

Writing Support

AWL Shell Nouns

These nouns from the Academic Word List are nouns which might be used as shell nouns in a text.

(See: <https://www.writing.support/abstract-nouns.htm>)

ability, access, accommodation, account, accuracy, acknowledgement, acquisition, act, actions, activity, adjustment, advantage, advice, age, agreement, aid, aim, ambiguity, amendment, amount, analysis, application, approach, area, argument, arrangement, article, aspect, assembly, assessment, assistance, association, assumption, assurance, atmosphere, attempt, attention, attitude, author, authority, award, awareness, background, balance, basis, behaviour, belief, benefit, bias, birth, bond, capacity, case, category, cause, centre, challenge, change, channel, chapter, character, chart, chemical, choice, circumstance, civilisation, claim, class, classification, clause, code, coincidence, collapse, collection, combination, comment, commission, commitment, committee, commodity, communication, community, comparison, compensation, complexity, component, compound, compromise, concentration, concept, conception, concern, conclusion, condition, conduct, conference, confirmation, conflict, conformity, connection, consensus, consent, consequence, consideration, constraint, construction, consultation, contact, content, context, contract, contrast, contribution, control, controversy, convention, conversion, conviction, cooperation, core, corporation, correlation, country, couple, creature, credit, crisis, criteria, criterion, criticism, culture, currency, cycle, damage, data, debate, decade, decision, decisions, declaration, decline, defence, definition, degree, demand, departure, description, design, destruction, details, determination, development, device, devices, devotion, difference, dilemma, dimension, disadvantage, disappointment, disaster, discovery, discrimination, discussion, display, distance, distinction, distinctions, diversity, division, doctrine, document, documents, domain, drama, duration, duty, economy, effect, effects, effort, efforts, element, emergency, emphasis, encounter, encounters, energy, entity, environment, equipment, erosion, error, essence, establishment, estate, estimate, evaluation, event, events, evidence, evolution, examination, example, exception, exclusion, exercise, existence, expansion, expenditure, experience, experiences, experiment, experiments, expert, explanation, explosion, exposure, expression, extension, extent, facilities, facility, fact, factor, factors, failure, feature, features, feeling, feelings, field, figure, figures, file, finance, finding, fluctuations, focus, force, form, format, formation, formula, foundation, framework, function, fund, future, gain, gender, generation, goal, goods, grade, grant, group, growth, guarantee, guidance, hierarchy, highlights, hypothesis, idea, identity, image, impact, implication, importance, impression, improvement, incident, incidents, income, index, indication, individual, individuals, influence, information, initiative, initiatives, input, insight, insights, instance, instances, institution, instruction, instrument, integration, intensity, interaction, interest, interpretation, interval, intervention, investigation, investment, investment, issue, issues, item, items, job, journal, judgement, justification, kind, knowledge, label, labour, lack, layer, learning, lecture, level, licence, limit, limitation, link, list, logic, loss, maintenance, majority, male, manipulation, mankind, manner, margin, market, material, matter, matters, maturity, means, measure, measures,

mechanism, media, medium, member, members, method, methods, ministry, minority, mode, model, models, modification, motion, motivation, movement, nature, need, network, nonsense, norms, notion, nuisance, number, objective, obligation, observation, observer, occasion, occasions, occurrence, offence, operation, operations, opportunity, option, organisation, outcome, output, panel, paradigm, paragraph, paragraphs, parent, part, partner, pattern, patterns, percentage, perception, performance, period, person, personality, perspective, phase, phenomenon, philosophy, plan, point, policies, policy, population, portions, position, possibility, potential, practice, practices, prediction, presence, pressure, presumption, principle, priority, probability, problem, procedure, procedures, process, product, production, products, programme, progress, project, promise, property, proportion, proposal, proposition, prospect, protection, protocol, protocols, provision, publication, purchase, purpose, qualities, quality, quantity, question, radicals, range, rate, ratio, reaction, reader, reality, reason, reasoning, recognition, record, reduction, reference, refinement, regime, region, register, relation, relationship, relationships, relaxation, release, reluctance, removal, report, representative, reproduction, requirement, research, resistance, resolution, resource, resources, respect, response, responsibility, restraint, restriction, result, revenue, reverse, review, revision, revolution, rights, rise, risk, role, route, routes, rule, sample, scale, scenario, schedule, scheme, schemes, search, season, section, sector, selection, sense, separation, sequence, series, service, services, set, shift, significance, site, situation, situations, skill, society, solution, source, sources, space, species, spheres, spread, stage, standard, state, statement, statistics, status, stimulus, strategy, stress, structure, struggle, style, subject, success, suggestion, sum, support, survey, suspension, symbol, system, target, task, tasks, team, teams, technique, techniques, technology, tendency, tension, tensions, term, termination, text, theme, themes, theories, theory, threat, topic, topics, trace, tradition, training, transfer, transition, transport, treatment, trend, type, uncertainty, understanding, undertaking, uniformity, unit, use, value, variation, variety, vehicle, vehicles, version, view, viewpoint, views, violence, vision, visions, volume, work, world