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## Define Academic Word List vocabulary

*Look up words on the Academic Word List which you've never seen before and write definitions for at least ten of them, using different phrases from below for each definition.*

- ... is a specialised term within the field of..., used to mean...
- ... can mean...but it also means...
- ... defines... as...
- ... has both the meaning of... and...
- ... is a somewhat ambiguous/ problematic term, but we can...
- ... is often used with the specific meaning of... but it also has the more general meaning of...
- ... tends to mean...
- ... was formerly/ originally defined as ... but more recently...
- ..., which means...,...
- A somewhat simplistic definition of... is...
- According to...,... is...
- Although in common parlance this term is used to mean..., in this field it rather means....
- As well as the meaning of...,... also has the meaning of...
- I'm going to follow... in taking... to mean...
- In the field of...,...
- In...contexts...tends to mean...
- Most people in this field take... to mean...
- One possible definition of... is...
- Perhaps the best definition of... is provided by... in...
- Perhaps the clearest definition of this is...
- The (Oxford Advanced Learner's) dictionary definition of... is... (but its actual use is more like...)
- The acknowledged authority on... is..., who defines it as...
- The core mean of... is...
- The fundamental meaning of... is...
- The literal meaning of... but in normal parlance it means...
- The origins of the term lie in... but...
- The various meanings of... include...
- There are a number of possible definitions of..., of which the most useful/ relevant here is...
- There are several/ many meanings to the term..., but...
- There are two related meanings to..., one of which is.... The other is...
- This concept can also be said to cover...
- Unlike the everyday English use, the technical meaning of... is...