

## How can I learn vocabulary quickly?

It can be very difficult to learn new words or phrases. Academic language can often seem very abstract and the more abstract it is, the less memorable it is. To improve one's use of academic vocabulary, it is useful to bear in mind some of the principles of what may be termed 'accelerated learning'.

There are six generally agreed 'stages' of accelerated learning; these are as follows:

1. Getting into a suitable state of mind.
2. Using the senses to acquire information.
3. Understanding what you are trying to learn.
4. Memorising what you are trying to learn.
5. Using what you are trying to learn actively.
6. Providing feedback on what you have learned.

Most of us are very familiar with the first four of these procedures, but in fact, very few of us may manage to actively use the language that we have learned (or think we have learned), as in Stage 5. This is a big part of the problem; the words we come across very often stay at a 'receptive' level, and do not quite reach our active vocabulary.

So - what can we do to actively use what we are trying to learn? Some suggestions are as follows:

- Use mind maps to draw relationships between different words.
- Put word families/groups on one page in your vocabulary book.
- Listen to classical music (Mozart is best) before you work.
- Use mnemonic devices (that is, a word whose first letters give you the key to other important words).
- Put key words into a short story.
- Talk to someone else about what you have learned.
- Imagine the most absurd scenario to make the information more memorable.
- Write words and vocabulary notes using different colours.
- Walk around as you are trying to remember; movement helps.
- In short, never just do nothing - always do something!

### Academic word list for: ART

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<b>1</b>	The Formal Elements	<b>11</b>	experimentation/investigation
<b>2</b>	composition	<b>12</b>	refinement
<b>3</b>	form	<b>13</b>	perseverance
<b>4</b>	shape/line	<b>14</b>	observational drawing
<b>5</b>	tone	<b>15</b>	recording
<b>6</b>	colour	<b>16</b>	developing ideas
<b>7</b>	pattern	<b>17</b>	explore/research
<b>8</b>	texture/invented/simulated	<b>18</b>	aesthetics
<b>9</b>	analyse/annotate	<b>19</b>	weight and line
<b>10</b>	assessment objectives	<b>20</b>	evaluate

### Academic word list for: BIOLOGY

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<b>1</b>	homeostasis	<b>11</b>	myelin
<b>2</b>	oestrogen	<b>12</b>	genotype
<b>3</b>	FSH – Follicle Stimulating Hormone	<b>13</b>	allele
<b>4</b>	LH – Luteinising Hormone	<b>14</b>	chromosome
<b>5</b>	Thyroxine	<b>15</b>	mitosis
<b>6</b>	adrenaline	<b>16</b>	meiosis
<b>7</b>	ovulation	<b>17</b>	organelle
<b>8</b>	pituitary	<b>18</b>	phenotype
<b>9</b>	heterozygous	<b>19</b>	axon
<b>10</b>	homozygous	<b>20</b>	acrosome

### Academic word list for: BUSINESS STUDIES

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<b>1</b>	limited liability	<b>11</b>	break-even
<b>2</b>	unlimited liability	<b>12</b>	aim
<b>3</b>	sole trader	<b>13</b>	objective
<b>4</b>	partnership	<b>14</b>	entrepreneur
<b>5</b>	private/public limited company	<b>15</b>	stakeholder
<b>6</b>	appraisal	<b>16</b>	shareholder
<b>7</b>	revenue	<b>17</b>	segmentation
<b>8</b>	profit	<b>18</b>	distribution
<b>9</b>	fixed/variable costs	<b>19</b>	recruitment
<b>10</b>	fringe benefits	<b>20</b>	remuneration

### Academic word list for: CHEMISTRY

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<b>1</b>	electronic configuration	<b>11</b>	separation
<b>2</b>	rate	<b>12</b>	precipitate
<b>3</b>	hydrocarbon	<b>13</b>	excess
<b>4</b>	distillation	<b>14</b>	salt
<b>5</b>	neutralisation	<b>15</b>	acid
<b>6</b>	thermal decomposition	<b>16</b>	alkali
<b>7</b>	complete combustion	<b>17</b>	exothermic
<b>8</b>	element	<b>18</b>	endothermic
<b>9</b>	compound	<b>19</b>	alkane
<b>10</b>	mixture	<b>20</b>	electrolysis

**Academic word list for: DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES**

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	anthropometrics	<b>11</b>	development
<b>2</b>	aesthetics	<b>12</b>	physical
<b>3</b>	ergonomics	<b>13</b>	social
<b>4</b>	maintenance	<b>14</b>	emotional
<b>5</b>	product life cycle	<b>15</b>	intellectual
<b>6</b>	Quality Assurance	<b>16</b>	analyse
<b>7</b>	Quality Control	<b>17</b>	discuss
<b>8</b>	compare	<b>18</b>	unlimited liability
<b>9</b>	evaluate	<b>19</b>	texture
<b>10</b>	modifications	<b>20</b>	perishable

**Academic word list for: ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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<b>1</b>	language	<b>11</b>	structure
<b>2</b>	method	<b>12</b>	focus
<b>3</b>	juxtapose	<b>13</b>	narrative
<b>4</b>	analyse	<b>14</b>	establishes
<b>5</b>	phrase	<b>15</b>	cyclical
<b>6</b>	word	<b>16</b>	metaphor
<b>7</b>	alternatively	<b>17</b>	perspective
<b>8</b>	furthermore	<b>18</b>	compare
<b>9</b>	moreover	<b>19</b>	sentence
<b>10</b>	additionally	<b>20</b>	hyperbole

### Academic word list for: ENGLISH LITERATURE

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<b>1</b>	ideology	<b>11</b>	dramatic monologue
<b>2</b>	juxtaposition	<b>12</b>	hyperbole
<b>3</b>	conflict	<b>13</b>	Victorian, Jacobean, Edwardian
<b>4</b>	language/word/phrase	<b>14</b>	cyclical
<b>5</b>	structure	<b>15</b>	novel, play, poem
<b>6</b>	enjambment	<b>16</b>	stage direction
<b>7</b>	tension	<b>17</b>	context
<b>8</b>	stanza	<b>18</b>	to some extent
<b>9</b>	imagery	<b>19</b>	in addition
<b>10</b>	caesura	<b>20</b>	furthermore



### Academic word list for: FRENCH/SPANISH

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	French	Spanish		French	Spanish
<b>1</b>	It is – C'est	es/está	<b>11</b>	I think – Je pense que	Pienso que
<b>2</b>	It was – C'était	Fue	<b>12</b>	In my opinion – à mon avis	En mi opinión
<b>3</b>	It will be – Ce sera	Será	<b>13</b>	Because – Parce que	Porque
<b>4</b>	I do – Je fais	hago	<b>14</b>	However – Cependant	Sin embargo
<b>5</b>	I did – J'ai fait	hice	<b>15</b>	Therefore – Donc	Por eso
<b>6</b>	I am going to – Je vais faire	Voy a hacer	<b>16</b>	Interesting – Intéressant	Interesante
<b>7</b>	I go – Je vais	Voy	<b>17</b>	Boring – Ennuyeux	Aburrido
<b>8</b>	I went – Je suis allé (e)	Fui	<b>18</b>	Delicious – Délicieux	Delicioso
<b>9</b>	I am going to go – Je vais aller	Voy a ir	<b>19</b>	Great – Génial	Genial
<b>10</b>	I am – Je suis	Soy/estoy	<b>20</b>	Awful – Affreux	Horroroso

### Academic word list for: HISTORY

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	rookery	<b>11</b>	abdicate
<b>2</b>	attestation ledger	<b>12</b>	democracy
<b>3</b>	commissioner	<b>13</b>	republic
<b>4</b>	provenance	<b>14</b>	communism
<b>5</b>	fenians	<b>15</b>	Weimar
<b>6</b>	anti -Semitism	<b>16</b>	Reichstag
<b>7</b>	autopsy	<b>17</b>	hyperinflation
<b>8</b>	sensationalise	<b>18</b>	free corps (freikorps)
<b>9</b>	workhouse	<b>19</b>	putsch
<b>10</b>	sweatshop	<b>20</b>	passive resistance/armistice

### Academic word list for: ICT

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	operation system	<b>11</b>	software
<b>2</b>	processor	<b>12</b>	device
<b>3</b>	motherboard	<b>13</b>	microprocessor
<b>4</b>	control system	<b>14</b>	spreadsheet
<b>5</b>	validation	<b>15</b>	database
<b>6</b>	verification	<b>16</b>	systems life cycle
<b>7</b>	GUI	<b>17</b>	testing
<b>8</b>	hot desking	<b>18</b>	normalisation
<b>9</b>	robot	<b>19</b>	relational database
<b>10</b>	hardware	<b>20</b>	formula/function

**Academic word list for: MATHS**

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	area	<b>11</b>	perpendicular
<b>2</b>	congruent	<b>12</b>	polygon
<b>3</b>	diameter	<b>13</b>	probability
<b>4</b>	estimate	<b>14</b>	proportion
<b>5</b>	evaluate	<b>15</b>	quadratic
<b>6</b>	expand	<b>16</b>	radius
<b>7</b>	factorise	<b>17</b>	similar
<b>8</b>	parallel	<b>18</b>	simplify
<b>9</b>	percentage	<b>19</b>	solve
<b>10</b>	perimeter	<b>20</b>	volume

### Academic word list for: MEDIA STUDIES

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	conventions	<b>11</b>	composition
<b>2</b>	semiotics	<b>12</b>	enigma
<b>3</b>	connotation	<b>13</b>	binary opposition
<b>4</b>	context	<b>14</b>	anchorage
<b>5</b>	mise-en-scène	<b>15</b>	demographic category
<b>6</b>	representation	<b>16</b>	encoding and decoding
<b>7</b>	audience	<b>17</b>	iconography
<b>8</b>	institution	<b>18</b>	narrative
<b>9</b>	ideology	<b>19</b>	stereotype
<b>10</b>	brand identity	<b>20</b>	synergy

## Academic word list for: MUSIC

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	rhythm	<b>11</b>	dissonance
<b>2</b>	metre	<b>12</b>	chromatic
<b>3</b>	melody	<b>13</b>	ternary
<b>4</b>	texture	<b>14</b>	pizzicato
<b>5</b>	harmony	<b>15</b>	con arco
<b>6</b>	tonality	<b>16</b>	glissando
<b>7</b>	structure and form	<b>17</b>	rubato
<b>8</b>	dynamics	<b>18</b>	triplets
<b>9</b>	timbre	<b>19</b>	crescendo and diminuendo
<b>10</b>	syncopation	<b>20</b>	imitation

### Academic word list for: PHOTOGRAPHY

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	work	<b>11</b>	formal elements
<b>2</b>	observation	<b>12</b>	Photoshop
<b>3</b>	focus	<b>13</b>	edit
<b>4</b>	chill/don't stress	<b>14</b>	outcome
<b>5</b>	evaluate	<b>15</b>	development
<b>6</b>	analysis	<b>16</b>	coursework
<b>7</b>	artists	<b>17</b>	prep
<b>8</b>	consistent	<b>18</b>	time
<b>9</b>	media	<b>19</b>	reflect
<b>10</b>	discuss	<b>20</b>	ideas

**Academic word list for: PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	cardiorespiratory	<b>11</b>	planes (sagittal)
<b>2</b>	aerobic endurance	<b>12</b>	justify
<b>3</b>	anaerobic	<b>13</b>	describe
<b>4</b>	threshold	<b>14</b>	explain
<b>5</b>	because	<b>15</b>	discuss
<b>6</b>	therefore	<b>16</b>	aerobic
<b>7</b>	overload	<b>17</b>	continuous
<b>8</b>	define	<b>18</b>	hypertrophy
<b>9</b>	specificity	<b>19</b>	health
<b>10</b>	examples	<b>20</b>	fitness



### Academic word list for: PHYSICS

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	accelerate	<b>11</b>	vector
<b>2</b>	isotope	<b>12</b>	normal
<b>3</b>	frequency	<b>13</b>	wave front
<b>4</b>	amplitude	<b>14</b>	wave length
<b>5</b>	resistance	<b>15</b>	weight
<b>6</b>	current	<b>16</b>	reaction
<b>7</b>	voltage	<b>17</b>	velocity
<b>8</b>	charge	<b>18</b>	displacement
<b>9</b>	power	<b>19</b>	momentum
<b>10</b>	scalar	<b>20</b>	efficiency

### Academic word list for: SCIENCE

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	explain	<b>11</b>	accuracy
<b>2</b>	correlation	<b>12</b>	resolution
<b>3</b>	proportion	<b>13</b>	percentile
<b>4</b>	hypothesis	<b>14</b>	independent variable
<b>5</b>	variable	<b>15</b>	dependent variable
<b>6</b>	pH meter	<b>16</b>	control variable
<b>7</b>	anomalous	<b>17</b>	control experiment
<b>8</b>	volume	<b>18</b>	water bath
<b>9</b>	describe	<b>19</b>	significant figures
<b>10</b>	precision	<b>20</b>	standard form

### Academic word list for: SOCIOLOGY

Knowing and being able to confidently use the following twenty words will support your progress in this subject.

<b>1</b>	value consensus	<b>11</b>	separatism
<b>2</b>	collective conscience	<b>12</b>	essentialism
<b>3</b>	social solidarity	<b>13</b>	radical feminism
<b>4</b>	anomie	<b>14</b>	liberal feminism
<b>5</b>	capitalism	<b>15</b>	difference feminism
<b>6</b>	means of production	<b>16</b>	Marxist feminism
<b>7</b>	false class consciousness	<b>17</b>	labelling
<b>8</b>	bourgeoisie	<b>18</b>	postmodernism
<b>9</b>	proletariat	<b>19</b>	positivism
<b>10</b>	alienation	<b>20</b>	interpretivism