

Choosing Academic Language

Choosing the right formal vocabulary is a key element of academic writing.

Below is a grid of common, formal academic words:

a. Demonstrate	b. Provide	c. Subsequent	d. Employer
e. Essential	f. In addition	g. Research	h. Excessive
i. Select	j. Significant	k. Initially	l. highlight

Choose the formal words from the grid above (a-l) that have the same meaning as the informal words (1-12) in the column below. Write each answer in the formal column opposite the informal word that it matches.

Number 1 has been completed for you:

Informal	Formal
1. Also	f. In addition
2. Boss	
3. Choose	
4. Show	
5. At first	
6. Really important	
7. Too much	
8. Look into	
9. Point out	
10. Give	
11. Large	
12. Next	