

# Academic

# in Use

50 units of  
academic  
vocabulary  
reference  
and practice

Self-study and  
classroom use

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## Working with academic vocabulary

- 1 What is Special about academic English? *discipline, virtually, quantify*
- 2 Key nouns *theory, model, pattern*
- 3 Key verbs *attempt, establish, explain*
- 4 Key adjectives *relevant, abstract, significant*
- 5 Key adverbs *comparatively, eventually, simply*
- 6 Phrasal verbs in academic English *put forward, go through, write up*
- 7 Key quantifying expressions *a substantiell amount, in excess of, no fewer than*
- 8 Words with several meanings *set, aecommodate, issue '*
- 9 Metaphors and idioms *shed light on, remain in the dark, the battle against* •

## Word combinations

- 10 Nouns and the words they combine with *heated debate, pivotal role, to cöllate results*
- 11 Adjective and noun combinations *important coritribution, major concern, widespread support*
- 12 Verbs and the words they combine with *loosely based on, examine the evidence, suggest an alternative solution*
- 13 Prepositional phrases *in conjunction with, on behalf of, for the tmost part*
- 14 Verbs and prepositions *focus on, consent to, aecount for*
- 15 Nouns and prepositions *dissertation on, rationale for, progress towards*
- 16 Fixed expressions *in a variety of ways, with the exception of, be that as it may*

## At academic institutions

- 17 Applications and application forms *entry requirements, referee, deadline*
- 18 College and university: the UK System *Student union, tutorial, research Student*
- 19 Systems compared: the US and the UK *dormitory, freshman, fraternity*
- 20 Academic courses *diploma, credits', defer*
- 21 Study habits and skills *reading speed, mind map, rote learning*
- 22 Online learning *online Community, username, subjeet header*

## Ways of talking about ...

- 23 Sources *primary source, draw on, bödy of liter;ature*
- 24 Facts, evidence and data *distort the facts, hard evidence, empirical data*
- 25 Numbers *random, tally, estimate*
- 26 Statistics *Standard deviation, correlate, Proportion* √
- 27 Graphs and diagrams *pie chart, intersect, decline*
- 28 Money and education *Student loan, cost of living, reeeipt*
- 29 Time *Century, simultaneous, in the near future*
- 30 Cause and effect *trigger, give rise to, chain reaction*

31	Talking about ideas	<i>movement, hypothesis, stance</i>
32	Reporting what others say	<i>pinpoint, cast doubt on, implication</i>
33	Analysis of results	<i>deduce, outweigh, critical</i>
34	Talking about meaning	<i>transparent, comprehend, misinterpret</i>
35	Research and study aims	<i>objective, to further, instigate</i>
36	Talking about points of view	<i>impartial, ideology, hold views</i>
37	Degrees of certainty	<i>tendency, likelihood, allegedly</i>
38	Presenting an argument	<i>beyond the scope of, furthermore, the extent to which</i>
39	Organising your writing	<i>with a focus on, at this point, respectively</i>
40	Making a presentation	<i>address a topic, handout, take questions</i>
41	Describing research methods	<i>carry out a procedure, case study, replicate</i>
42	Classifying	<i>component, consist of, marital Status</i>
43	Making connections	<i>correlate with, mutual, interaction</i>
44	Comparing and contrasting	<i>distinction, similarly, whereas</i>
45	Describing problems	<i>experience difficulties, deal with, resolve a Problem</i>
46	Describing situations	<i>context, integral, stable</i>
47	Processes and procedures	<i>Simulation, to Supplement, Output</i>
48	Describing change	<i>expansion, diminish, perceptible change</i>
49	Evaluation and emphasis	<i>inadequate, contradictory, acknowledge</i>
50	Summary and conclusion	<i>bring to a dose, in the final analysis, finally</i>

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