

# List of Useful Words

The following list contains words that you may use to effectively communicate your ideas in your essays.

	<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
<b>A</b>	<b>abash</b>	embarrassed
	<b>abhorrent</b>	unacceptable and morally wrong
	<b>abominable</b>	very unpleasant; of very bad quality
	<b>accost</b>	go towards a stranger and speak in an unpleasant way
	<b>acquisition</b>	gain knowledge or learn a skill
	<b>acumen</b>	ability to make good judgements
	<b>adage</b>	a well known phrase about human experience
	<b>address</b>	solve
	<b>adhere</b>	follow closely; observe
	<b>admonish</b>	tell someone severely that they have done wrong
	<b>advent</b>	arrival of
	<b>adversely</b>	unfavourably
	<b>aftermath</b>	period of time after a situation such as a war, disaster, etc. when people are dealing with the effects of the situation
	<b>ailment</b>	illness
	<b>akin</b>	similar to
	<b>allay</b>	make a person feel less worried
	<b>alleviate</b>	make less painful to deal with
	<b>allure</b>	exciting and desirable quality
	<b>allusion</b>	mention something that refers to a subject indirectly
	<b>alongside</b>	together with
	<b>ambivalent</b>	unsure of how one feels about something
	<b>amplify</b>	increase in strength
	<b>antagonistic</b>	unfriendly
	<b>apparent</b>	obvious
	<b>applicable</b>	to affect and be related to
	<b>aptly</b>	suitably
	<b>arcane</b>	secret that is known by only a few people
	<b>articulate</b>	expressing thoughts and feelings in words
	<b>asset</b>	something that is useful in helping one deal with a problem
	<b>assiduous</b>	great care and perseverance

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	<b>astute</b> <b>attribute</b> <b>avaricious</b> <b>avenue</b>	able to assess situations accurately an event is caused by something extreme greed for wealth a way of achieving something
<b>B</b>	<b>barriers broken</b> <b>bedevil</b> <b>bedlam</b> <b>belie</b> <b>bemuse</b> <b>bespoke</b> <b>bittersweet</b> <b>blinded by greed</b> <b>blunder</b> <b>booming</b> <b>breach</b> <b>breed distrust</b>  <b>budding</b> <b>burnish</b>	problems that prevent people from doing something are removed cause a lot of problems for someone over a period of time chaos; a lot of noise and confusion show that something is not real bewildered; confused made to order happy and sad at the same time greed prevents someone from having understanding and judgement silly and careless mistake increasing and is successful failing to observe a particular code of conduct cause and produce feelings whereby it causes a person to think that somebody else cannot be relied on someone showing potential in a particular area work hard to improve
<b>C</b>	<b>calculated risk</b> <b>cavalier attitude</b>  <b>chronic</b> <b>circumspect</b> <b>circumvent</b> <b>classic example</b> <b>cluck over</b> <b>cohesion</b> <b>coin</b> <b>collaborate</b> <b>comfort zone</b> <b>commercialised</b>  <b>comparatively</b> <b>compel</b> <b>compensate</b> <b>competitive edge</b> <b>compliance</b> <b>comprehensive</b> <b>compromise</b>	take a chance after estimating the risks involved opinions, beliefs and behaviour that show one does not care about others' feelings  problem that continues for a long time and cannot be solved cautious; unwilling to take risks overcome a problem typical example express disapproval united whole come up with a new word or expression work together to achieve something situation where one feels at ease more concerned with making money from something than from ensuring that there is quality compared to something else force give someone something because of an injury sustained or a loss suffered have an advantage over others obey a rule, agreement, etc. include everything such as facts and details; to be thorough reach an agreement after all parties accept less than what they would have wanted at first

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<b>conceal</b>	hide
<b>conceivable</b>	can be imagined
<b>concerted</b>	referring to something whereby people work together to achieve what they want
<b>condemn</b>	strongly disapprove of something
<b>conflict</b>	disagreement
<b>confound</b>	confuse
<b>conquer</b>	gain control
<b>conservative society</b>	usually used to describe a society that continues to preserve traditional views
<b>constrain</b>	control by
<b>consume</b>	eat
<b>consummate</b>	great skill
<b>contentious</b>	cause a lot of disagreement among people
<b>context</b>	circumstances
<b>contradict</b>	be in conflict with
<b>controversy</b>	serious argument that goes on for a period of time
<b>counterpart</b>	someone that has a similar job but in another place
<b>couple with</b>	together; combined
<b>covet</b>	strong desire for something
<b>craft</b>	make something
<b>credentials</b>	person's qualifications, achievements
<b>credible</b>	can be believed
<b>crescendo</b>	activity or feeling that gradually becomes stronger
<b>cripple</b>	damage
<b>critical</b>	important
<b>culpable</b>	be blamed
<b>cupidity</b>	strong desire for something
<b>curb</b>	control something to prevent its harmful effect from spreading
<b>D</b>	
<b>dalliance</b>	a non-serious romantic or sexual relationship between two people
<b>dampen</b>	make something less strong
<b>debauchery</b>	immoral behaviour
<b>debilitate</b>	make less powerful and effective
<b>deem</b>	consider
<b>deference</b>	polite behaviour to show respect
<b>deft</b>	skilful
<b>defunct</b>	does not exist anymore
<b>defy</b>	not happen according to what was expected
<b>deign</b>	do something that one thinks one is too important to do
<b>denounce</b>	express disapproval

<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
<b>deplete</b>	reduce the amount of something
<b>deplorable</b>	unpleasant and shocking
<b>deprive</b>	prevent someone from having something
<b>deride</b>	mock
<b>designated</b>	officially specified
<b>detect</b>	notice
<b>deteriorate</b>	make worse
<b>deterrence</b>	act of discouraging someone from doing something
<b>detriment</b>	harm
<b>diaspora</b>	spreading of people from one area to another
<b>digital footprint</b>	trail that people leave online
<b>dire</b>	very serious or terrible
<b>disarray</b>	untidy and disorganised
<b>discern</b>	perceive
<b>disconsolate</b>	very sad and hopeless
<b>discrimination</b>	unfair and unjust treatment of people
<b>disinterested</b>	objective; unbiased
<b>disparagement</b>	criticism
<b>disparity</b>	unfair difference between people or things
<b>dispatch</b>	sent out for a purpose
<b>disproportionate</b>	too little or too much in relation to something
<b>disregard</b>	not treat something as important
<b>disrupt</b>	cause problems to prevent something from continuing
<b>distort</b>	change and make something become untrue or incorrect
<b>disturbing</b>	causing anxiety
<b>downfall</b>	loss of position, money, etc.
<b>dwindle</b>	become less
<b>dynamic</b>	constant change and activity
<b>E</b>	
<b>economic landscape</b>	the distinctive features of the economy in a society
<b>emasculated</b>	weak
<b>embrace</b>	eagerly accept
<b>embroil</b>	involve a person in a difficult situation
<b>emerge</b>	appear; come out after a difficult situation
<b>emotional baggage</b>	everyday phrase used to describe feelings that are unresolved and are damaging to one's present situation
<b>emotional trauma</b>	damage that affects a person's feelings causing him to feel distressed
<b>empower</b>	given control over one's life and one's situation
<b>enable</b>	make it possible for something to happen
<b>encapsulate</b>	show

<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
<b>encompass</b>	include wide range of ideas, items, etc.
<b>encroach</b>	gradually take up more of
<b>endanger</b>	put someone or something in danger of being hurt
<b>endeavour</b>	attempt to achieve a goal
<b>endow</b>	have a particular quality
<b>engage</b>	attract someone's interest
<b>enlighten</b>	obtain knowledge and understanding about a particular subject
<b>enshrine</b>	preserve, respect and protect something such as a tradition
<b>enticing</b>	attractive and interesting
<b>entity</b>	single and complete unit
<b>ephemeral</b>	popular for a short time
<b>epitome</b>	best possible example
<b>equip</b>	be prepared for a particular situation or task
<b>eradicate</b>	get rid of something
<b>erosion</b>	gradually reduced or destroyed
<b>err</b>	make a mistake
<b>errant</b>	behaving badly
<b>escalate</b>	increase very quickly
<b>espouse</b>	support a particular belief and idea
<b>essential</b>	very important and necessary
<b>euphemistic</b>	language that uses polite words so that people will not be shocked
<b>evident</b>	easy to see and understand
<b>evoke</b>	produce a strong feeling
<b>exalt</b>	put someone or something in a high position
<b>excruciating</b>	extremely unpleasant
<b>exemplary</b>	excellent
<b>exemplify</b>	an example of
<b>exhibit</b>	show
<b>exorbitant</b>	amount that is higher than it should be
<b>expediently</b>	dealing quickly and effectively with a problem
<b>exploit</b>	treat someone unfairly by giving them too little for what they are doing for you
<b>expose</b>	at risk of something
<b>express</b>	show; tell
<b>expunge</b>	remove something unpleasant and unwanted
<b>extend</b>	be applicable to
<b>extensively</b>	large amount and size
<b>extenuating</b>	facts that make it reasonable for someone to break the rules
<b>F</b>	
<b>fabricate</b>	come up with something with the intention to deceive
<b>facile</b>	lack of careful thought

	<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
	<b>faculties of the mind</b> <b>fallacy</b> <b>feasible</b> <b>fester</b> <b>filter</b> <b>flair</b> <b>fluid</b> <b>formidable</b> <b>foster</b> <b>frenetic</b> <b>frivolous</b> <b>furor</b>	natural abilities related to one's mind false idea or belief especially one that many believe to be true plan that is likely to work decay remove information that is not needed ability to do something well; talent situation that is likely to change powerful and frightening develop over time; encourage and promote something fast and energetic not serious and suitable for a particular situation sudden expression of anger
<b>G</b>	<b>gamut</b> <b>gateway</b> <b>govern</b> <b>grapple with</b> <b>ground-up</b> <b>gullible</b>	range of possibilities way to achieve something control deal with or understand something difficult from the most basic level easily persuaded
<b>H</b>	<b>handsomely</b> <b>harbour</b> <b>harness</b> <b>heart wrenching</b> <b>helm</b> <b>henceforth</b> <b>highlight</b> <b>hinder</b> <b>hitherto</b> <b>humane</b>	generously have bad thoughts and feelings control and use cause great sadness manage an organisation from now on bring something to people's attention make it difficult for something to take place up to this time showing compassion and kindness
<b>I</b>	<b>imbibe</b> <b>immemorial</b> <b>immense</b> <b>impart</b> <b>impediment</b> <b>imperative</b> <b>implement</b> <b>implication</b> <b>impose</b> <b>impoverished</b>	accept and be influenced by ideas having started longer than people can remember very great give information, knowledge, etc. to others a situation that makes it difficult for one to achieve success very important officially take action; put something such as a decision or plan into effect possible effect or result of an action get people to accept a particular rule, etc. poor

<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
<b>in a nutshell</b>	stating main facts in a short but clear way
<b>in the wake of</b>	happen as a result of something
<b>inadequacy</b>	not as good in terms of skill, ability, etc. compared to others
<b>inbuilt</b>	existing as an essential part of someone
<b>incendiary</b>	something intended to make people angry
<b>incessant</b>	without stopping
<b>inculcate</b>	put ideas in someone's mind
<b>indefatigable</b>	persist tirelessly; determined
<b>indelible</b>	permanent
<b>indispensable</b>	important and useful; cannot do without
<b>indoctrinate</b>	train someone to have a particular belief
<b>indulge</b>	do something that one enjoys, especially one that is bad
<b>inevitable</b>	cannot be avoided
<b>informed</b>	having knowledge of a subject
<b>infringe</b>	against the law or someone's rights; intrude
<b>ingrained</b>	beliefs that are firmly established and cannot be easily changed
<b>inhibit</b>	prevent something from growing or developing
<b>iniquitous</b>	morally wrong; unfair
<b>initiate</b>	start an official process
<b>innate</b>	natural; inborn
<b>innumerable</b>	too many to count
<b>insatiable</b>	impossible to satisfy
<b>instil</b>	teach someone to behave in a certain way
<b>insurmountable</b>	problem that is too large to solve
<b>intent</b>	want to do something
<b>intervene</b>	become involved in a difficult situation to change what has happened
<b>interwoven</b>	blend closely
<b>intrinsic</b>	part of the nature of someone or something
<b>inundate</b>	overwhelmed with things to be dealt with
<b>irreversible</b>	change that is so great that it cannot be changed back to what it was before
<b>J</b>	<b>jeopardise</b> risk losing or spoiling something important
<b>K</b>	<b>keep abreast of</b> know all the recent facts about a particular situation
<b>L</b>	<b>labour intensive work</b> work that needs a lot of workers
	<b>lapse</b> decline from high standards
	<b>laud</b> praise someone or something

	<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
	<b>leverage</b> <b>liable</b> <b>liberty</b> <b>lose (one's) credibility</b> <b>lull</b> <b>lynch justice</b>	use resources such as skills or ideas again in different ways legally responsible for freedom to do what one wants without having to obtain permission from authority to no longer be trusted short period of time where there is less activity when a crowd of people try to bring about justice without using the legal process
<b>M</b>	<b>malleable</b> <b>mammoth</b> <b>mandatory</b> <b>massive</b> <b>materialise</b> <b>meagre</b> <b>meme</b> <b>mendacious</b> <b>microcosm</b> <b>mindful</b> <b>mindset</b> <b>minimise</b> <b>minutiae</b> <b>mire</b> <b>miscarriage</b> <b>misconception</b> <b>modus operandi</b> <b>monetary incentive</b> <b>monolithic</b> <b>moral fibre</b> <b>morph</b> <b>multi-faceted</b> <b>myopic</b>	easily influenced by others very big; enormous compulsory by law large happen an amount that is smaller than what is needed part of a culture or a type of behaviour that is passed down from one individual to another by the process of imitation not truthful a small group that has the same qualities as a large group be aware of what a person thinks about things reduce to the smallest amount possible, usually referring to something dangerous or unpleasant small; precise; trivial details bad situation that one cannot escape from unsuccessful outcome an incorrect view based on a lack of understanding particular method of doing something be encouraged and motivated by money large and powerful organisation or system strength of character have a new appearance or change into something new having many parts unwilling to think about the future
<b>N</b>	<b>naysayer</b> <b>novel</b>	person who is pessimistic and negative unusual and interesting

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<b>O</b>	<b>obnoxious</b>	offensive and unpleasant
	<b>obsequiousness</b>	eager to please and agree with those in power
	<b>oeuvre</b>	all the work of an artist
	<b>offensive</b>	unpleasant
	<b>onerous</b>	task that involves a lot of effort
	<b>oppress</b>	treat people cruelly and prevent them from having the rights they should have
	<b>optimal</b>	the best
	<b>oversight</b>	unintentional failure to notice something
<b>P</b>	<b>pacifist</b>	someone who believes that war and violence cannot be justified
	<b>pandemic</b>	disease that is prevalent throughout the country or the world
	<b>parameter</b>	limit or boundary within which an activity takes place
	<b>paramount</b>	more important than anything else
	<b>pared</b>	reduce the amount or size of something
	<b>pariah</b>	outcast
	<b>pepper</b>	have a lot of something
	<b>perceive</b>	interpret; regard
	<b>percolate</b>	idea, feeling or information that spreads gradually
	<b>perennial</b>	happen repeatedly; exist for a long time
	<b>periphery</b>	edge
	<b>perish</b>	die
	<b>perpetuate</b>	make a situation, usually a bad one, exist for a long time
	<b>perturb</b>	feel anxious or upset
	<b>phenomenon</b>	something that happens in society that is often difficult to understand
	<b>pivotal</b>	more important than anything else
	<b>placid</b>	calm and peaceful
	<b>plague</b>	cause suffering and trouble for a period of time
	<b>pledge</b>	promise of a donation to charity
	<b>plough through</b>	move with a lot of effort
	<b>plummet</b>	decrease suddenly
	<b>portend</b>	sign that something bad is going to happen
	<b>portray</b>	describe
	<b>pose a threat</b>	cause a problem or danger
	<b>potent</b>	powerful
	<b>potential</b>	possible

	<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
	<b>pre-emptive</b>	action that is done to prevent something from happening
	<b>predicament</b>	a difficult situation in which one does not know what to do and cannot make a choice
	<b>pressing</b>	urgent
	<b>prevail</b>	remain successful in the end
	<b>prevalent</b>	common at a particular point in time
	<b>product</b>	result of a particular situation or process
	<b>prohibit</b>	bad; forbid
	<b>proliferation</b>	rapid and sudden increase in something
	<b>prolong</b>	make something longer than necessary
	<b>promote</b>	encourage
	<b>prone</b>	likely to
	<b>proponent</b>	person who supports something
	<b>prospect</b>	the future
	<b>pursuit</b>	try to achieve something
<b>Q</b>	<b>qualm</b>	uneasy feeling; doubt
	<b>quintessential</b>	best example of something
<b>R</b>	<b>rambunctious</b>	noisy, out of control, full of energy
	<b>ramp up</b>	increase in quantity, pace, output, etc.
	<b>rampant</b>	a lot of something bad that is out of control
	<b>rapprochement</b>	good relations between countries after a period of bad relations
	<b>ratify</b>	make a written agreement official
	<b>rational</b>	with logic and reason
	<b>reassess</b>	evaluate again
	<b>rectify</b>	correct a problem
	<b>redundant</b>	not necessary
	<b>refine</b>	improve
	<b>refrain</b>	not do something that one wants to
	<b>regimented</b>	organised and strictly controlled
	<b>regress</b>	return to a less developed state
	<b>relentless</b>	determined and without stopping
	<b>remiss</b>	careless
	<b>render</b>	cause
	<b>repeal</b>	officially end a law
	<b>repercussion</b>	an unwelcomed unintended consequence
	<b>reprehensible</b>	very bad and deserves criticism and condemnation

	<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
	<b>reprehensively</b>	scold and criticise severely
	<b>resign</b>	accept something bad that one cannot do anything about
	<b>resilient</b>	able to withstand or recover quickly
	<b>resort to</b>	turn to a particular action that is usually undesirable to solve a problem
	<b>respondent</b>	person who replies to something such as a survey, questionnaire, etc.
	<b>restraint</b>	sensible and controlled behaviour
	<b>retain</b>	keep
	<b>reticent</b>	not revealing one's feelings willingly
	<b>ricochet</b>	bounce off
	<b>rife</b>	bad and unpleasant event that is common
	<b>rigorous</b>	careful and exact
	<b>ripple effect</b>	a situation in which one action causes another and another; also known as a domino effect
<b>S</b>	<b>sanctity</b>	ultimate importance
	<b>scion</b>	descendant
	<b>secular society</b>	neutral in the area of religion
	<b>seek redress</b>	try to get compensation
	<b>self-deprecate</b>	make one's own abilities seem unimportant
	<b>sensationalise</b>	present information in a certain way that will provoke interest and excitement
	<b>servile</b>	excessive willingness to please others
	<b>setback</b>	problem that delays progress
	<b>severity</b>	seriousness
	<b>shatter (someone's) confidence</b>	destroy a person's faith in his ability to do something
	<b>shifting attitude</b>	changing opinion about something
	<b>shirk</b>	avoid doing something due to laziness
	<b>significant</b>	important effect
	<b>social cohesion</b>	willingness of the people in a society to cooperate
	<b>social ill</b>	social problem; problem that has undesirable effect on the people in a society
	<b>spark of</b>	small amount of something
	<b>spearhead</b>	lead
	<b>spectre</b>	spectre of something is something that people are afraid of
	<b>staggering</b>	amazing; great and surprising
	<b>stagnant</b>	no change and remains in a bad condition
	<b>stalwart</b>	very loyal and strong

<u>Words</u>	<u>Meanings</u>
<b>stark contrast</b>	unpleasantly clear
<b>static</b>	not moving or changing
<b>status conscious</b>	very interested in a person's social standing in society
<b>stem</b>	develop from
<b>sterling</b>	excellent
<b>stifle</b>	stop something from happening
<b>stigma</b>	a strong feeling in a society that a person in a particular situation should feel ashamed of
<b>stipulate</b>	states; specify what must be done according to a law, rule, etc.
<b>stringent</b>	strict and precise
<b>strive</b>	make a lot of effort to do something
<b>stupendous</b>	impressive
<b>subtle</b>	referring to something that is not easy to notice unless careful attention is paid to it
<b>succumb</b>	give in to
<b>superfluously</b>	unnecessarily
<b>surface</b>	become known; become easily noticed
<b>surpass</b>	be better than expected
<b>surreptitious</b>	something that is kept a secret because it is not approved of
<b>sustain</b>	continue for a period of time; maintain
<b>swish</b>	fashionable and expensive
<b>synergy</b>	additional advantages or effectiveness when two or more people work together
<b>synonymous</b>	closely connected to something
<b>T</b>	
<b>tacit</b>	understood without being stated
<b>taciturn</b>	speaking so little that one seems unfriendly
<b>tantamount</b>	equal in seriousness as something else
<b>thrive</b>	become successful
<b>tight labour market</b>	more jobs than workers
<b>tough stance</b>	have a firm belief in one's opinion
<b>transformation</b>	complete change
<b>transit</b>	process of moving goods from one place to another
<b>transmit</b>	pass from one person to another
<b>tremendous</b>	very big
<b>trivial</b>	not serious
<b>tweak</b>	make small changes to improve something

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U	<b>ubiquitous</b>	to be everywhere
	<b>undeniably</b>	definitely true
	<b>undergo</b>	go through
	<b>undermine</b>	make something or someone less strong or effective
	<b>understate</b>	describe something as being smaller than it really is
	<b>undoubtedly</b>	definitely true
	<b>undue</b>	more than necessary
	<b>unfounded</b>	feelings not based on facts
	<b>uninformed</b>	not showing awareness of facts
	<b>unquenchable</b>	cannot be satisfied
	<b>unscrupulous</b>	unfair and dishonest; no moral principles
	<b>utilise</b>	use for a particular purpose
<b>utmost</b>	greatest possible	
V	<b>viable</b>	plan, idea, etc. that can work properly
	<b>violate</b>	disobey the law, agreement, etc.
	<b>vital</b>	important
	<b>vitriolic</b>	language that is cruel and angry
	<b>voracious</b>	large
	<b>vortex</b>	a situation that influences people's lives although they do not want it to
	<b>vulnerable</b>	easily harmed
W	<b>weather</b>	get through a difficult situation
	<b>web of deceit</b>	set of things that are closely related and are complicated
	<b>withhold</b>	refuse to give something
	<b>wrongdoer</b>	illegal and immoral behaviour