

Appendix A: Academic Vocabulary List 1

Name: _____

Instructions: Select words from our text that you would like to study (delete the rows you won't be using). Underline the word in its original context. Search the [Corpus of Contemporary American English \(COCA\)](#) to discover the most frequently occurring words before and after your chosen word. Write in the part of speech and other forms of the word, and synonyms (words that have similar meanings). Look for the definition and write it in the definition box. Find the part that lists the word with multiword clusters to the left and right and put a few down in the "Clusters" column. Finally, write your own academic sentence using the word and frequent words before or after or words that cluster around your target word and underline that word in your sentence. The first word is completed for you as an example. Note that the words from the "Frequent words before and after" column are highlighted in the example sentence. Here is a [video](#) for you to follow if you get stuck.

	Word	Context	Frequent Words before and after	Part of Speech	Other forms of the word	Synonyms	Definition	Clusters	Sentence
Example	employ	Hunting and gathering food is a survival strategy that scientists believe humans began to <u>employ</u> some 1.8 million years ago.	method strategy experimental	verb	employed (adj)	Engage, utilize, use	put into service	Employed by, employed in, have been employed	The methods <u>employed in</u> the experimental design proved to be quite successful in discovering the cure.
1	transition	Then around 10,000 years ago, a major transition occurred: People learned how to grow crops and domesticate animals.							
2	isolated	However, there is a group of people in an isolated region of northern Tanzania that rejects the agricultural way of life.							
3	insist on	They still insist on hunting animals and gathering food.							
4	preservation	This group, the Hadza people, has lived in the Great Rift Valley for 10,000 years, and the preservation of their ancient ways is a priority for them.							