

# **Transform Your Academic Research Skills with these Engaging English Vocabulary Exercises**

Are you a student or a researcher struggling to enhance your academic research skills? Well, fret no more! We have the perfect solution for you. Introducing a set of meticulously designed English vocabulary exercises tailored specifically for academic research purposes, aimed at improving your reading, writing, and comprehension abilities.

# Improve your vocabulary

## MATCH THE TWO COLUMNS

- Milk is delivered by the
- Pipes are mended by the
- Vegetables are sold by
- Letters are delivered by the
- Meat is sold by the
- Necklaces are sold by the
- Cars are fixed by the
- News are read by the
- Planes are flown by the

- postman
- mechanic
- plumber
- greengrocer
- pilot
- announcer
- milkman
- butcher
- jeweller



## MATCH THE ACTIONS WITH A PURPOSE

- She's gone to the kitchen
- We're going to David's house
- He is saving money
- She is on a diet
- We are staying at home
- They've gone to the shops
- Gloria is studying
- My sister's organising a party
- I want to go to England
- I usually do some exercise

- to be doctor
- to lose weight
- to do our homework
- to wash the plates
- to keep fit
- to watch the match
- to buy some food
- to improve my English
- to buy a computer
- to celebrate her exam results



## WHAT DO YOU THINK EACH PERSON DID NEXT ?

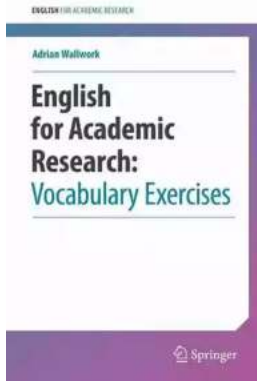
- Peggy didn't have any clean clothes.
- Dan bought some eggs, chocolate and butter.
- Andrea wanted to exercise outdoors.
- Greg had 51 new e-mails from friends.
- Carol only had 10 songs on her MP3 player.
- Dad bought a chicken and some rice.
- Simon's dinner dishes weren't clean.

- He wrote e-mails.
- She did the laundry.
- He baked a cake.
- She went hiking.
- She downloaded music.
- He washed the dishes.
- He prepared dinner.



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When it comes to academic research, the right vocabulary plays a vital role in effectively communicating your ideas and findings. A strong grasp of English vocabulary not only ensures clarity in your writing but also showcases your fluency and professionalism as a researcher. These exercises are specifically designed to help you expand your academic vocabulary repertoire, providing you with the necessary tools to excel in your field.



## English for Academic Research: Vocabulary

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### Exercise 1: Contextual Vocabulary Practice

Contextual vocabulary practice is essential for improving your understanding and usage of academic vocabulary. This exercise involves providing you with sample sentences or short passages from academic literature and asking you to identify the meaning of highlighted vocabulary words within the given context. By practicing in context, you will enhance your ability to comprehend complex texts and utilize the vocabulary appropriately in your own research papers.

Example:

*"The data collected from the experimental group exhibited a significant correlation between the independent variable and the dependent variable, illustrating the causal relationship between the two."*

From the above sentence, identify the meaning of the highlighted term:  
"correlation."

## Exercise 2: Word Association

Word association exercises play a crucial role in connecting new vocabulary to existing knowledge. In this exercise, you will be provided with a list of academic terms and asked to associate them with related concepts or terms. By establishing these connections, you will not only expand your academic vocabulary but also improve your overall comprehension of academic research topics.

Example:

List of words: hypothesis, methodology, data analysis, literature review,

Associate each word with its respective research stage or component.

## Exercise 3: Synonym Identification

Enhancing your vocabulary also involves understanding synonyms, which is crucial when reading academic literature. This exercise focuses on improving your ability to identify synonyms in a given passage or sentence.

Example:

*"The professor's research was ground-breaking, pioneering a new approach to data analysis."*

Identify a synonym for the word "ground-breaking."

## Exercise 4: Definitions and Antonyms

Mastering definitions and understanding antonyms greatly contributes to your academic research skills. This exercise requires you to define a given academic term accurately and identify an appropriate antonym.

Example:

*Definition: "An academic article that provides a critical evaluation of previous research in a specific field."*

Identify the term being defined.

### Exercise 5: Sentence Completion

Sentence completion exercises aim to improve your writing skills and showcase your ability to use academic vocabulary in context. In this exercise, you will be given incomplete sentences related to academic research topics. Your job is to fill in the gaps with appropriate academic vocabulary words to complete the sentences.

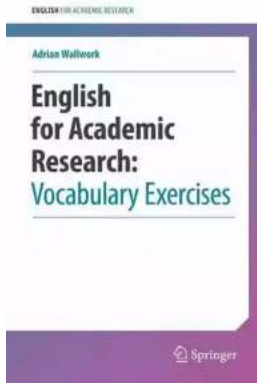
Example:

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of this study indicates a need for further investigation into the effects of climate change on biodiversity."

Fill in the blank with the appropriate term.

Incorporating these exercises into your daily routine can significantly impact your academic research journey. Consistent practice will enhance your vocabulary, improve your comprehension skills, and boost your confidence as a researcher.

Are you ready to take your academic research skills to the next level? Start incorporating these English vocabulary exercises into your study routine today, and see a noticeable improvement in your research abilities. Remember, a strong vocabulary is the key to effective academic communication!



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This book is based on a study of referees' reports and letters from journal editors on reasons why papers written by non-native researchers are rejected due to problems with English (long sentences, redundancy, poor structure etc). It draws on English-related errors from around 5000 papers written by non-native authors, around 3000 emails, 500 abstracts by PhD students, and over 1000 hours of teaching researchers how to write and present research papers.

The exercises are organized into nine chapters on: adjectives and adverbs (e.g. actual vs current, different vs several, continually vs continuously), link words (e.g. on the contrary vs on the other hand, despite vs nevertheless), nouns (e.g.

danger vs hazard, measure vs measurement), prepositions (e.g. among vs between, in vs into, with vs within), verbs (e.g. check vs control, compose vs comprise, arise vs raise, exclude vs rule out), false friends and synonyms, spelling, useful phrases, emails

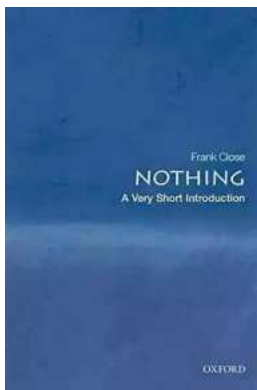
Nearly all exercises require no actual writing but simply choosing between various options, thus facilitating self-study, e-reading and rapid progress.

The exercises can also be integrated into English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and English for Special Purposes (ESP) courses at universities and research institutes.

The book can be used in conjunction with the other exercise books in the series:

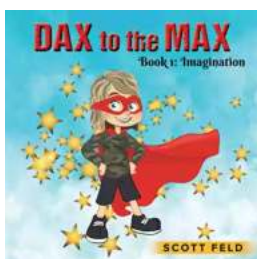
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