

***Essential Academic
Vocabulary***

8. Nouns

Nouns related to research

Vocabulary	Explanation
Research has determined the underlying problems.	systematic study Note: uncountable noun; e.g. 'pieces of research' or 'research studies' for plural
Our investigation has brought forward new concepts regarding the black hole.	broader type of research, also used in other fields i.e. legal matters, criminology, etc.
Through thorough analysis , we have been able to determine the cause of X.	detailed examination; plural: analyses
The results of the experiment contradict the initial research hypothesis .	specific statement, often formulated as a question, that predicts the possible outcome of a research
Einstein's famous theory of relativity has taken over the world.	principle to explain phenomena
The study of plants remains essential as animal life is dependent on them.	detailed analysis of a subject or phenomenon
The obtained data show a divergence from previous trends. No accurate statistics are available on this subject.	information collected during research Note: 'data' and 'statistics' are both plural nouns
The graph indicates a sharp increase in sales over the past six months.	image that shows the relationship between at least two variables, typically through the use of lines
Our latest findings have illustrated the accuracy of our research hypothesis.	pieces of information obtained during research
Descartes' approach mirrored his thinking on the processes of being and becoming;	way of dealing with something
To collect our data, we adopted one of the most common methods , namely surveys.	tool you use to carry out research e.g. interviews, contextual inquiry, surveys, etc.
My thesis is written through the lens of Lacanian psychoanalysis. This methodology serves a specific purpose, which is X.	research strategy on which one's whole work is based

Vocabulary	Explanation
The concept of mind-body dualism highlights the idea that the mind and body are two distinct entities.	abstract idea
Teachers were requested to evaluate their students through continuous assessment .	evaluation, review

Nouns related to one or multiple things

Vocabulary	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Harvey's research subjects are all related to the formation of the solar system. → The novel that is being analysed covers a wide range of topics. → A great deal of research has been carried out on this matter. → The issue of abortion is, however, another topic we have to take into consideration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → thing that is being discussed → theme, general area of interest → material <p>Note: 'issue' has a more negative connotation because it can also mean 'problem'</p>
The most important item in this list remains X.	individual part in a list, series, or set
The formula combines three different elements from two particular categories.	a part of a larger whole
The cathedral forms the prominent feature of the capital.	characteristic
As mentioned, the first example falls into the first category .	class something or someone belongs to based on similar characteristics
They fought to establish a hierarchy based on wealth, with the richest being the most dominant.	classification of people or things according to different factors

Nouns related to importance

Vocabulary	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → These pieces of art had acquired a particular significance during the Cold War. → The implementation of affordable health care remains of considerable relevance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → importance, meaning → importance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The aim of my study is to uncover the underlying cause of thyroid dysfunction. → My purpose in this part of the paper is to convince the reader to adopt another viewpoint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> goal, target
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The emphasis lies on sustainability and preservation. → Throughout the study, our focus has gradually shifted towards X. → Ultimately, he laid stress on the possible risk of bankruptcy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> when you give special importance / attention to something

Exercises

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1. Choose the most appropriate word in the following sentences.

- 1) The that has been conducted regarding her medical records may shorten her prison sentence.
 - a. research
 - b. investigation
 - c. analysis
- 2) My, which is based on symbolism, vaguely touches upon the personification of objects.
 - a. method
 - b. methodology
- 3) As can be seen on the, the number of sales in 2018 was significantly higher than in 2017.
 - a. graph
 - b. statistics
 - c. data

- 4) A more direct is often used in second language acquisition.
 - a. methodology
 - b. approach
 - c. study
- 5) The of global warming will be discussed in depth in the following chapter.
 - a. subject
 - b. issue
 - c. topic
- 6) We have come to the conclusion that, if we combine those chemical, a strong and irreversible chemical reaction will occur.
 - a. items
 - b. elements
 - c. features
- 7) Overall, a distinguishing of metaphysical poetry is the comparison of two completely different things which have nothing in common.
 - a. item
 - b. element
 - c. feature
- 8) At the bottom of the, one can find a that is subordinate to the ones on top.
 - a. hierarchy, category
 - b. category, hierarchy
- 9) The of this research is to analyse the benefits and the disadvantages of the elemental diet that has been forced upon the animal.
 - a. significance
 - b. emphasis
 - c. purpose
- 10) Corey's research acknowledges the potential of biology to social inquiry.
 - a. topics, purpose
 - b. hypothesis, relevance
 - c. hypothesis, aim

2. Fill in the gaps with the accurate vocabulary.

- 1) Harvey carried out a detailed of similar research strategies in order to give rise to a new, coherent approach.
- 2) At the beginning of the school year, we were requested to choose between fifteen different Finally, I choose to write on the possible ecological effects resulting from climate change.
- 3) Our recent may have proven the existence of supernatural forces in the universe.
- 4) The of literalism goes beyond biblical interpretation.

- 5) The faculty of Medicine conducted a regarding chronic disease management.
- 6) There are four different of artificial intelligence, all determined by different researchers.
- 7) Gothic architecture is characterised by predominant, such as ribbed vaults and stone structures.
- 8) Each on the list has been carefully chosen in order to avoid confusion.
- 9) Due to a lack of respondents, our research has proven to be ineffective.
- 10) show an inaccuracy in the obtained results.

3. Put the following words into a sentence:

- 1) concept
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- 2) assessment
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- 3) data
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- 4) theory
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- 5) hierarchy
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- 6) aim
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- 7) stress
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- 8) matter
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- 9) feature
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- 10) element
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9. Verbs

Describing your approach

Example	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → A new regulation has been introduced in order to clarify the point at issue. → We were presented with an innovative approach. 	bring into use for the first time
If we want to achieve our stated objectives, we must proceed according to the strict requirements.	successfully accomplish
It is essential to first acknowledge the possible mistakes that have been made.	admit the reality of something, recognise
As such, discussing the potential risks seems to be inevitable.	talk about
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → With the aim of investigating the principal cause of the problem, we have opted for a qualitative approach. → For the purposes of this essay, four contradicting theories will be analysed. → Murphy attempted to scrutinise two conflicting ideologies in order to prove his point. 	examine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → These results will eventually be beneficial to assess student satisfaction. → Biologists need to evaluate the quality of the soil before proceeding. 	estimate the quality of
The concept started as a half-baked idea, yet it quickly developed into an innovative doctrine.	become more advanced or more elaborate
Establishing a general framework of ground rules is a fundamental necessity.	put in place, start
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The following statements serve to emphasise the point in question. → The author highlights the fact that his characters are merely objects of desire. 	give special importance to something
Our approach relies on two factors: X and Y.	is dependent on
The hypothesis has wrongly predicted the outcome.	say something will take place in the future
The purpose of implementing these new measures is to ensure safety.	put into action

Giving an explanation

Example	Explanation
The arguments below support my claim.	validate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The following figure will clarify any ambiguities with regards to our findings. → These two references elucidate the meaning behind the various symbols used in the text. 	make clear
Said type consists <u>of</u> many different species.	is composed of Note: 'consist' is always followed by 'of'
In order to properly define the word, one needs to go back to its origin.	describe the meaning of
Historians were unable to identify the cause of the bone deterioration.	determine
As indicated in the second paragraph, mimetic desire presents itself in the form of a triangular relationship.	point out
The price varies depending on the weather conditions.	change
Three groups of males have been selected .	choose
The following items have been classified into multiple categories.	put into classes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → As illustrated below, the machinery of engine A is the most adaptable. → The writer attempts to demonstrate the ignorance of the whole tribe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → show something by using pictures or examples → show something based on actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Theory A contrasts with theory B on many levels. → His arguments contradict our previous findings. 	affirm the opposite of a statement
The reader can only speculate on the significance of the word by submitting himself to interpretation.	form a theory by making guesses