pose	to control sth	regulate
move toward	approach	combine, match	coordinate, aggregate
think	assume	help	Coordinate. Provide aid
take advantage, be useful	benefit	communicate	interact
to have sth	possess	limit, control	constrain
to be able to use sth	to have access to sth	write	correspond
make up of sth	consist of sth	capitalize on sth	emphasize, highlight
make up	constitute, involve, comprise	make sure	ensure
Explain	justify	fill	occupy, obsess
test	assess	depend on	rely on
open sth, set up	establish, found	no have in sth	exclude, remove

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Useful nouns for task 2 (nearly 250 words)

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High Lexis verb	High Lexis Noun	High Lexis verb	High Lexis Noun
store	storage	indicate, illustrate, demonstrate, reveal	indication, illustration, demonstration
become disappointed, disappoint	Disappointment	legislate	Legislation
restore, rejuvenate	restoration, rejuvenation	occur	Occurrence
accelerate	Acceleration	proceed, propel, inspire	proceedings, inspiration
emit	Emission	require	Requirement
commence	Commencement	demand, request	demand, request
attend school	Attendance	conduct, carry out, undertake	-----
acquire an education	Acquisition of an education	accept, approve, admit	acceptance, approval, admission
oblige, compel, impose	obligation, compulsion, imposition	respond, reply	response, reply
intend to, plan to	intention, plan	structure, form, construct	structure, formation, construction
install	Installation	alter, vary	Alteration, variation
make an effort	an effort	achieve, fulfill, attain	achievement, fulfillment, attainment
supervise, monitor	supervision, monitoring	gain, acquire, become, obtain	gain, acquisition
attend	Attention	administer	Administration
to be enthusiastic about, show enthusiasm regarding	Enthusiasm	categorize, classify	category, classification
show affection towards	affection	assist	Assistance
devote, contribute to	devotion, contribution to	conclude, terminate, adjourn	conclusion, termination, adjournment
consume, utilize, apply in	consumption, utilization,	evaluate	Evaluation

	application		
function	function	seek	----
recognize, discern, identify, interpret, absorb	Recognition , discernment, identification, interpretation ,absorption	select, adopt	selection, adoption
comment on	Comment	reside	Residence
afford	Affordability	perceive	Perception
compensate	Compensation	purchase	Purchase
argue, believe, maintain, claim	argument, belief, claim	transfer	Transfer
recommend, pose	Recommendation ,	regulate	Regulation
approach	Approach	coordinate, aggregate	coordination, aggregation
assume	Assumption	Coordinate. Provide aid	Coordination, aid
benefit	Benefit	interact	Interaction
possess	Possession	constrain	Constraint
to have access to sth	access to sth	correspond	Correspondence
consist of sth	----	emphasize, highlight	emphasis

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