

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
move 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

n.

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

v.
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

a. Syn. intense; passionate; zealous
displaying or by strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

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

ad.

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 or 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

v. Syn. surprise; shock
surprise; shock

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