

ESOL Online

NCEA Vocabulary

An NCEA Word List

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260 of the most frequent word families in the NCEA Corpus outside the first 2000 with their most common use and frequency information.

PART OF SPEECH:		FREQUENCY IN THE NCEA CORPUS:	
n	noun	*****	200 or more occurrences
v	verb	****	100 – 199
adj	adjective	***	50 - 99
adv	adverb	**	20 - 49
		*	1 - 20
		(no stars)	does not occur

access	n	***
	v	**
accessibility	n	*
accessible	adj	*
inaccessible	adj	*
accurate	adj	***
accuracy	n	***
accurately	adv	*****
inaccurate	adj	*
achieve	v	*****
achievable	adj	*
achievement	n	*****
acknowledge	v	**
acknowledgement	n	*
adapt	v	***
adaptability	n	
adaptable	adj	
adaptation	n	*
adolescent	n	***
affect	v	*****
unaffected	adj	*
alcohol	n	***
alcoholic	n	*

allocate allocation	v n	*** *
alternative alternatively	n adj adv	** * *
analyse analysis analytic analytical	v n adj adj	**** **** *
annotate annotation annotated	v n adj	* * **
appendix	n	***
approach approachable	n v adj	** *
appropriate appropriately appropriateness inappropriate inappropriately	adj adv n adj adv	***** ** * * *
approximate approximately approximation	adj adv n	** ****
area	n	*****
aspect	n	*****
assess assessable assessment reassess	v adj n v	***** * ***** *
assignment	n	****
assist assistance assistant	v n n	*** * **
assume assumption	v n	** **
attach attached attachment	v v adj n	** ** **
attitude	n	***
author authorship authority authoritative	n v n n adj	***** *** *

available availability unavailable	adj n adj	**** ** *
award	n v	**
beach	n adj v	*** *
benefit beneficial beneficiary	n v adj n	* * *
booklet	n	*****
brief brevity briefly	n adj n adv	***** ***** ***
brochure	n	***
challenge challenger	n v n	*** **
chart	n v	****
checklist checksheet	n n	*** *
chemical chemically	adj n adv	** ** *
chip	n	***
clarify clarification clarity	v n adj	*** * *
classroom	n	*****
code	n v	***
column	n	****
comment commentary commentator	n v n n	**** *** **
communicate communicable communication communicative	v adj n adj	**** **
community	n	*****

	adj	**
component	n	**
comprehensive comprehensively	adj adv	** *
concept conception conceptual	n n adj	***** *****
conclusion conclude	n v	***** *
conflict conflicting	n v adj	*** *
consequence	n	*****
consistent consistently	adj adv	** ***
construct construction constructive	v n adj	***** *****
contact	n adj v	** * *
context contextual contextualise	n adj v	***** *
contrast contrasting	n v adj	* * **
contribute contribution contributor	v n n	***** ***
convention	n	*****
create creation creative creatively creativity creator recreate	v n adj adv n n v	***** ** ** * * * *
criteria	n	*****
culture cultural culturally cultured	n adj adv adj	***** ***** * *
data	n	*****

define	v	**
definable	adj	*
definition	n	
demonstrate	v	*****
demonstrable	adj	
demonstrably	adv	**
demonstration	n	
demonstrator	n	
design	n	*****
	v	****
designer	adj	***
	n	**
device	n	***
diagram	n	*****
dimension	n	***
dimensional	adj	*
display	n	**
	v	*
document	n	***
documentation	v	**
	n	***
draft	n	**
	adj	**
	v	**
drama	n	*****
dramatic	adj	**
dramatically	adv	*
dramatise	v	
dramatisation	n	
economy	n	**
economic	adj	*****
economical	adj	*
economically	adv	*
economics	n	**
economist	n	*
edit	v	**
edition	n	*
editor	n	*
editorial	n	*
electronic	adj	***
electronics	n	**
element	n	*****
enable	v	*****
energy	n	*****
energetic	adj	
energetically	adv	
enhance	v	***

enhancement	n	
ensure	v	*****
environment environmental environmentalist environmentally	n adj n adv	**** *** * *
equipment	n	*****
error erroneous erroneously	n adj adv	**
establish establishment	v n	*** **
estimate estimation	v n n	**** *
evaluate evaluation	v n	***** *****
evident evidence evidently	adj n adv	** *****
exemplar	n	*****
expert expertise expertly	n adj n adj	** * ** *
extract extraction	n v n	***** * *
factor	n	*****
feature	n adj v	***** * *
file	n v	*** *
final finalise finally finals	adj v adv n	***** * ** *
finance financial financially financier	n v adj adv n	* * **** *
focus focusing	v n adj adj	*** *** * ***

	v	*
format	n v	**** *
formula formulate formulation	n v n	**** **** **
framework	n	****
function functional	n v adj	**** * *
generate	v	****
geography geographic geographical	n adj adj	** *** *
globe global globally globalisation	n adj adv n	**** ** *
goal	n	****
goods	n	**
grade	n v	**** *
graph graphic graphical	n adj v adj adj	***** ** * ** *
guideline	n	****
height	n	****
homework	n	****
hypothesis hypothesise hypothetical	n v adj	****
identify identifiable identification identity	v adj n n	***** * ** ****
illustrate illustration illustrative	v n adj	**** ****
image imagery	n n	***** *
impact	n v	**** **
implement	v	**

implementation	n n	* ***
implication	n	****
income	n	***
incorporate incorporation	v n	*** *
indicate indication indicative indicator	v n adj n	**** * **
individual individuality individualism individually	n adj n n adv	** ***** * ***
initial initially	adj adv	*** *
input	n v	** *
insert insertion	v n	****
instruction	n	*****
interact interaction interactive interactively	v n adj adv	* **** * *
internal internalise internally	n v adv	**** *
internet	n	****
interpret interpretation interpretative	v n adj	*** *** *
interview	n v adj	*** *** **
investigate investigation investigative investigator	v n adj n	**** ***** ** *
involve involvement	v n	***** **
issue	n v	***** *
item itemise	n v	****

job	n	***
journal	n	****
justify justifiable justifiably justification unjustified	v adj adv n adj	**** ** *
label labelled	v n adj	**** * **
landscape	n adj v	*** ** *
layer	n v	** *
layout	n	***
link linkage	v n n	***** **** *
locate location relocate	v n v	*** **** *
logic logical logically	n adj adv	* ** **
logo	n	***
magazine	n	****
maintain maintenance	v n	*** *
major majority	adj n	**** *
maori	n adj	*** **
maximum	adj n	** *
media	n adj	**** ***
method methodical methodology	n adj n	***** *
minimum	adj n	** **
modify modification	v n	** **
muscle	n	***

negative	adj	***
new zealand	n	*****
new zealander	adj n	***** **
normal normality normally	adj n adv	*** **
obtain obtainable	v adj	***
occur occurrence	v n	**** *
ongoing	adj	*****
option optional	n adj	***** *
oral orally	adj adv	*** *
outcome	n	***
output	n	***
overall	adj	***
pacific	adj n	** *
paragraph	n	*****
participate participant participation	v n n	*** ** ***
partner partnership	n n	*** *
peer	n	***
percentage	n	***
period periodic periodical periodically	n adj n adv	***** * * *
perspective	n	*****
photocopy photocopied	n v adj	** * *
physical physically	adj adv	***** *
portfolio	n	*****
positive positively	adj adv	*** *

potential potentially	adj adv	*** *
predict predictable predictably prediction unpredictable	v adj adv n adj	*** * *** *
previous previously	adj adv	*** *
primary primarily	adj adv	**** *
principle	n adj	*** *
priority prioritisation prioritise prioritised	n n v adj	* ** *** **
proceed procedure proceedings proceeds	v n n n	** **** * *
process	n v	***** *****
project projection	n adj v n	*** * * *
publish publication publisher published	v n n adj	* **** ** **
purchase purchaser	n v n	*** ***
quote quotation	n v n	*** ** **
range	n v	***** **
ratio	n	***
react reaction reactive reactivate reactor	v n adj v n	* **** * * *
reference	n v adj	***** * **

region regional regionally	n adj adv	** ** *
relevant relevance	adj n	***** **
reliable reliability	adj n	*** **
remove removable removal	v adj n	*** *
require requirement required	v n adj	***** ***** **
research researcher	adj n v n	***** ***** **** *
resolve resolution	v n	** *
resource resourceful	n adj v adj	***** ***** * *
respond respondent response	v n n	** * *****
role	n adj	***** **
schedule scheduled	n v adj	*** * *
sculpture	n v	*** *
section	n v	***** *
seek	v	**
select selected selection selective selectively selector	v adj n adj adv n	***** ***** *** * *
sequence sequential sequentially	n v adj adv	**** * * *
series	n	****

session	n	****
sex	n	**
sexism	n	*
sexual	adj	**
sexuality	n	*
sexually	adv	*
significant	adj	****
insignificant	adj	*
significance	n	****
significantly	adv	*
signify	v	*
similar	adj	****
similarity	n	**
similarly	adv	*
simulate	v	*
simulation	n	**
site	n	****
	v	
sketch	n	****
	v	****
	adj	*
source	n	*****
	v	*
species	n	***
specific	adj	*****
specifically	adv	*
specification	n	****
specificity	n	*
specify	v	*
specified	adj	**
statistic	n	****
statistical	adj	**
strategy	n	****
strategic	adj	*
strategically	adv	
structure	n	*****
	v	**
structural	adj	**
structurally	adv	
style	n	*****
	v	*
stylish	adj	*
stylised	adj	
submit	v	***
submission	n	***
sufficient	adj	****
insufficient	adj	*
sufficiently	adv	*
sufficiency	n	**

summary summarise summarised	n v adj	*** *** *
survey	n v	*** *
symbol symbolic symbolically symbolise symbolism	n adj adv v n	*** ** * * *
tape	n adj v	** * *
task	n	*****
team	n v	**** *
technical technically technique technology technological technologically	adj adv n n adj adv	**** * **** ***** ****
teenage teenager	adj n	* ****
television	n	**
template	n	****
text textual	n adj	***** *
theme thematic thematically	n adj adv	**** *
tick	n v adj	** ** *
topic topical	n adj	***** *
tradition traditional traditionalist traditionally	n adj n adv	** ** * *
trend	n	****
undertake	v	***
valid validate validation validity validly	adj v n n adv	**** * * * *

vary	v	**
variability	n	
variable	n	*****
	adj	*
variably	adv	
variant	n	
variation	n	*
video	n	****
	adj	**
	v	*
viewpoint	n	***
visual	adj	*****
visualise	v	*
visualisation	n	*
visually	adv	*
volume	n	***
web	n	****
website	n	***
welfare	n	***
well-being	n	****
whanau (maori)	n	**
worksheet	n	****

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