Cracking the Academic Vocabulary Code:

Expanding Opportunities for English Language Learners

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By Raise of Hands,

How Many of You are Literate?

温度告诉我们有些

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← Egyptian Hieroglyphs (unknown)

← **Demotic Script** (known)

← Ancient Greek (known)

Rosetta Stone (discovered in 1799)

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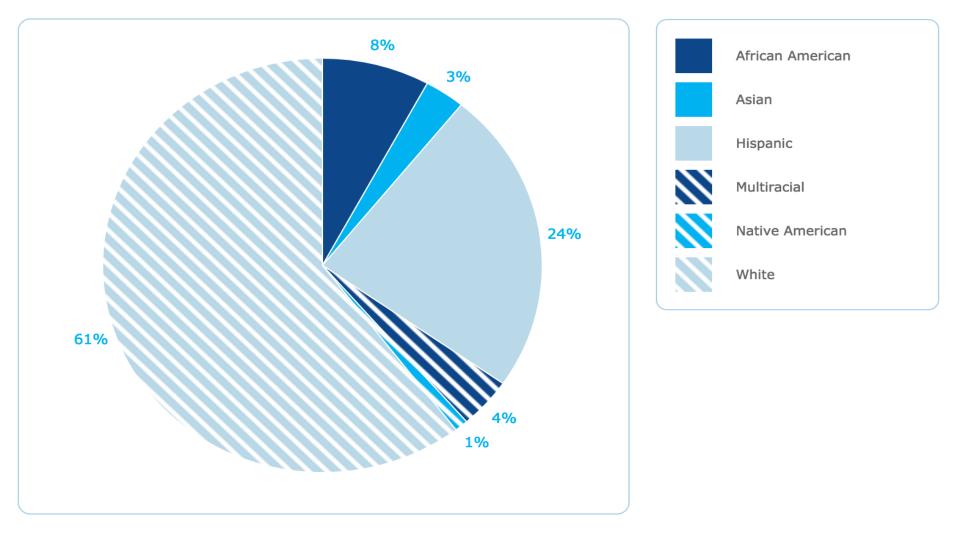
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Students from Various Racial/Ethnic Backgrounds Rhode Island



Data chart generated on 11/2/2015

From: <u>http://infoworks.ride.ri.gov/state/ri/student-characteristics/racial-ethnic-backgrounds/2014/1</u>





Grammar

Vocabulary

Difficulty with Vocabulary Learning and Teaching

Over TWO MILLION Lexemes

and Growing

Why academic vocabulary?

Academic vocabulary knowledge is recognized as an indispensable component of academic reading abilities (Biemiller, 1999; Corson, 1997), which, in turn, have been directly linked to academic success, economic opportunity, and societal well-being (Goldenberg, 2008; Ippolito, Steele, & Samson, 2008; Jacobs, 2008)



Goldenberg (2008) – Based on 2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Report

"...fourth-grade ELLs scored 36 points below non-ELLs in reading and 25 points below non-ELLs in math. The gaps among eighth-graders were even larger—42 points in reading and 37 points in math."

"Whatever the explanation for these achievement gaps, they bode ill for English learners' future educational and vocational options."

"They also bode ill for society as a whole, since the costs of largescale underachievement are very high" (p. 11)

Chall (2000) – on "Preventing the Fourth-Grade Slump"

"Students seem to need three kinds of strengths in order to progress to Stage 3 [Reading to Learn]: sufficient knowledge of the meanings of more academic and abstract words, sufficient reasoning ability to understand the more difficult texts, and facility with reading skills—word recognition, and decoding, and fluency" (introduction) Consider our English Language Learners'

Academic Vocabulary Development

with the End in Mind



Academic Literacy

The Gate-keeping Tests of Education are Primarily Tests of Reading Ability

By Extension,

They are also Tests of Robust Vocabulary Knowledge

SAT

GRE

ACT

LSAT

GMAT

MCAT

NECAP

The number one problem for ELLs taking the WIDA, CRT, and SAGE tests is VOCABULARY, in terms of both understanding the instructions and actually comprehending the content of the tests.

From Personal Communication with Delia Allan (ELL Liaison and Test Proctor for Nebo School District) on October 28, 2014

"I am currently tutoring children in an orphanage in beautiful Nepal. The children go to a private English-medium school. One of the boys has been placed in remedial classes because of his math. Everyone has assumed that he is slow, but after I started tutoring him I realized that he has no idea what his teachers are saying in his math class (he has BICS, no CALP). I spent time tutoring him in English vocab for math (based on his textbook), and he can finally complete his math homework in less than 4 hours! Now I spend my time writing math-based English materials for him while he's at school... If more teachers understood these issues, a lot more ESL/EFL children would be able to succeed in school!"

Rachel Wood (BYU TESOL MA Graduate)

USOE CRT PROFICIENCY RESULTS

All Students in all Grades Tested (2011)

70%	69%
67%	71%
	45%
	74%
	48%
	45%
46%	56%
18%	30%
73%	71%
NA	NA
NA	NA
56%	58%
	75%
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	67% 42% 76% 43% 42% 46% 18% 73%

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NECAP 2015 Results – Science Proficiency

Student Group	Grade 4
	% Prof. 2015
State Average	40
Males	37.2
Females	43
IEP	8.5
Non-IEP	44.9
LEP	6.1
LEP Monitored	27.6
Non-LEP	43.7
Low Income	23.1
Non-Low Income	57.8
American Indian	20.3
Asian	38.6
Black	18.5
Hispanic	19.9
White	52.1

Repurposed from NECAP Public Data

NECAP 2015 Results – Science Proficiency

Student Group	Grade 8
	% Prof. 2015
State Average	22.4
Males	21.3
Females	23.7
IEP	2.9
Non-IEP	25.7
LEP	0.8
LEP Monitored	4.4
Non-LEP	24
Low Income	7.7
Non-Low Income	35.6
American Indian	4.1
Asian	33.9
Black	4
Hispanic	6.7
White	30.4

Repurposed from NECAP Public Data

NECAP 2015 Results – Science Proficiency

Student Group	Grade 11
	% Prof. 2015
State Average	31.5
Males	30.5
Females	32.4
IEP	5.5
Non-IEP	35.1
LEP	0.5
LEP Monitored	3.1
Non-LEP	33.1
Low Income	15.6
Non-Low Income	42.6
American Indian	15.2
Asian	38.1
Black	10.9
Hispanic	11
White	40.4

Repurposed from NECAP Public Data

95-98% Vocabulary Threshold for **Basic Reading** Comprehension

When we are -----, I ---- that your ---- of the ------ -----* -----, ----- will be -----* ----, ----- with ----- to the ------ and

44% Word Knowledge

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When we are ----- today, I ---- that your ---- of the ----- facing ----language ----- will be ----forever, ----- with ----- to the -----between reading ----- and vocabulary -----.

When we are finished today, I hope that your view of the ----- facing second language learners will be changed forever, ------ with -----to the ------ relationship between reading abilities and vocabulary knowledge.

When we are finished today, I hope that your view of the challenges facing second language learners will be changed forever, especially with regard to the ----- relationship between reading abilities and vocabulary knowledge.

Test Question:

What kind of relationship exists between vocabulary knowledge and reading abilities?

When we are finished today, I hope that your view of the challenges facing second language learners will be changed forever, especially with regard to the reciprocal relationship between reading abilities and vocabulary knowledge.

From WIDA Standards Framework

"Lexicon in academic settings consists of general, technical and academic words."

Sample Science Text Source: CK-12 Foundation

The early earth had no oceans and was frequently hit with meteorites and asteroids. There were also frequent volcanic eruptions. Volcanic eruptions released water vapor that eventually cooled to form the oceans. The atmosphere slowly became more oxygen rich as solar radiation split water molecules and cyanobacteria began the process of photosynthesis. Eventually the atmosphere became like it is today and rich in oxygen. The first complex organisms on earth first developed about 2 billion years ago. Read the article explaining how to make a compass. Then answer the questions that follow.

How Can You Make a Compass?

by Gabriel Reuben

Gather the following equipment: A bar magnet, a 6-inch piece of thread, a needle, a pin, a small piece of cellophane tape, an empty jar with a cover, and a compass.

Follow this procedure:

1. Tie one end of the thread around the middle of the magnet so that the magnet balances when you hold it by the thread. When the magnet stops swaying, see which way the north pole is pointing. Compare this with the way the compass needle is pointing.

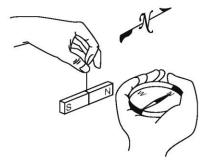
WARNING: Don't let the magnet get too close to the compass. The magnet can attract the compass needle and weaken its effectiveness.

You will observe: When the magnet comes to rest, the north pole points north.

2. Rub the needle lengthwise along one of the poles of the magnet; each stroke must be in the same direction, not back and forth. When the needle is magnetized enough to attract the pin, tie the thread around the middle of the needle so that it balances. Tape the other end of the thread to the inside of the jar cover. Lower the needle into the jar so that it hangs freely when you tighten the cover. Compare the way the compass and the needle point.

You will observe: The needle is now a compass. It points north, as does the compass.

7 The earth itself is a <u>tremendous</u> magnet. The magnetic poles of the earth are said to be huge deposits of magnetite. The north



magnetic pole is about 1400 miles away from the geographic North Pole, and the south magnetic pole is about 1400 miles away from the geographic South Pole. The earth's magnetic poles change position from time to time. Magnets are attracted to the magnetic poles. This is why the poles of magnets are called north-seeking and south-seeking, and why magnets can serve as compasses.

Because the magnetic poles and geographic poles are not at the same place, mariners and others who must get accurate information from their compasses correct their compass reading with a chart which compensates for the error of the compass in various locations. The disparity between the magnetic and geographic poles is called the *angle of declination*. The magnet points to true north only in those places which lie in a straight line with the north geographic pole and the north magnetic pole.

It is said that the earth's magnetic field causes objects made of iron, nickel, or cobalt anywhere in the world to become magnetized if they remain unmoved for very long periods of time.



NECAP Example Fifth Grade

NECAP Example 5th Grade

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This newspaper article describes the first census that has ever been taken of all species living in the world's oceans. Read the article to learn what scientists have discovered. Then answer the questions that follow.

Sea Census Scores Scads of Surprises

Mike Toner

Carnivorous sponges, globetrotting tuna and an eerie underwater "dead zone" at the epicenter of last year's tsunami are just a few of the surprises turned up in the first census of the world's oceans.

2 And more surprises may lie ahead. Having reached the midpoint of the <u>unprecedented</u> 10-year census, which involves scientists in over 73 nations, researchers reported Wednesday that the 230,000 marine species now known to science are only the tip of the iceberg.

"By the time the census is completed in 2010, we expect to have collected a million new species," said Ron O'Dor, the senior scientist for the international Census of Marine Life. He said just describing and naming the flood of new species might take many years.

"One of our research vessels went to a site off the coast of Africa and discovered 400 new species of copepods—microscopic crustaceans—living in the sediment at the bottom of the sea," O'Dor said.

The pace of discovery is due in part to the fact that scientists, equipped with deep-diving robotic vehicles and new technology, are looking for life where few have looked before—abyssal plains 2 miles or more below the surface, polar seas and remote underwater mountain ranges.

"These regions of the ocean are the last vast unexplored regions on the planet," said O'Dor. "But even if you wade 10 meters off the shore and pick up a handful of mud, you're likely to find something we didn't know about before," he said. "We didn't know what was there because no one was interested before now."

The goals of the 10-year, \$1 billion series of programs, launched in 2000 with seed money from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, include an ambitious effort—dubbed "fish with chips"—to implant tiny tracking devices in thousands of marine animals, large and small, and track them for years at a time. By satellite, scientists are already tracking more than 21 species of fish, turtles and sea lions. They tracked one bluefin tuna as it made three crossings of the Pacific Ocean—covering 25,000 miles in 18 months.

And an ambitious new network of acoustic sensors stretching along 800 miles of the continental shelf, from Washington state to the Alaska panhandle, is tracking salmon and other migratory fish as they move to and from rivers of the Pacific Northwest—recording the serial number, time and location of passing fish implanted with almondsized electronic tags that are expected to last up to 20 years. This information compiled about marine migration may be valuable to both fishermen and biologists.

"We're not trying to put chips in every fish in the ocean, but the ocean used to be a black box that fish just disappeared into," said the project's chief scientist, David Welch of Malaspina University in British Columbia. "Now we can determine where they're going and when."

Most new species are likely to be very small no great surprise in an environment where 90 percent of the total living mass is microscopic.

At the halfway point of the census, however, the list of discoveries includes a number of noteworthy finds:

- In the South Atlantic and Southern oceans, three new species of carnivorous sponges that engulf other organisms with their mouths rather than filter-feeding like most sponges, as well as previously unknown one-celled animals that live in deep ocean sediment and construct delicate shells that resembled soccer balls.
- In the North Atlantic, four new species of sea cucumbers, sluglike creatures that live on the bottom; two possibly unknown

NECAP 11th Grade Example

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NECAP Example 11th Grade

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Is there a "common core" of academic vocabulary?

neutron research

noteworthy statutory

provide immunize

celestial concurrent

metabolism result

incompatible anthropological

Academic core words are <u>saturated</u> with "academic sense"

Finding the Academic Core

University Word List (Xue & Nation, 1984)

- 1. Compiled from four small manually- assembled corpora
- 2. Resulted in 800 word families (covered 8.5% of academic texts)

Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000)

- 1. Compiled from a 3.5 million-word corpus
- 2. Four major registers (arts, commerce, law, science)
- 3. Approximately 875,000 words (tokens) each
- 4. Four major registers subdivided into 7 subject areas (28 total)
- 5. Words had to occur 100+ times in corpus
- 6. Words had to occur 10+ times in each of the four major registers
- 7. Words had to occur in 15 or more of the 28 subject areas
- 8. Resulted in 570 word families (covered 10% of the academic corpus)

Concerns with Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000)

- Size of corpus: **3.5** million words
- Placed "on top of" the 2000 word families of *General Service List* (West, <u>1953</u>)—based largely on texts from the early 1900s)
- These **2000** GSL "word families" have **12,498** word forms (e.g. *decide, decides, deciding, decided, decidedly, decision, decisive*)
- Many of these GSL words are not focused on academic needs
 <u>fiction</u>: bed, cup, door, eye, floor, hair, hang, laugh, leg, morning, nice, night,
 pretty, pull, room, shake, sit, smile, window
 <u>magazines</u>: baby, big, car, cook, cup, dog, fun, glass, heat, hot, lot, minute,
 pick, ride, roll, shop, stick, tonight
 <u>newspapers</u>: beat, big, finish, game, gun, hit, night, park, police, run, sale,
 season, shoot, stock, street, throw, week, win

Many GSL words are actually "academic," but were not considered in AWL

company business account capital exchange rate

• Many AWL words are actually high frequency in large modern corpora

AWL Word Families in the Highest Frequency Bands of COCA												
COCA Lemma Ranks	# of AWL Word Families											
1-1000	81											
1001-2000	155											
2001-3000	137											
3001-4000	78											
TOTAL	451											

Journals / Magazines **Total Size** Disciplines **Examples of titles** Education 8,030,324 J: 8,030,324 Journals: Education, J Instructional Psychology, Roeper Review, Community College Review; Magazines: (none) Humanities 11,111,225 J: 11,111,225 Journals: Music Educators Journal, African Arts, Style, Art Bulletin, Hispanic Review, Symposium; Magazines: (none) History 14,289,007 J: 11,792,026 Journals: Foreign Affairs, American Studies M: 2,496,981 International, J American Ethnic History, Magazines: American Heritage, Military History, History Today Social science 16,720,729 J: 15,782,359 Journals: Anthropological Quarterly, Geographical M: 938,370 *Review, Adolescence, Ethnology;* Magazines: National Geographic, Americas Philosophy, religion, 12,463,471 J: 6,659,684 Journals: Theological Studies, Humanist, Current M: 5,803,787 Psychology, Church History, J Psychology; psychology Magazines: Psychology Today, Christian Century, U.S. Catholic Law and political 12,154,568 J: 8,514,782 Journals: ABA Journal, Perspectives on Political M: 3,639,786 Science, Harvard J of Law & Public Policy, Michigan science Law Review; Magazines: American Spectator, National Review, New Republic Science and technology 22,777,656 J: 13,363,151 Journals: *Bioscience, Environment, Mechanical* Engineering, Physics Today, PSA Journal; Magazines: M: 9,414,505 Science News, Astronomy, Technology Review Medicine and health 9,660,630 J: 5,714,044 Journals: J Environmental Health, Orthopaedic M: 3,946,586 Nursing, American J Public Health; Magazines: Prevention, Mens Health, Total Health Business and finance 12,824,831 M: 5,256,801 Journal: (none); Magazines: Forbes, Money, Fortune, Inc., Changing Times. Newspapers: N: 7,568,030 "finance" section. Academic journals: 84,914,694 TOTAL 120,032,441 Magazines: 31,496,816 (Newspapers: 7,568,030: just Business and Finance)

COCA: Academic (120 million words)

One Word Family (AWL)

Four Lemmas (AVL)

Proceed

Proceeds Procedural Procedure Procedures Proceeded Proceeding Proceedings Proceed (v) Proceeds (v) Proceeding (v) Proceeded (v)

Proceeds (n)

Proceedings (n)

Procedure (n) Procedures (n)

Creating the Academic Vocabulary List

High Frequency	Core Academic	Technical Academic
(All Genres)	(AVL)	(e.g. Law, Business, Science)
 High frequency across all major genres Spoken Fiction Magazines Newspapers Academic 	 At least 50% more common (per million words) in COCA academic than in COCA non- academic) Range: 20% expected frequency in 7/9 academic disciplines Dispersion (Juilland "d"): 0.80 No one discipline more than 3x expected value 	 3X the expected value in a particular discipline of academic
noun: <i>way, part</i>	noun: process, analysis	noun: assessment, regime
verb: <i>take, know</i>	verb: indicate, establish	verb: democratize, oscillate
adj: <i>good, small</i>	adj: significant, critical	adj: rhetorical, lunar
adv: <i>never, very</i>	adv: highly, moreover	adv: semantically, hereinafter

PERC 1.5

Range, dispersion, sub-genres

----- Academic Core------

between the may such student be service group and of system power history program in studv low provide to both market political have to interest among it support however site include that community for project information with cost social energy on do available level this such seek they author within at focus result but change upon research we concern his teacher central education from recognize particularly although that policy not trade benefit bv process ---High Frequency Core---

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advocate realm bias metaphor entity regulatory minimize necessity value prevention isolate assembly productive inventory dynamic equation offering content enroll abstract shared readily revolutionary circuit processing

rethinking unsupported quantifiable higher-level blurring unrealized edited requisite quantitatively deletion traceable re-emergence proportionally subjectively dissociate interchangeably proximate chronologically class delineation self-defeating ubiquity requested vagueness catalyze

astronomy biodiversity self-efficacy asteroid modernity archaeology socialism liberalization stressor tariff sovereign bacterial infantry multilateral liturgy semiconductor pedagogical nation-state sacrament mitigation polity elf-conce Academic Specialized

parotid tonsillectomy postoperatively otolaryngology thrombosis maxillary perfusion randomised tibial turbinate pathologic squamous branchial otolaryngologis intraoperative mastoid tonsil sanitarian cholesteatoma haemoglobin sensorineural

A New Academic Vocabulary List

Gardner & Davies (2014). *Applied Linguistics, 35*(3), 305-327. <u>www.academicwords.info</u>

rank	word	PoS	frequency	ratio	dispersion	range
39	value	n	49,900	1.97	0.96	9
41	role	n	49,426	1.81	0.95	8
42	difference	n	49,081	1.93	0.93	8
43	analysis	n	48,500	2.85	0.93	8
44	practice	n	47,915	2.06	0.95	8
46	thus	r	46,287	2.69	0.95	8
47	control	n	45,690	1.64	0.93	9
48	form	n	45,275	1.90	0.95	8
49	report	v	44,666	1.64	0.92	8
51	significant	j	44,415	2.44	0.93	8
52	figure	n	44,084	1.92	0.92	8
53	factor	n	43,871	2.43	0.92	8
54	interest	n	43,498	1.51	0.95	9
56	need	n	42,193	1.82	0.95	9
57	base	v	42,082	1.80	0.95	9
58	population	n	40,902	2.08	0.92	8
59	international	j	40,746	1.61	0.91	9
61	individual	n	39,359	2.32	0.93	8
62	type	n	38,893	1.85	0.93	8
63	describe	v	38,500	1.75	0.95	8
64	indicate	v	38,022	2.34	0.92	8
66	subject	n	37,608	2.02	0.94	8

<u>Rank</u>	<u>AVL Lemma</u>	<u>POS</u>
1	study	n
1 2 3	group	n
3	system	n
4	social	j
5	provide	V
6	however	r
7	research	n
8	level	n
9	result	n
10	include	V
11	important	j
12	process	n
13	use	n
14	development	n
15	data	n
16	information	n
17	effect	n
18	change	n
19	table	n
20	policy	n

Saturated with "Academic Sense"

<u>Rank</u>	AVL Lemma	<u>POS</u>
1501	bridge	V
1502	individualism	n
1503	noteworthy	j
1504	impetus	n
1505	experimentation	n
1506	sequential	j
1507	continuation	n
1508	attributable	j
1509	disparate	j
1510	safeguard	V
1511	suppression	n
1512	subset	n
1513	markedly	r
1514	concurrent	j
1515	degrade	V
1516	incompatible	j
1517	tenet	n
1518	unify	V
1519	indispensable	j
1521	intended	j

<u>Rank</u>	AVL Lemma	<u>POS</u>
2995	non-professional	j
2996	unidirectional	j
2997	redirection	n
2998	reversion	n
2999	obtainable	j
3000	privation	n
3001	inborn	j
3002	bimonthly	r
3003	capitalistic	j
3004	circumscribed	j
3005	targeting	n
3006	unusable	j
3007	unpalatable	j
3008	causally	r
3009	prioritization	n
3010	overemphasis	n
3011	imprimatur	n
3012	coherently	r
3013	component	j j
3014	tangential	j
3015	relevancy	n

Academic Vocabulary List as Word families

www.academicwords.info

Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000)

control control, controlled, controller, controlling, controls, uncontrollable, uncontrollably, uncontrolled

Academic Vocabulary List (Gardner & Davies, 2014)

1a		1 b	2 3 4
21	inform	71870	information (n) $_{61931}$ inform (v) $_{7547}$ informed (j) $_{1712}$ informant (n) Soc $_{1707}$ informational (j) $_{591}$ info (n) Med $_{480}$ misinformation (n) Rel $_{238}$ uninformed (j) $_{210}$ informer (n) His+Law $_{141}$ informing (n) $_{89}$ misinform (v) $_{69}$ misinformed (j) $_{17}$
27	control	65736	control (n) $_{45690}$ control (v) $_{19621}$ controller (n) Sci $_{1780}$ controlled (j) Med $_{1392}$ uncontrolled (j) $_{425}$ controlling (j) $_{353}$ uncontrollable (j) $_{337}$ controllable (j) $_{329}$ uncontrollably (r) $_{64}$
64	identify	45515	identify (v) $_{36820}$ identity (n) $_{23097}$ identification (n) $_{7420}$ identifiable (j) $_{903}$ identified (j) Edu $_{617}$ unidentified (j) $_{5}$ $_{427}$ identifier (n) $_{212}$ identifying (j) $_{160}$ unidentifiable (j) $_{46}$

- 1. Rank word families by frequency (1a) and show frequency (1b)
- 2. Group by lemmas ([inform] = inform, informs, informed, informing)
- 3. Show part of speech (he informed us // an informed position): meaning and use
- 4. Frequency of each lemma/PoS within the word family: focus on high frequency first
- 5. Identify: core academic (yellow), technical/sub-genre (red), high frequency non-academic (blue), and lower frequency non-academic (gray)

Determining Discipline-Specific Vocabulary

Words (lemmas) that appear at least three times (3X)

more often in a particular academic discipline than they

do in the academic corpus as a whole.

Discipline-Level Vocabulary in Rank Order

<u>Discipline</u>	<u># of Diff Lemmas</u>
Medicine / Health	2,372 Some of these lemmas in each discipline have
Science / Technology	1,995 much higher token frequency than others
Humanities	1,581
History	1,010
Religion / Philosophy / Psychology	993
Law / Political Science	879
Education	870
Social Science	821
Business / Finance	291
TOTAL OVERALL	10,812
TOTAL DISTINCT LEMMAS	8,625 Some lemmas are 3X in more than one discipline

MEDICINE/HEALTH

174 HEALTH (n) 414 TREATMENT (n) 631 PRESSURE (n) 634 CELL (n)

6170 AIRWAY (n) 5553 GENETICALLY (r)

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

545 STAR (n) 552 SPECIES (n)

 174
 INA (II)
 231
 ART (II)

 260
 PATIENT (n)
 552
 SPECIES (n)
 280
 MUSIC (n)

 323
 TEST (n)
 557
 PLANT (n)
 537
 TEXT (n)

 395
 CARE (n)
 634
 CELL (n)
 624
 OBJECT (n)

 399
 RISK (n)
 682
 SCIENTIST (n)
 685
 CHARACTER (n)

 402
 FOOD (n)
 725
 SURFACE (n)
 733
 READER (n)

 747 EARTH (n) 908 SOFTWARE (n)

 414
 INEARIMENT (II)
 947
 EARITY (II)
 950
 EARITY (II)

 447
 DRUG (n)
 908
 SOFTWARE (n)
 830
 CURRICULUM (

 506
 TRAINING (n)
 1035
 FOREST (n)
 855
 FILM (n)

 524
 WEEK (n)
 1086
 SUN (n)
 973
 READING (n)

 549
 DISEASE (n)
 1147
 FISH (n)
 1004
 WRITING (n)

 630
 MEDICAL (j)
 1154
 PLANET (n)
 1007
 ARTIST (n)

 1219 TEMPERATURE (n)
 1011 LOVE (n)

 1232 TELESCOPE (n)
 1037 EDUCATOR

HUMANITIES

231 ART (n) 797 STYLE (n) 830 CURRICULUM (n) 1037 EDUCATOR (n)

 6018
 ARTHRITIS (n)
 5421
 STELLAR (j)
 5820
 AESTHETICS (n)

 6044
 PLACEBO (n)
 5423
 SIMULATE (v)
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 207 LAW (n)

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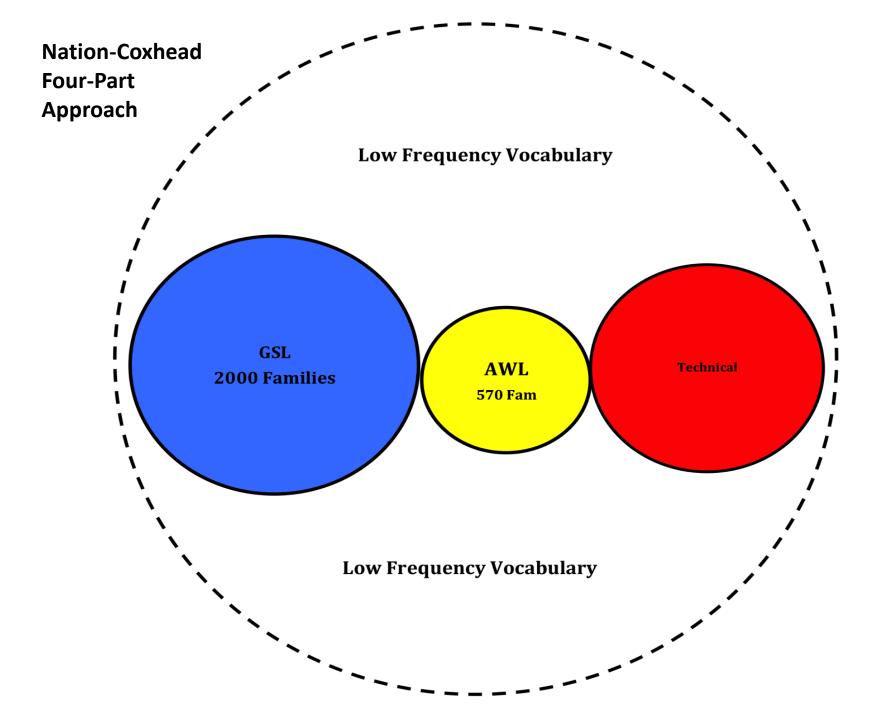
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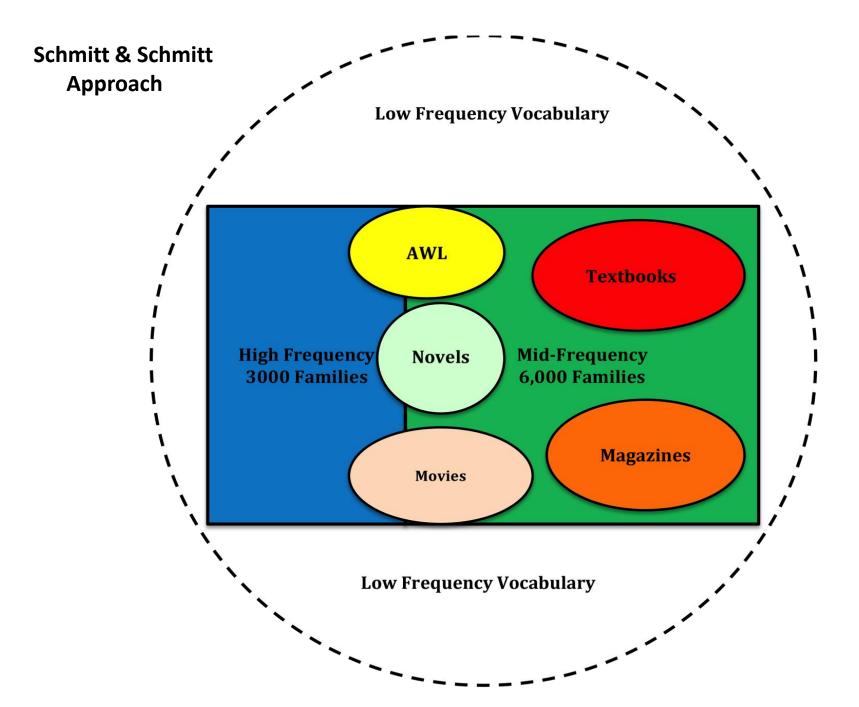
From Schmitt & Schmitt, 2012, p. 2

"we feel that recent research has made the four-part categorization untenable as a pedagogic description."

"...academic and technical vocabulary are subsets of general English..."

"Thus when analyzing texts or planning what to teach, it is important to recognize that the notions of academic/technical vocabulary do not necessarily fill the gap between high- and low-frequency bands."

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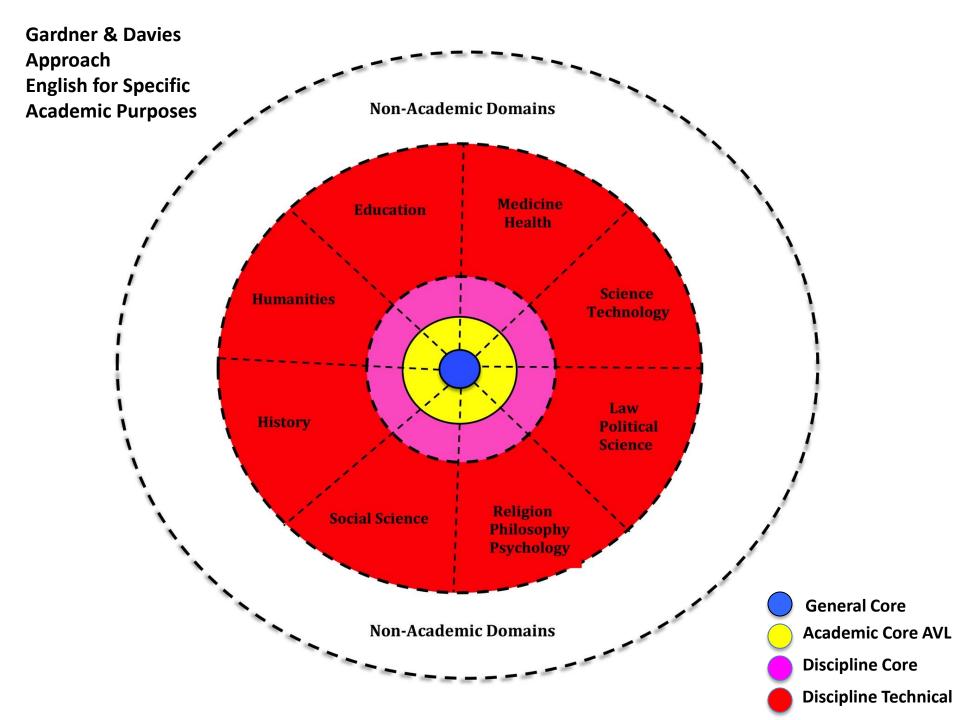


"Understanding and managing core vocabulary becomes very important in the context of English for specific purposes."

Gardner, 2013, p. 64

Academic Vocabulary Levels (New Approach)

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provide (v)	surface (n)	watershed (n)				
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research (n)	software (n)	aquatic (j)				
level (n)	forest (n)	photon (n)				
result (n)	sun (n)	terrestrial (j)				
include (v)	fish (n)	latitude (n)				
important (j)	planet (n)	polar (j)				
process (n)	temperature (n)	composting (j)				
use (n)	soil (n)	larva (n)				
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change (n)	sky (n)	geometry (n)				
table (n)	file (n)	neutrino (n)				
policy (n)	drive (n)	chromosome (n)				
university (n)	engine (n)	geological (j)				
model (n)	moon (n)	semiconductor (n)				



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A growing **awareness** of **groundwater** as a **critical natural resource** leads to some **basic** questions. How much **groundwater** do we have **left**? Are we running out? Where are **groundwater resources** most **stressed**? Where are they most **available** for **future** supply? To **address** these **basic** and seemingly simple questions **requires consideration** of several

Business Example

The string of **accounting** scandals that shattered Enron, WorldCom, Global Crossing and others **evaporated** billions of dollars in market value. While plants and equipment maintain their worth, it's the intangible assets like brand names, customer loyalty and strategic alliances that suffer in such debacles. Intangibles are a bigger deal than ever.

Intangibles are an **accounting** contrivance that resembles a **cosmic** black **hole** -- we know it **exists** but understand little of its inner workings. These amorphous **assets** are **listed** on balance sheets under the heading " Intangibles and Goodwill. " In pluck-from-the-air fashion, this entry is **figured** out by subtracting a **company's book value** from its **stock capitalization**. The **value**, that is, is **assumed** to be whatever it takes to make the **books** balance.

Parsing the **component** parts of a **company**'s intangibles is not easy. What **role** does its **management quality play**? How about its **technology**? Its innovative provess? Its **brand appeal**?

History Example

Thus, the concepts of core and periphery provide the basis for outlining the general geographic contours of the Middle East at any given time. The concepts of patterns of cooperation, patterns of conflict and intrusive forces provide the dimensions for examining regional dynamics in Middle East politics at different historical periods. In different historical stages, the dimensions of the region may have been changing, but the dynamics of change were a function of historical context -- that is, a function of the regional dynamics driving change in a stage. These are periodized into four stages: Islamic, Ottoman, nationalist and post-nationalist. Although these periods are sequentially related, they are not bounded in time with distinct beginnings and endings. Rather, they tend to blend one into another, with patterns emerging, more or less becoming dominant, then submerging as new patterns come to the fore. The designation of a phase is simply an heuristic label used to connote the central political dynamic through which a period is being viewed.

Medicine Example

It is also **necessary** to delve into the **patient's** background and **culture** to **determine** what the **patient** will **find** most acceptable. All **surgical changes** that are **anticipated** must be charted and shown to the **patient**. I do this at two different **consultations** before the **surgical procedure**. This is obviously **important** from a medical-legal standpoint; but it is more **important** from the standpoint of the doctor-patient **relationship**. Intelligent **patients** will accept **limiting factors** before the **surgery**. They **may** not if they are surprised after the **surgery**. **Anatomy** of the Nasal Lower and Upper Lateral Cartilages

Much can be learned about the nasal tip and mid-nose before surgical intervention takes place. The physician's use of his two index fingers placed superior and inferior to the lower lateral cartilage, while gentle pressure is exerted on this cartilage, will delineate the width of this cartilage and provide the doctor with some idea of the cartilage thickness and firmness. The firmer the cartilage, the thicker it is. Similarly, pressure over the upper lateral cartilages and physical

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