

Prioritizing Vocabulary:

Sublist 2 of Academic Word List + phrasal verbs and idioms

This sublist contains the most frequent words on the Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000, 2011). The entire list of 570 word families is available on the web at <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/lals/research/awl/>

<i>achieve</i>	<i>computer</i>	<i>evaluation</i>	<i>obtained</i>	<i>resident</i>
<i>acquisition</i>	<i>conclusion</i>	<i>features</i>	<i>participation</i>	<i>resources</i>
<i>administration</i>	<i>conduct</i>	<i>final</i>	<i>perceived</i>	<i>restricted</i>
<i>affect</i>	<i>consequences</i>	<i>focus</i>	<i>positive</i>	<i>security</i>
<i>appropriate</i>	<i>construction</i>	<i>impact</i>	<i>potential</i>	<i>sought</i>
<i>aspects</i>	<i>consumer</i>	<i>injury</i>	<i>previous</i>	<i>select</i>
<i>assistance</i>	<i>credit</i>	<i>institute</i>	<i>primary</i>	<i>site</i>
<i>categories</i>	<i>cultural</i>	<i>investment</i>	<i>purchase</i>	<i>strategies</i>
<i>chapter</i>	<i>design</i>	<i>items</i>	<i>range</i>	<i>survey</i>
<i>commission</i>	<i>distinction</i>	<i>journal</i>	<i>region</i>	<i>text</i>
<i>community</i>	<i>elements</i>	<i>maintenance</i>	<i>regulations</i>	<i>traditional</i>
<i>complex</i>	<i>equation</i>	<i>normal</i>	<i>relevant</i>	<i>transfer</i>

Most common idioms (Liu, 2003):

kind of, as well & as well as, sort of, make sure, of course, go through*, in terms of, come up*, in fact, look for*, deal with*, find out*, at all, go on*
(*phrasal verbs)

Most common phrasal verbs (Liu, 2011):

go on, pick up, come back, come up, go back, find out, come out, go out, point out, grow up, set up, turn out, get out, take on, give up, make up, end up, get back, look up, figure out, sit down, get up, take out, come on

Vocabulary Workout

New Word or Phrase	Explanation	Examples
find out (verb)	To learn about or discover new information	When you want to know what movies are playing in town, you can check online to find out . There are different ways to find out about a word's meaning in English. For example, you can ask someone or check a dictionary.
Conversation Practice:		
Q: How did you find out about this school?		
A: I _____ (past tense) about this school from _____ (noun).		
Writing Practice: A good way to _____ about today's news is _____ (verb+ing) because _____.		
My Sentence:		

More conversation practice:

1. How can you find out the score of a sporting event?
2. When you take a test, is it hard for you to wait to find out the results?
3. If you found out you won the lottery, how would you feel?
4. How do doctors find out if a person has a virus?
5. How can you find out about a career you are interested in?

Vocabulary Workout Template with Prompts

New Word or Phrase	Explanation	Examples
<p><i>*the word or phrase</i></p> <p><i>*Indicate syllable breaks with stressed syllable in caps</i></p> <p><i>*Indicate part of speech</i></p>	<p><i>Provide an explanation using student-friendly language</i></p>	<p><i>Provide 2 or 3 easy to understand examples using the word or phrase</i></p>

Conversation Practice: Pose a question that relates to learners' lives for conversation practice. Provide a sentence frame for the answer.

Q:

A:

Writing Practice: Provide a sentence frame that relates to learners' lives for writing practice.

My Sentence: [Learners write their own sentence here]

More conversation practice: Provide 3-5 additional questions that relate to learners' lives for conversation practice.

Vocabulary Workout

New Word or Phrase	Explanation	Examples
<p>indicate /IN-di-cate/ (verb)</p>	<p>To show something is true; to send a message or tell something using words, gestures, or symbols</p>	<p>A thermometer indicates or shows the temperature. A gas gauge indicates how much gas is in a car.</p> <p>People can indicate something using words, symbols, or gestures. For example, a smile can indicate someone is happy and/or friendly. When people fly a flag, this indicates they are proud of their country.</p>
<p>indication /in-di-CA-tion/ (noun)</p>	<p>Words or signs that send a message or tell something</p>	<p>We can say, for example, her smile is an indication that she is happy. When people fly a flag, this is an indication that they are proud of their country. When it is cold outside, we can say this is an indication that we need to wear a coat.</p>

Conversation Practice:

Q: What do you use to indicate the time?

A: I use a _____ (noun) to _____ the time.

Writing Practice: When people wear a ring, this often _____ that they are _____ (adjective).

My Sentence:

More conversation practice:

1. Does a yellow light indicate a driver must stop? Why or why not?
2. When you smell smoke, what might this indicate?
3. When you see a strange dog, what behavior indicates if the dog is friendly or not?
4. How do cell phones indicate a person has received a new text?
5. What are two indications of spring?