



STUDY GUIDE

ACADEMIC WORDS DOS AND DON'TS

DO USE		DO NOT USE	
VERBS			
Should not	Cannot/Could not	Shouldn't	Can't/Couldn't
Should have	Do not/Did not	Should've	Don't/Didn't
Is not/Was not	Will not	Isn't/Wasn't	Won't
This essay	It is	†	It's
This research	Completed	I think that	Done
Approached	Achieved	Get	Got
Finalised	Obtained	Like	Does
Obtain	Conducts	Believe	Prove/s
Indicate	Demonstrate/s	Say	Think
State	Discover	Put out	Find out
Publish	Claim	Make up	Said
CONNECTIVE WORDS			
Furthermore	Including	On top of	Also
Alternatively	Objectively	Obviously	Definitely
Regarding	Additionally	About	Too
Somewhat	Fundamentally	Sort of	Basically
However	As a consequence	Along	Like
In conjunction with	In addition to	Plus	
SIGNPOSTING WORDS (START OF A SENTENCE)			
Firstly	Finally	Next	After that
Secondly	Thirdly	Originally	In the first place
Additionally	Essentially	Nearly	In the beginning
In substance	Fundamentally	About	Close to
Frequently	Likely	All the time	For ages
Primarily	Formerly	Generally	On the whole
CONJUNCTION (JOINER) WORDS			
Although	Due to	Because	And
While	On the other hand	So	In case
Yet	Since	As long as	As well as
Though	Whereas	Whatever	By the time
Assuming that	Until	Only if	Whenever

ADJECTIVES			
Remarkable	Notable	Brilliant	Fantastic
Poor	Helpful	Wonderful	Excellent
Significant	Rigorous	Extremely	Really
Many	Intrinsically	A lot	Very
Insufficient	Problematic	Not enough	Terrible
Inadequate	Outdated	Useless	Old
Inaccurate	Valid	Wrong	Amazing
Reliably	Valuable	Clearly	Bad
Favourable	Fundamental	Quite	Obviously
Considerable	Adept	Great	Nice

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