4000 IELTS Academic Words List (1)

abandon
n. Syn. relinquish
lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

abandonment
n.
giving up completely; freedom from constraint

abbreviation
n.
shortening something by omitting parts of it

abeyance
n. Syn. suspension
suspended action; temporary cessation or suspension

abide
v.
endure; put up with; bear; tolerate

ability
n. Syn. capacity; skill
capacity; skill

abnormal
a. Syn. anomalous; unusual
unusual; not typical; not normal

aboard
ad.
on a ship, train, plane or other vehicle; in or into a group, organization, or business

abolish
v. Syn. cancel; annul
cancel; put an end to; destroy completely

abolition
n.
ending; act of abolishing; act of doing away with

abortion
n.
termination of pregnancy; failure of a plan
abortive
a. Syn. unsuccessful; fruitless
unsuccessful; failing to accomplish an intended objective; fruitless

abridge
v. Syn. condense; shorten
condense; shorten; reduce length of written text

abrogate
a. Syn. abolish
abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority

abrupt
a. Syn. sudden; unforeseen
broken off; very steep; having sudden transitions from one subject to another

absence
n.
state of being absent; state of being away

absent
a. Syn. missing
go away or leave ; missing; not present

absolute
a. Syn. complete; certain
perfect in quality or nature; complete; totally unlimited; certain

absolutely
ad. Syn. utterly; definitely
utterly; definitely

absorb
v. Syn. monopolize; receive
assimilate or incorporate; suck or drink up; occupy full attention

absorption
n. Syn. assimilation; reception
process of absorbing nutrients into the body after digestion; state of mental concentration

abstract
a. Syn. theoretical; abstruse
theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

absurd
a. Syn. preposterous; ridiculous; foolish
preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

absurdity
n. quality of being absurd or inconsistent with obvious truth, reason, or sound judgment; logical contradiction

**abundance**  
n. Syn. profusion; richness  
great or plentiful amount; fullness to overflowing

**abundant**  
a. Syn. plentiful  
plentiful; possessing riches or resources

**abuse**  
n. Syn. misuse  
improper use or handling; misuse

**academic**  
a. Syn. scholarly; collegiate; theoretical  
related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to scholarly organization; based on formal education

**academy**  
n.  
school for special instruction; society of scholars, scientists, or artists

**accede**  
v. Syn. agree; assent; concede  
agree; give consent, often at insistence of another; concede

**accelerate**  
v. Syn. speed; hasten  
moves faster; cause to develop or progress more quickly; occur sooner than expected

**acceleration**  
n.  
faster rate of improvement; rate of change of velocity with respect to time

**access**  
n. Syn. approach  
approach; entry; entrance

**accessible**  
a. Syn. obtainable; approachable  
easily approached or entered; obtainable; easy to talk to or get along with

**accessory**  
n. Syn. adjunct; appendage  
additional object; useful but not essential thing; subordinate or supplementary item
accident
n.
event that takes place without one's foresight or expectation; sudden, and unexpected event

accidental
a.
Syn. unexpected; unforeseen
unexpected; unforeseen

accidentally
ad.
Syn. inadvertently
inadvertently; by chance; casually; fortuitously; not essentially or intrinsically

accommodate
v.
Syn. adapt; oblige
do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

accommodation
n.
living quarters provided for public convenience; something that meets a need; convenience

accompaniment
n.
act of accompanying someone or something

accompany
v.
travel with; be associated with

accomplish
v.
Syn. finish; achieve
succeed in doing; bring to pass; achieve; reach the end of; complete

accomplishment
n.
Syn. achievement; fulfillment
achievement; fulfillment

accord
n.
Syn. agreement; treaty
settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

account
n.
Syn. report; description
narrative or record of events; reason given for a particular action or event

accountant
n.
one who maintains and audits business accounts

accounting
n.
system that provides quantitative information about finances

**accrue**

v.
increase, accumulate, or come about as a result of growth; accumulate over time

**accumulate**

v. Syn. collect
pile up; collect; mount up; increase

**accumulation**

n. Syn. accretion; concentration
increase by natural growth or addition; concentration

**accuracy**

n.
quality of nearness to the truth or the true value

**accurate**

a. Syn. precise; correct
capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

**accusation**

n. Syn. indictment; charge
indictment; charge of wrongdoing that is made against a person or other party

**accuse**

v. Syn. blame; condemn
blame; condemn

**achieve**

v. Syn. accomplish; fulfill
gain with effort; accomplish; fulfill

**achievement**

n. Syn. feat; accomplishment
feat; accomplishment; award for completing a particular task or meeting an objective

**acid**

n.
sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful

**acknowledge**

v. Syn. recognize; admit
declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

**acquaint**
v. Syn. Inform
inform about; cause to come to know personally; make familiar

**acquaintance**

n.
personal knowledge or information about someone or something

**acquainted**

a.
known by or familiar with another; informed or familiar

**acquire**

v. Syn. obtain; gain
gain through experience or effort; gain possession of; locate with tracking system

**acquisition**

n. Syn. acquirement; attainment
act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of something

**across**

ad.
from side to side; crosswise, or in a direction opposed to the length

**activate**

v. Syn. encourage; stimulate
make active or more active; stimulate; make radioactive

**actively**

ad. Syn. energetically; vigorously
energetically; vigorously; in an active manner; voluntarily, not passively

**actual**

a. Syn. true; real
true; real; being, existing, or acting at the present moment; current

**actually**

ad. Syn. truly; really
truly; really; in fact

**acute**

a. Syn. keen; sharp
quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

**adapt**

v. Syn. alter; modify
make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

**adaptation**
n. Syn. modification; adjustment
modification; alteration or adjustment in structure or habits

**additional**
a. Syn. further; extra
further; extra; supplemental or added to

**additive**
n. Syn. addition; supplement
addition; supplement

**address**
v.
make a formal speech to; deal with or discuss; direct efforts or attention of

**adequate**
a. Syn. sufficient; enough
sufficient; enough to meet a purpose

**adhere**
v. Syn. stick; bond
stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with

**adhesive**
n. Syn. glue; paste
glue; paste ; substance that unites or bonds surfaces together

**adjacent**
a. Syn. adjoining; neighboring
adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

**adjoin**
v. Syn. attach
be next to; be contiguous to; border on

**adjust**
v. Syn. adapt; regulate
adapt; regulate

**adjustment**
n.
making or becoming suitable; adjusting to circumstances

**administer**
v. Syn. govern; supervise
govern; supervise; give or apply medications

**administration**
n. Syn. management; supervision; executive management; supervision; people who are in charge for management; activity of government for powers and duties

**administrative**
a. of or relating to or responsible for administration

**admiration**
n. favorable judgment; feeling of pleasure, wonder, and approval

**admire**
v. Syn. esteem; appreciate regard with wonder or astonishment; view with surprise; marvel at

**admission**
n. Syn. admittance; entrance; access act or practice of admitting; power or permission to enter

**admit**
v. permit to enter; receive; provide the right or a means of entrance to

**admittedly**
ad. Syn. doubtlessly; surely doubtlessly; in an acknowledged manner; confessedly

**adolescence**
n. Syn. youth; juvenescence state of growing up from childhood to manhood or womanhood; transitional period between youth and maturity

**adolescent**
n. a juvenile between the onset of puberty and maturity;

**adopt**
v. Syn. accept accept; take on; raise; take into one's family

**adoption**
n. act of accepting with approval

**adore**
v. Syn. idolize; adorn worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection
adorn
v. Syn. decorate
enhance or decorate with or as if with ornaments

adornment
n. Syn. embellishment; decoration
embellishment; decoration; something that beautifies or adorns; ornament

adult
n.
one who has attained maturity or legal age; fully grown

advance
v. Syn. further; progress
proceed; move forward; improve; moving forward

advanced
a.
improved; highly developed or complex; ahead of the times; progressive

adventure
n. Syn. risk; venture
something happens without design; chance; hazard; risk; danger

adventurous
a. Syn. valiant; venturesome
valiant; venturesome; inclined or willing to incur hazard or engage in adventures

adversary
n. Syn. opponent; contestant
opponent in contest; someone who offers opposition

adverse
a. Syn. unfavorable; hostile
in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose

adversity
n. Syn. poverty; misfortune
state of misfortune, hardship, or affliction; misfortune

advertise
v. Syn. notify
give notice to; inform or apprise; make known; give public notice of

advisable
a.
proper to be advised or to be done; expedient; prudent; ready to receive advice

advocate
v. Syn. urge; support
speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something

aerial
a.
of the air or atmosphere; produced by or found in the air; performed in the air

affect
v.
have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

affection
n. Syn. fondness; love
fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness

affectionate
a. Syn. loving
having affection or warm regard; loving; fond; kindly inclined; zealous

affiliate
v. Syn. associate; incorporate
associate; incorporate

affirm
v. Syn. assert; confirm
assert; confirm

affirmation
n. Syn. confirmation
positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath

affirmative
a.
confirmative; ratifying; giving assent or approval; confirming

afford
v. Syn. pay; risk
pay; provide; have the financial means for; bear the cost of

affordable
a.
able to pay for

agency
n.
a business that serves other businesses; an administrative unit of government

agent
n. Syn. representative; delegate; deputy
one that acts on behalf of other persons or organizations

**aggravate**
v. Syn. worsen; exacerbate
worsen; make worse or more troublesome

**aggregate**
v. Syn. gather; accumulate
gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to

**aggregation**
n.
several things grouped together or considered as a whole

**aggressive**
a.
making assaults; unjustly attacking; combative; hostile; tending to spread quickly

**aggressor**
n. Syn. attacker; assailant; invader
one that engages in aggression; person who first attacks

**agitate**
v. Syn. disturb
cause to move with violence or sudden force; upset; disturb

**agitation**
n. Syn. anxiety; disturbance
anxiety; extreme emotional disturbance

**agony**
n.
extreme pain of mind or body; anguish; last struggle of life; death struggle

**agreeable**
a. Syn. pleasing; acceptable
ready to consent or submit; acceptable

**agreement**
n.
state of agreeing; harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character

**agriculture**
n.
practice of cultivating the land or raising stock

**aid**
n.
person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

**ailment**
n. Syn. sickness; illness; affliction
sickness; illness; affliction

**aim**
n. Syn. objective; object; plan
point or direct towards an object or spot with the intent of hitting it

**air**

v.
be broadcast on television or radio

**aircraft**
n.
vehicle that can fly, such as an airplane, helicopter, balloon

**aisle**
n.
passageway between rows of seats, as in an auditorium or an airplane; wing of a building

**ajar**
a.
half-open; slightly turned or opened

**alarm**
n.
any sound or information intended to give notice of approaching danger

**album**
n.
a list of names; a register for visitors; a blank book, in which to insert autographs sketches, memorial writing of friends, photographs

**alert**
n.
warning serves; alarm; condition of heightened watchfulness or preparation for action

**alien**
a. Syn. strange; unfamiliar; foreign
dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

**alienate**
v. Syn. estrange; transfer; separate
cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally
alignment
n. Syn. arrangement; association; alliance
arrangement; association; alliance

alike
a. Syn. similar; resembling
similar; in the same manner or to the same degree

allergic
a.
excessively sensitive; susceptible; having an allergy

allergy
n.
hyper sensitivity reaction; abnormally high sensitivity to certain substances

alliance
n.
state of being allied; act of allying or uniting; a union or connection of interests between families, states, parties

allocate
v. Syn. assign
assign; distribute according to plan

allot
v. Syn. distribute
parcel out in parts or portions; distribute to each individual concerned; assign as a share or lot

allowance
n. Syn. authorization; permission
approval; act of allowing, granting, or admitting

alloy
v. Syn. combine; mix
combine; mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

ally
n. Syn. confederate; partner; collaborator
confederate; partner; collaborator

alone
a. Syn. solitary; by oneself
solitary; by oneself

along
ad.
by the length; in a line with the length; onward; forward; in company; together
alongside
ad.
along or by the side; side by side with

alter
v. Syn. modify; change; convert
modify; cause to change; make different; convert

alternate
a. Syn. substitute
happening or following in turns; succeeding each other continuously; substitute

alternation
n.
successive change from one thing or state to another and back again

alternative
a.
one of two or more things, ideas or courses of action that may be used; option; choice

altitude
n. Syn. elevation; height
elevation especially above sea level; height

aluminum
n.
silvery ductile metallic element

amateur
a. Syn. nonprofessional; inexpert
nonprofessional; lacking the skill of a professional, as in an art

amaze
v. Syn. stun; astonish; shock
astonish; affect with wonder

amazement
n. Syn. wonder; surprise
wonder; state of extreme surprise or wonder; astonishment

ambassador
n.
authorized messenger or representative

ambiguity
n.
state of being ambiguous; doubtfulness or uncertainty

ambiguous
a.
unclear or doubtful in meaning

**ambition**
n. Syn. aspiration
aspiration

**ambitious**
a. Syn. aspiring; enterprising
aspiring; having a strong desire for success or achievement

**ambulance**
n.
field hospital organized as to follow an army in its movements; wagon for conveying the wounded to hospital

**amend**
v. Syn. correct; improve
change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

**amendment**
n. Syn. correction; revision
correction; revision

**amends**
n.
compensation for a loss or injury; recompense; reparation

**amiable**
a. Syn. agreeable; lovable
good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly

**amicable**
a. Syn. friendly
exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; not quarrelsome

**amid**
ad. Syn. among
in the middle of; among; surrounded by

**ammunition**
n. Syn. weapon
military stores or provisions; articles used in weapons, as powder, balls, shot, shells

**amount**
n. Syn. quantity; sum
total of two or more quantities; aggregate; sum

**ample**
a. Syn. abundant
more than enough in size or scope or capacity; fairly large

amplification
n.
addition of extra material or illustration or clarifying detail

amplify
v. Syn. intensify; increase
broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make larger or more powerful; increase

amuse
v. Syn. absorb; distract; bewilder
occupy in an agreeable, pleasing, or entertaining fashion; cause laughter or be funny; delude or deceive

analogy
n. Syn. similarity; parallelism
similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

analysis
n. Syn. study; investigation
study; investigation; process of breaking down a substance into its constituent parts

analytical
a.
of analysis; resolving into elements or parts

analyze
v. Syn. diagnose; examine; analyze
diagnose; examine

ancestor
n. Syn. forefather; forebear
forefather; forebear; forerunner or predecessor

anchor
v. Syn. fasten
secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; narrate or coordinate

anecdote
n. Syn. episode; story
short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

angular
a.
sharp-cornered; consisting of an angle or angles; stiff in manner

animate
a. endowed with life; alive; living; animated

**animation**

n.
act of animating, or giving life or spirit; state of being animate or alive.

**ankle**

n.
joint which connects the foot with the leg; tarsus

**annex**

v. Syn. attach
append or attach; take possession of; incorporate into an existing political unit

**anniversary**

a.
annual; yearly; annual return of the day on which any notable event took place

**announce**

v. Syn. herald; proclaim
herald; give out; proclaim; make known publicly

**announcement**

n.
formal public statement; act of making known publicly

**announcer**

n.
one who proclaims a message publicly

**annoy**

v. Syn. disturb; irritate
disturb, especially by minor irritations; irritate

**annual**

a.
occurring or payable every year

**annually**

ad. Syn. yearly
yearly; each year; returning every year; year by year

**antagonism**

n. Syn. hostility; enmity
active resistance; condition of being an opposing principle, force, or factor

**antagonist**
one who contends with another, especially in combat; an adversary; opponent

antarctic
a.
opposite to the northern or arctic pole; relating to the southern pole or to the region near it

antibiotic
a. Syn. antibacterial
of or relating to chemical substance that kills microorganisms and cures infections

anticipate
v. Syn. expect; predict
act in advance of; deal with ahead of time; predict

anticipation
n. Syn. expectation
something expected; pleasurable expectation; wishing with confidence

antique
n. Syn. relic; curio
any furniture old and valuable; out of fashion

antonym
n.
word of opposite meaning; counter term

anxiety
n.
concern something in state of painful uneasiness; state of restlessness and agitation

anxious
a. Syn. eager; keen; worried
eager; keen; worried; uneasy and apprehensive about an uncertain event or matter

anyhow
ad.
in any way or manner whatever; at any rate; in any event

apart
ad.
separately, in regard to space or company; in a state of separation as to place; aside

ape
v. Syn. imitate
imitate; mimic, as an ape imitates human actions

apologize
beg pardon

**apology**

n. Syn. regret
acknowledgment expressing regret or asking pardon for a fault or offense; explanation or excuse

**apparatus**

n. Syn. equipment
a group of parts that work together to perform given function; appliance or device for particular purpose

**apparent**

a. Syn. visible
capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye

**appeal**

n. Syn. attraction; charm
attraction; charm; attract; fascinate; challenge

**appealing**

a. Syn. attractive; charming
attractive; charming

**appendix**

n. Syn. appendage; adjunct; concomitant
something appended or added

**appetite**

n. Syn. desire
instinctive physical desire, especially one for food or drink

**applaud**

v. Syn. clap; acclaim
acclaim; express approval, especially by clapping the hands

**appliance**

n.
durable goods for home or office use; device or instrument for household use

**applicable**

a.
capable of being applied; fit or suitable to be applied; having relevance

**applicant**

n. Syn. candidate
candidate

**application**
n. Syn. diligence  
close attention; work of applying something; verbal or written request for assistance

**apply**  
v. Syn. exert  
exert; put into service; avail oneself to;

**appoint**  
v. Syn. designate; nominate  
designate; nominate

**appointment**  
n. Syn. arrangement  
act of putting a person into a non-elective position; arrangement

**appreciable**  
a. Syn. considerable; perceptible  
considerable; perceptible

**appreciate**  
v. Syn. admire; value  
be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

**appreciation**  
n. Syn. recognition; taste  
recognition; taste; judgment or opinion, especially a favorable one

**appreciative**  
a.  
having or showing a just or ready appreciation or perception

**apprentice**  
n.  
works for an expert to learn a trade; beginner; learner

**approach**  
n. Syn. access; method  
access; method

**appropriate**  
v. Syn. acquire; allocate  
acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

**approval**  
n. Syn. sanction; endorsement  
official approbation; endorsement; act of approving

**approve**
v. Syn. ratify
ratify; consider right or good; think or speak favorably of

**approximate**
v. Syn. approach
approach; come near

**approximately**
ad. Syn. about; roughly
about; roughly

**apt**
a. Syn. appropriate; suitable
likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand

**aptitude**
n. Syn. intelligence; talent
inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding

**arbitrary**
a. Syn. capricious; impulse
randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

**arbitrator**
n. Syn. judge; arbiter
someone chosen to judge and decide disputed issue; one having power to make authoritative decisions

**arc**
n.
continuous portion of a circle; something curved in shape

**arch**
n.
any part of a curved line

**archaeology**
n.
study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

**architect**
n.
one who designs and supervises the construction of buildings or other large structures

**architecture**
n.
art and science of designing and erecting buildings; buildings and other large structures

**ardent**
arduous
a. Syn. hard; strenuous
demanding great effort or labor; difficult

area
n.
plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

arena
n.
playing field where sports events take place; large structure for open-air sports or entertainments

argue
v.
invent and offer reasons to support or overthrow a proposition, opinion, or measure; debate

arise
v. Syn. spring
come up from a lower to a higher position; come above the horizon; spring up; come into action

aristocracy
n.
hereditary nobility; privileged class

aristocrat
n.
one of the aristocracy or people of rank in a community; one of a ruling class; a noble

arithmetic
n.
theory of numerical calculations

armour
n.
defensive covering, as of metal, wood, or leather, worn to protect the body against weapons

arms
n. Syn. weapon
weapons considered collectively; official symbols of a family

arouse
v. Syn. excite; stimulate; awake
excite; stimulate; awaken from or as if from sleep

arrange
v. Syn. plan; schedule
put in proper order; dispose in the manner intended, or best suited for the purpose

**arrangement**
n. Syn. composition; order
composition; order

**array**
v. Syn. marshal
set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement

**arrest**
v.
stop or slow down; catch someone's attention; take into custody

**arrogance**
n. Syn. pride; haughtiness
overbearing pride; haughtiness; manifest feeling of personal superiority in rank, power, or estimation

**arrogant**
a. Syn. overbearing; lofty
arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

**article**
n. Syn. essay; editorial
essay; editorial; individual thing or element of a class

**artificial**
a. Syn. unreal
made by humans; produced rather than natural.

**ascend**
v. Syn. climb; mount
climb; mount

**ascertain**
v. Syn. discover; insure
find out for certain; discover with certainty; make sure of

**ascribe**
v. Syn. refer; attribute; assign
inscribe or dedicate; attribute to a specified cause, source, or origin; assign as a quality

**ashamed**
a.
affected by shame; abashed or confused by guilt

**aside**
as. on, or to, one side; out of a straight line, course, or direction; at a little distance from the rest

aspect
n. Syn. respect; facet
distinct feature or element in a problem; a way in which something can be viewed by the mind

aspirin
n.
white crystalline compound drug to relieve pain and reduce fever and inflammation

assassination
n.
act of assassinating; killing by treacherous violence; murder of public figure by surprise attack

assault
n. Syn. attack; onslaught
attack; onslaught

assemble
v. Syn. gather
put together; bring or call together into a group or whole

assembly
n. Syn. gathering; meeting
gathering; meeting; a group of persons gathered together for common reason

assert
v. Syn. declare
declare or state with confidence; put oneself forward boldly

assess
v. Syn. estimate; judge
estimate value; judge worth of something

assessment
n. Syn. evaluation; judgment
act of judging or assessing; amount determined as payable

assign
v. Syn. appoint; allot
appoint; allot; make over; point out authoritatively or exactly

assignment
n. Syn. task; job
task given to students; job; distribution; appointment

assist
v. Syn. help
give help or support to, especially as a subordinate

**assistance**

n.
activity of contributing to fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose

**assistant**

n. Syn. helper; aide
helper; person who assists or helps someone else

**associate**

v. Syn. pertain; connect
connect or join together; combine

**association**

n. Syn. alliance; connection
connection, whether of persons of things; union of persons in a company or society for some particular purpose

**assorted**

a. Syn. varied; miscellaneous
varied; miscellaneous

**assortment**

n. Syn. variety; conglomerate
variety; collection containing a variety of sorts of things

**assume**

v. Syn. suppose; presume
suppose; presume; take on; bear

**assumption**

n. Syn. hypothesis; supposition
something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of

**assurance**

n. Syn. certainty; confidence; insurance; guaranty
promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt

**assure**

v. Syn. solidify; guarantee; convince
solidify; guarantee; convince

**assured**

a.
made sure; exhibiting confidence or authority; indubitable

**astonish**
**astound**
v. Syn. surprise; shock
affect with wonder; surprise; shock

**astray**
a.
away from the correct path or direction, either in a literal or in a figurative sense; wandering

**astronomer**
n.
a physicist who studies astronomy

**astronomical**
a. Syn. celestial
enormously large or extensive; relating to astronomy

**astronomy**
n.
branch of physics that studies celestial bodies and universe as a whole

**athlete**
n.
sports man; one who contended for prize in public games

**atlas**
n.
a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables

**atmosphere**
n. Syn. air
air

**atom**
n.
a tiny piece of anything; the smallest component of an element having the chemical properties of the element

**atomic**
a.
of or relating to or comprising atoms; immeasurably small

**attach**
v. Syn. fasten; annex
fasten; annex; be in contact with

**attachment**
n. Syn. preference; affection
a bond, as of affection or loyalty; fond regard; supplementary part; accessory

**attack**

n.
offensive move; expression of strong criticism; hostile comment

**attain**

v. Syn. gain
achieve or accomplish; gain

**attempt**

n. Syn. try; endeavor; effort
action of trying at something

**attend**

v.
be present at; go to; take care of; tend

**attendance**

n.
act of being present

**attendant**

n. Syn. aide; servant
aide; servant; accompanying; person who participates in a meeting

**attention**

n. Syn. concentration; care
act or state of attending or heeding; application of the mind to any object of sense, representation, or thought

**attentive**

a. Syn. considerate; thoughtful
alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful

**attic**

n.
story or room directly below the roof of a building, especially a house;

**attitude**

n.
posture, action, or disposition of a figure or a statue

**attorney**

n. Syn. lawyer
lawyer; one who is appointed by another to act in his place or stead; proxy

**attract**
v. Syn. lure; allure
draw to, or cause to tend to; engage or fix, as the mind, attention; invite or allure

**attraction**
n. Syn. affinity; appeal
appeal; a characteristic that provides pleasure and attracts

**attribute**
n. Syn. trait
essential quality; reputation; honor

**auction**
n.
public sale of property to the highest bidder

**audience**
n. Syn. spectator; viewer
a group of people within hearing; crowd seeing a stage performance

**auditorium**
n.
area of theater or concert hall where audience sits

**august**
a. Syn. impressive; majestic; grand
impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration

**author**
n.
beginner, former, or first mover of anything; creator; originator; one who composes or writes book or composer

**authority**
n. Syn. jurisdiction; power
jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

**authorization**
n.
act of giving authority or legal power; establishment by authority; sanction or warrant

**authorize**
v. Syn. empower; sanction
empower; give permission for; sanction

**autobiography**
n.
biography or story written by yourself

**automate**
v.
replace or enhance human labor with machines

**automatic**
a. Syn. automated; mechanized; involuntary
mechanized; operating with minimal human intervention; independent of external control

**automation**
n.
act or process of converting the controlling of a machine or device to a more automatic system, such as computer or electronic controls

**automobile**
n.
self-propelled vehicle suitable for use on street or roadway

**autonomous**
a.
self-governing; not controlled by others or by outside forces; independent

**autonomy**
n.
Syn. independence; liberty
independence; self-government or the right of self-government; self-determination

**auxiliary**
a. Syn. aiding; supplementary
helper, additional or subsidiary

**avail**
v.
Syn. profit; promote
turn to advantage of; be of service to; profit; promote

**available**
a.
Syn. free
convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

**avenge**
v.
take vengeance for something, or on behalf of someone

**avenue**
n.
way or opening for entrance or exit place; passage by which a place may be reached; broad street

**average**
a.
Syn. typical; mediocre
typical; mean; achieve or reach on average

**aviation**
n. Syn. flying; flight; aeronautics  
art or science of flying; flight; aeronautics

**avoid**

v. Syn. shun; prevent  
shield away from; prevent

**aware**

a. knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

**awe**

n. Syn. dread; admiration; amazement  
mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder; fear, as of something evil

**awful**

a. Syn. terrible  
causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible

**awkward**

a. Syn. clumsy; inept  
difficult to handle or manage

**awkwardly**

ad.  
in an uncomfortable, nervous or embarrassed way

**axis**

n. Syn. shaft; pivot  
the center around which something rotates; pivot

**axle**

n.  
pin or spindle on which a wheel revolves, or which revolves with a wheel; transverse bar or shaft connecting the opposite wheels of a car or carriage