YouTube Channel: AWL Highlighters

## **AWL Highlighters: Worksheet**

<u>Video name:</u>	Academic Word List (AWL) Highlighters

Link to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfZnghynhsl

Alternate link: http://v.youku.com/v show/id XNDUxOTczNjMxNg==.html

## **Task 1**: Before watching

Answer the following questions before watching the video.

- i) What does the word academic mean? \_\_
- ii) Read the following sentences.
  - Which words seem particularly suitable for academic writing?
  - Which ones seem *non-academic*?

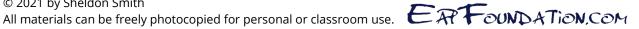
There are two significant reasons for this thing. The most notable is the decline in the amount of stuff that is sold. This has been really bad for merchants. A second reason is an increase in price, which has been bad for shoppers.

iii) For the words which seem non-academic, can you suggest better alternatives?

Tasl	<b>&lt; 2</b> : About the AWL		
1.	What is the Academic Word List	(AWL)?	
Com	plete the following table, giving in	nformation abou	t the AWL and GSL.
Wo	rd List	Abbreviation	% of words covered
Aca	demic Word List	AWL	2
3	<u>List</u>	GSL	4
5.	Based on the above information would a student know if they kn		_
6.	How many sublists are there in t	the AWL?	
7.	What is the difference between	sublist 1 and sub	list 2?
8.	How many word <i>families</i> are the	re in the AWL?	
9.	sublist 1, which is sublist 2, which	h is sublist 3?	first three sublists. Which one is
	alternative anal	lyse	_ achieve
Tasl	<b>&lt; 3</b> : AWL highlighters		
	Why is the AWL highlighter an in	nportant tool for	studying vocabulary?
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**11.** Complete the table to show whether the highlighter has this feature  $(\checkmark)$  or not (\*).

Fe	<b>ature</b> [Lex = Lextutor, Nott = Nottingham Uni, EAPF = EAPFoundation.com]	Lex	Nott	EAPF
a)	Highlights AWL words			
b)	b) Has data e.g. % of AWL words in text			
c)	Shows sublists			
d)	Has a simple gapfill maker			
e)	Has other gapfill makers			
f)	Allows you to change the colour of words in each sublist			·
g)	Is good for visual learners			





## **Task 4**: Using AWL highlighters

For the following task, you will need to navigate to the AWL highlighters shown in the video. The links are below.

EAP Foundation https://www.eapfoundation.com/vocab/academic/highlighter/ http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/alzsh3/acvocab/awlhighlighter.htm Notthingham Uni

https://www.lextutor.ca/vp/eng/ Lextutor

i) Go to any AWL highlighter and type in the short text below (from Task 1). Which words are in the AWL? Are these words you thought were academic?

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- ii) Study the following words.
  - Which ones do you think might be in the AWL?
  - Type the words in to check. Make a note of the sublist.

0	book	0	since
0	chemical	0	flexible
0	context	0	strategy
0	reason	0	thought
0	diminish	0	hypothesis
0	example	0	experiment
0	refer	0	result
0	deduce	0	appreciate
0	external	0	integrity

iii) Access the following page, which reviews AWL highlighters. Copy and paste the text (not including the final table) **into all three highlighters** and answer the questions.

https://www.eapfoundation.com/news/reviews/highlighters/

•	Which sublist has the most number of words?
•	How many words are in that sublist?
•	Which sublist(s) have no words?
•	There should be more words in sublists 1, 2 etc. and fewer in sublists 10, 9
	etc. Is this the case?
•	What percentage of words in the text are in the following? Round to the
	nearest whole number.
	o GSL%
	O AWL%
	O Neither (off-list)%
•	Which of the three highlighters do you prefer using?

## **Further reading/viewing**

The following page (used to in the video) gives a full list of AWL words and word families. https://www.eapfoundation.com/vocab/academic/awllists/

The following page (also given above) gives a review of the three highlighters. https://www.eapfoundation.com/news/reviews/highlighters/

The following short video gives general information on the AWL. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCGWOrgSU8I

