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Academic Word List for IELTS Exam Preparation

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The Academic Word List (AWL) was released in the year 2000 by Averil Coxhead from the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. The list contains 570 word families which were selected by analysing a corpus of millions of words from over 400 academic texts . Words were taken from 28 different academic subject areas within the disciplines of Arts, Commerce, Law and Science, so they are relevant for all areas of academic study (IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training).

Study the following vocabulary words for IELTS to achieve your desired score (IELTS band score 7 to 8+):

NO.	Word	Meaning
1	abandon	to give up, discontinue, or desert
2	access	the ability to enter, use, or retrieve information
3	accumulate	to gather or collect over time
4	acknowledge	to recognize or admit the existence or truth of
5	adequate	sufficient, satisfactory, or suitable
6	administrate	to manage or oversee
7	affect	to influence or have an impact on
8	albeit	although, even though
9	alternative	an option or choice other than the usual one
10	analogy	a comparison between two things for clarification
11	anticipate	to expect or foresee

12	appreciate	to value or recognize the worth of something
13	approximate	roughly estimate or be close in value or character
14	abstract	not concrete or specific; theoretical or conceptual
15	accommodate	to provide space or lodging for
16	accurate	precise, correct, or exact
17	acquire	to gain or obtain
18	adjacent	neighboring or next to
19	adult	a person who is fully grown or mature
20	aggregate	to gather or collect into a whole
21	allocate	to distribute or assign
22	ambiguous	having multiple possible meanings or interpretations
23	analyse	to examine or study in detail
24	apparent	clearly visible or obvious
25	approach	a method or way of doing something
26	arbitrary	based on random choice or personal whim
27	academy	an educational institution or learned society
28	accompany	to go along with or be associated with
29	achieve	to successfully accomplish or reach a goal
30	adapt	to adjust or modify for a different purpose or use
31	adjust	to alter or change for better fit or function
32	advocate	to support or argue for
33	aid	assistance or help provided
34	alter	to change or modify
35	amend	to make revisions or corrections
36	annual	happening once a year
37	append	to add or attach
38	appropriate	suitable or fitting
39	area	a particular region or space
40	abandon	to give up, relinquish, or discontinue
41	spect	to look or observe
42	assign	to allocate or designate
43	assure	to guarantee or provide confidence
44	attitude	a person's outlook or perspective
45	authority	power or control over others
46	aware	conscious or cognizant of something
47	bias	a tendency or inclination towards a particular viewpoint

48	bulk	the majority or main portion
49	category	a classification or grouping
50	channel	a medium or pathway for communication or distribution
51	chemical	relating to substances and their properties
52	civil	related to citizens or civil matters
53	clause	a distinct provision or section in a legal document
54	coincide	to happen at the same time or occupy the same position
55	commence	to begin or start
56	commit	to pledge or dedicate oneself to something
57	community	a group of people with common interests or characteristics
58	compile	to gather or collect information or data
59	component	a part or element that makes up a whole
60	comprise	to consist of or include
61	concentrate	to focus or direct one's attention
62	concurrent	happening or existing at the same time
63	confine	to limit or restrict within boundaries
64	conform	to comply with or adhere to
65	considerable	significant or noteworthy
66	constitute	to form or make up
67	consult	to seek advice or guidance
68	contemporary	modern or current
69	abandon	to give up or discontinue
70	contradict	to express the opposite or deny the truth of
71	contribute	to give or provide something as a part of a whole
72	assemble	to gather or fit together
73	assist	to help or support
74	attach	to connect or fasten
75	attribute	to ascribe or assign a characteristic or quality to
76	automate	to make a process or task automatic
77	behalf	representing or acting in the interest of
78	bond	a connection or link
79	capable	having the ability or skill to do something
80	cease	to stop or come to an end
81	chapter	a section or division of a larger work
82	circumstance	a condition or fact that affects a situation
83	clarify	to make clear or understandable
84	code	a system of rules or principles

85	collapse	to fall down or fail
86	comment	an expression of opinion or remark
87	commodity	a product or item that is bought or sold
88	compatible	able to exist or work together harmoniously
89	complement	something that completes or enhances
90	compound	a mixture or combination of elements
91	compute	to calculate or determine
92	concept	an abstract idea or general notion
93	conduct	to carry out or perform
94	confirm	to verify or establish the truth of
95	consent	permission or agreement
96	consist	to be composed or made up of
97	constrain	to restrict or limit
98	consume	to use up or devour
99	context	the circumstances or setting surrounding something
100	constrain	to limit or restrict
101	consume	to use up or devour
102	context	the circumstances or setting in which something exists or occurs
103	contrary	opposite or contradictory
104	controversy	a heated argument or disagreement
105	assess	to evaluate or examine
106	assume	to suppose or take on
107	attain	to achieve or reach
108	author	a writer or creator of a work
109	available	accessible or obtainable
110	benefit	an advantage or positive outcome
111	brief	concise or short in duration
112	capacity	the ability to hold or contain
113	challenge	a difficult task or problem
114	chart	a visual representation of data or information
115	cite	to quote or reference
116	classic	traditional or exemplary
117	coherent	logically connected or consistent
118	colleague	a coworker or associate
119	commission	a formal request or assignment
120	communicate	to convey or exchange information
121	compensate	to make up for or offset

122	complex	intricate or complicated
123	comprehensive	complete or inclusive
124	conceive	to imagine or form a concept
125	conclude	to reach a decision or inference
126	confer	to consult or discuss
127	conflict	a disagreement or clash
128	consequent	resulting or following as a consequence
129	constant	unchanging or consistent
130	construct	to build or create
131	contact	to get in touch with or communicate with
132	contract	a formal agreement or legal document
133	contrast	a difference or distinction
134	convene	to assemble or gather
135	assess	Evaluate or appraise something systematically
136	assume	Take on a belief or supposition without evidence
137	attain	Achieve or reach a goal or objective
138	author	The writer or creator of a literary work or document
139	available	Accessible or obtainable; able to be used or obtained
140	benefit	An advantage or positive outcome
141	brief	Concise or short in duration; give instructions or information
142	capacity	The maximum amount that something can hold or produce
143	challenge	A difficult task or problem that requires effort to overcome
144	chart	A visual representation of data or information
145	cite	Quote or refer to a source of information or evidence
146	classic	Something that is considered of enduring significance
147	coherent	Clear and logical in expression or organization
148	colleague	A person with whom one works, typically in a professional setting
149	commission	A group of people appointed to perform a specific task
150	communicate	Share or exchange information or ideas
151	compensate	Make up for a loss or offset a disadvantage
152	complex	Consisting of many interconnected parts; intricate
153	comprehensive	Thorough and complete; covering all aspects
154	conceive	Formulate or develop an idea or concept
155	conclude	Arrive at a judgment or decision based on evidence or reasoning
156	confer	Grant or bestow something, often as an honor or privilege
157	conflict	A disagreement or clash between opposing forces or ideas
158	consequent	Following as a result or outcome of something

159	constant	Unchanging or remaining the same over time
160	construct	Build or create something systematically or with care
161	contact	Get in touch or communicate with someone
162	contract	A legally binding agreement between parties
163	contrast	Highlight the differences between two or more things
164	convene	Bring people or things together for a meeting or assembly
165	converse	To engage in conversation or discussion
166	cooperate	To work together or collaborate
167	corporate	Relating to a corporation or business entity
168	create	To bring into existence or make
169	crucial	Extremely important or essential
170	cycle	A series of events or actions that repeat
171	decade	A period of ten years
172	define	To explain the meaning of something
173	denote	To indicate or be a sign of
174	derive	To obtain or receive from a source
175	detect	To discover or identify
176	devote	To dedicate or commit to a purpose
177	diminish	To decrease or make smaller
178	displace	To take the place of or replace
179	distinct	Clearly different or separate
180	diverse	Varied or showing a range of differences
181	domestic	Relating to the home or one's own country
182	drama	A genre of literature or performance
183	economy	The system or management of resources
184	eliminate	To remove or get rid of
185	empirical	Based on observation or experience
186	energy	The capacity for doing work or producing heat
187	enormous	Very large or huge
188	environment	The surroundings or conditions
189	equivalent	Equal or having the same value
190	establish	To set up or create
191	ethic	Moral principles or values
192	eventual	Ultimately or happening at a later time
193	exceed	To go beyond or surpass
194	expand	To increase in size or scope
195	coordinate	to organize or arrange in a harmonious way

196	correspond	to be in agreement or match
197	credit	recognition or acknowledgement of something
198	culture	the customs, beliefs, and practices of a group or society
199	data	facts, statistics, or information
200	decline	to decrease or diminish in quantity or quality
201	definite	clear, certain, or unambiguous
202	deny	to declare something to be untrue or false
203	design	to plan or create with a specific purpose
204	deviate	to depart from a set course or standard
205	differentiate	to distinguish or recognize differences
206	discrete	individually separate or distinct
207	display	to show or exhibit
208	distort	to alter or misrepresent
209	document	to record or provide written evidence
210	dominate	to have control or influence over
211	duration	the length or period of time something lasts
212	edit	to make changes or corrections to
213	emerge	to come forth or become visible
214	enable	to make possible or facilitate
215	enforce	to compel or ensure compliance
216	ensure	to make certain or guarantee
217	equate	to consider as equal or equivalent
218	erode	to gradually wear away or deteriorate
219	estate	a large area of land or property
220	ethnic	relating to a particular cultural group or nationality
221	evident	clear or obvious
222	exclude	to keep out or not include
223	expert	a person with extensive knowledge or skill
224	couple	a pair or two items that are similar or related
225	criteria	standards or principles used to evaluate or make judgments
226	currency	the money used in a particular country or region
227	debate	a discussion or argument on a particular topic
228	deduce	to reach a conclusion through logical reasoning
229	demonstrate	to show or prove something with evidence or examples
230	depress	to make someone feel sad or down
231	despite	in spite of; without being affected by
232	device	a tool or instrument used for a specific purpose

233	dimension	a particular aspect or element of something
234	discriminate	to make distinctions or treat people unfairly based on biases
235	dispose	to get rid of or throw away something
236	distribute	to give out or spread something among different people or places
237	domain	an area of knowledge, activity, or control
238	draft	a preliminary version or plan of something
239	dynamic	characterized by constant change, activity, or progress
240	element	a component or part of a larger whole
241	emphasis	special importance or significance placed on something
242	encounter	to come across or experience something unexpectedly
243	enhance	to improve or increase the quality, value, or effectiveness of something
244	entity	a distinct or independent being, organization, or concept
245	equip	to provide with necessary resources or skills
246	error	a mistake or incorrectness
247	estimate	an approximate calculation or judgment
248	evaluate	to assess or judge the value, quality, or significance of something
249	evolve	to develop or change gradually over time
250	exhibit	to display or show something publicly
251	explicit	clear, specific, and leaving no room for doubt or confusion
252	External	Relating to or coming from outside
253	Factor	A contributing element or cause
254	Fee	A payment for services or membership
255	Finance	The management of money and investments
256	Fluctuate	To change or vary irregularly
257	Formula	A set of mathematical or scientific rules
258	Found	To establish or create
259	Fund	Money set aside for a specific purpose
260	Gender	The classification of being male or female
261	Globe	The Earth or a spherical object
262	Grant	A sum of money given for a specific purpose
263	Hence	Therefore or as a result
264	Hypothesis	An assumption or theory to be tested
265	Ideology	A system of beliefs or ideas
266	Image	A visual representation or perception
267	Implement	To put into effect or action
268	Imply	To suggest or indicate indirectly
269	Incidence	The frequency or occurrence of something

270	Incorporate	To include or combine as part of a whole
271	Individual	Relating to a single person or thing
272	Infer	To deduce or conclude from evidence
273	Inhibit	To hinder or restrain
274	Injure	To cause harm or injury
275	Insert	To put or place something inside
276	Instance	An occurrence or example
277	Integral	Essential or necessary for completeness
278	Intelligence	The ability to learn and understand
279	Intermediate	In between or in the middle
280	Interval	A period of time or space between events
281	export	To send goods or services to another country
282	extract	To remove or obtain from a source
283	feature	A characteristic or prominent aspect
284	file	A collection of documents or data
285	finite	Having limits or bounds
286	focus	To concentrate or direct attention
287	forthcoming	Upcoming or about to happen
288	framework	A structure or basic concept
289	fundamental	Essential or central
290	generate	To produce or create
291	goal	An aim or objective
292	guarantee	To assure or promise
293	hierarchy	A system of ranking or organizing
294	identical	Exactly the same or indistinguishable
295	ignorance	Lack of knowledge or awareness
296	immigrate	To move to a new country for residence
297	implicate	To show involvement or connection
298	impose	To establish or enforce
299	incline	To have a tendency or preference
300	index	A list or guide for reference
301	induce	To bring about or cause
302	infrastructure	Basic physical or organizational structures
303	initial	First or beginning
304	innovate	To introduce new ideas or methods
305	insight	A deep understanding or realization
306	institute	An organization or establishment

307	integrate	To combine or merge
308	intense	Extremely strong or focused
309	internal	Located within or relating to the inside
310	intervene	To come between or interfere
311	expose	To make something visible or known
312	facilitate	To make an action or process easier or smoother
313	federal	Relating to a central government or national authority
314	final	Last or ultimate
315	flexible	Able to change or adapt easily
316	format	The arrangement or structure of something
317	foundation	The basis or underlying principle
318	function	Purpose or role
319	furthermore	In addition; moreover
320	generation	A group of individuals born and living around the same time
321	grade	A level of quality or proficiency
322	guideline	An instruction or principle that serves as a recommendation
323	highlight	To emphasize or draw attention to
324	identify	To recognize or establish the identity of something
325	illustrate	To clarify or exemplify with examples
326	impact	Influence or effect
327	implicit	Implied or understood without being directly stated
328	incentive	A motivating factor or reward
329	income	Money earned or received from various sources
330	indicate	To point out or suggest
331	inevitable	Certain to happen; unavoidable
332	inherent	Existing as a natural or essential quality
333	initiate	To begin or introduce something
334	input	Information or resources provided
335	inspect	To examine closely or critically
336	instruct	To give directions or commands
337	integrity	The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles
338	interact	To communicate or engage with others
339	interpret	To explain or understand the meaning of
340	intrinsic	Belonging naturally; essential or inherent
341	invest	to put money, time, or resources into something
342	involve	to include or engage someone or something in an activity
343	item	an individual thing or component within a larger group

344	justify	to provide a valid reason or explanation for something
345	layer	a single thickness or level of something
346	legislate	to make or enact laws
347	licence	an official permission or authorization to do something
348	locate	to find or discover the position or place of something
349	major	significant or important in size, extent, or influence
350	margin	the outer edge or boundary of something
351	mechanism	a system or process designed to achieve a particular result
352	medical	related to the field of medicine
353	method	a systematic approach or procedure for doing something
354	minimal	of the least possible amount, degree, or extent
355	ministry	a department or organization responsible for a specific area
356	modify	to make changes or alterations to something
357	mutual	shared or experienced by two or more parties
358	neutral	not favoring any side or position
359	norm	a standard or typical pattern of behavior or outcome
360	notwithstanding	despite or in spite of something
361	occur	to happen or take place
362	obtain	to acquire or get possession of something
363	ongoing	continuing or in progress
364	outcome	the result or consequence of an action or event
365	overlap	to extend over or cover part of something
366	paradigm	a typical example or model of something
367	parameter	a factor or variable that determines the characteristics
368	passive	not actively participating or taking action
369	period	a length or duration of time
370	phase	a distinct stage or step in a process
371	investigate	To carry out a systematic examination or study
372	isolate	To separate or set apart from others
373	job	A piece of work or task
374	label	A descriptive word or phrase used to identify something
375	lecture	A formal talk or presentation on a specific topic
376	levy	To impose or collect a tax or fee
377	likewise	In the same way or manner
378	logic	Reasoning or sound judgment based on principles
379	manipulate	To handle or control in a skillful manner
380	mature	Fully developed or grown-up

381	media	Means of mass communication, such as newspapers or TV
382	medium	A means or channel of communication
383	migrate	To move from one place to another
384	minimise	To reduce or make as small as possible
385	minor	Lesser in importance, size, or degree
386	monitor	To observe, check, or keep track of something
387	negate	To deny or nullify the effect of something
388	nevertheless	In spite of that; however
389	normal	Conforming to the usual or typical pattern
390	nuclear	Relating to or involving atomic energy or weapons
391	obvious	Easily seen, recognized, or understood
392	odd	Unusual or strange
393	option	A choice or alternative
394	output	The amount or quantity produced or provided
395	overseas	In or to a foreign country or place
396	paragraph	A distinct section of a piece of writing
397	participate	To take part in or be involved in something
398	perceive	To become aware of or understand something
399	persist	To continue firmly or obstinately in an action or belief
400	phenomenon	A remarkable or significant occurrence or fact
401	invoke	To cite or refer to as an authority or justification
402	issue	A topic or problem under discussion or debate
403	journal	A periodical publication containing research articles
404	labour	Work, especially physical work done for wages
405	legal	Relating to the law or governed by law
406	liberal	Open to new behavior or opinions and willing to discard traditional values
407	link	To connect or bring together
408	maintain	To keep in an existing state or condition
409	manual	A book of instructions or guidelines
410	maximise	To make as large or great as possible
411	mediate	To intervene in a dispute to bring about a resolution
412	mental	Relating to the mind or intellect
413	military	Relating to the armed forces or warfare
414	minimum	The least or smallest amount or quantity
415	mode	A way or manner in which something occurs or is experienced
416	motive	A reason or intention for doing something
417	network	An interconnected system or group of people or organizations

418	nonetheless	However, nevertheless
419	notion	A conception or belief about something
420	objective	A goal or aim
421	occupy	To take control or possession of
422	offset	To counterbalance or compensate for
423	orient	To align or position towards a particular direction
424	overall	Considering or including everything
425	panel	A group of people gathered for a specific purpose
426	parallel	Occurring or existing at the same time or in a similar way
427	partner	A person or organization that shares or is associated with another
428	percent	A proportion or part per hundred
429	perspective	A particular way of viewing things or a mental outlook
430	philosophy	The study of fundamental questions about existence, knowledge, values, reason, etc.
431	physical	relating to the body or material things
432	portion	a part or share of something
433	potential	having the capacity to develop or become something
434	precise	exact, accurate, or clearly defined
435	preliminary	introductory or preparatory
436	primary	main, most important, or principal
437	principle	a fundamental truth or law
438	proceed	to continue or carry on with an action or process
439	prohibit	to forbid or prevent something
440	proportion	a comparative relationship between parts or quantities
441	psychology	the study of the mind and behavior
442	purchase	to buy or acquire something
443	quote	to repeat or cite someone's words or a price estimation
444	range	a variety or extent of something
445	react	to respond or behave in a particular way
446	regime	a system of government or rule
447	regulate	to control or direct by a set of rules or principles
448	relax	to become less tense or anxious
449	reluctance	unwillingness or hesitation to do something
450	require	to need or demand something
451	resolve	to find a solution or make a firm decision
452	restore	to bring back to a previous condition or state
453	retain	to keep or hold onto something

454	reverse	to change to the opposite or contrary direction
455	rigid	stiff, inflexible, or strict
456	scenario	a possible sequence or course of events
457	scope	the extent or range of something
458	secure	safe, protected, or free from danger or risk
459	sequence	a particular order in which related events, facts, or objects occur
460	shift	a change in position or direction
461	practitioner	a person engaged in a specific profession
462	predict	to foretell or estimate future events
463	presume	to assume or suppose
464	prime	main, principal, or of the highest importance
465	prior	existing or occurring before something else
466	process	a series of actions or steps
467	project	a planned undertaking or task
468	prospect	the possibility or likelihood of future success
469	publication	the act of making information publicly available
470	pursue	to actively follow or seek
471	radical	extreme or drastic
472	ratio	the quantitative relationship between two numbers or amounts
473	recover	to regain or get back
474	region	a particular area or part of a country
475	reinforce	to strengthen or make more effective
476	release	to set free or make available
477	rely	to depend on or trust in
478	research	systematic investigation to discover new knowledge or information
479	resource	a source or supply that can be used to achieve a purpose
480	restrain	to hold back or keep under control
481	reveal	to make known or disclose
482	revise	to review and make changes or improvements
483	role	a part or function played by someone or something
484	schedule	a plan or timetable
485	section	a distinct part or division of something
486	seek	to search for or try to obtain
487	series	a number of things that are similar or related and come one after another
488	significant	important or meaningful
489	pose	to present or create
490	plus	in addition to

491	positive	having a favorable or constructive attitude or outlook
492	policy	a course of action adopted or pursued by an organization or government
493	precede	to come before something in time, order, or position
494	predominant	having greater strength, influence, or importance
495	previous	existing or occurring before in time or order
496	principal	most important or influential
497	priority	a thing that is regarded as more important than others
498	professional	relating to a particular profession or occupation
499	promote	to further the progress or development of something
500	protocol	a set of rules or guidelines for correct conduct or behavior
501	publish	to make information available to the public
502	qualitative	relating to the characteristics or qualities of something
503	random	happening or chosen without any specific pattern or method
504	rational	based on or in accordance with reason or logic
505	refine	to improve or enhance by making small changes
506	register	to officially record or enroll
507	reject	to refuse to accept, believe, or consider
508	relevant	closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
509	remove	to take away or eliminate
510	reside	to have one's permanent home or place of abode
511	respond	to react or answer in response to something
512	restrict	to limit or control the actions or movement of something
513	revenue	income, especially when of a company or organization
514	revolution	a dramatic and wide-reaching change in conditions or structure
515	route	a way or course taken in getting from one place to another
516	scheme	a plan or program of action
517	sector	a specific area or division within a larger system
518	select	to carefully choose or pick out
519	sex	the biological characteristics that distinguish male and female
520	similar	having a resemblance in appearance or nature
521	simulate	to imitate or reproduce
522	sole	only or single
523	specific	precise or particular
524	stable	steady or unchanging
525	straightforward	clear or direct
526	structure	organization or arrangement
527	subordinate	lower in rank or importance

528	substitute	replacement or alternative
529	sum	total or amount
530	survey	study or examination
531	sustain	maintain or support
532	target	goal or objective
533	technical	relating to a specific field or subject
534	temporary	not permanent or lasting
535	text	written or printed material
536	thereby	as a result or by that means
537	trace	mark or evidence of something
538	transform	change or convert
539	transport	move or carry
540	ultimate	final or eventual
541	undertake	take on or assume
542	unique	one of a kind or distinct
543	vary	change or differ
544	via	by way of or through
545	visible	able to be seen or noticed
546	volume	quantity or amount
547	whereas	in contrast to or while
548	somewhat	to some degree or extent
549	specify	to clearly indicate or define
550	statistic	numerical data or information
551	strategy	a plan or approach to achieve a goal
552	style	a particular manner or way of doing something
553	subsequent	happening or coming after something else
554	successor	a person or thing that follows or replaces another
555	summary	a brief statement or overview
556	survive	to continue to exist or live despite challenges or difficulties
557	symbol	a visual representation or sign
558	task	a piece of work or job to be done
559	technique	a method or approach to accomplish something
560	tense	a grammatical category indicating time
561	theme	a central idea or subject
562	thesis	a statement or theory put forward as a premise to be proved or maintained
563	tradition	a long-established custom or belief

564	transit	the act or process of moving from one place to another
565	trend	a general direction or pattern of change
566	undergo	to experience or go through
567	uniform	consistent in form, manner, or quality
568	utilise	to make practical or effective use of
569	vehicle	a means of conveying or transporting
570	violate	to break or fail to comply with
571	vision	the ability to see or imagine
572	voluntary	done, given, or acting of one's own free will
573	whereby	by which; through which
574	so-called	commonly referred to as
575	source	origin or point of origin
576	sphere	a particular field or area
577	status	position or condition
578	stress	pressure or strain
579	submit	present or hand in
580	subsidy	financial aid or support
581	sufficient	enough or satisfactory
582	supplement	addition or extra
583	suspend	temporarily stop or delay
584	tape	adhesive strip or ribbon
585	team	group working together
586	technology	scientific knowledge or tools
587	terminate	bring to an end
588	theory	explanation or principle
589	topic	subject or theme
590	transfer	move or convey
591	transmit	send or communicate
592	trigger	cause or initiate
593	underlie	form the basis of
594	unify	bring together or integrate
595	valid	acceptable or legitimate
596	version	edition or variation
597	virtual	simulated or online
598	visual	relating to sight or vision
599	welfare	well-being or social support
600	widespread	widely distributed or common