# 6   Academic and Formal Words

*(Common in formal writing, academia, and professional discussions.)*
credible, questionable, alleviate, exacerbate, substantial, negligible, redundant, sufficient, insufficient, attribute (verb),
derive, distribute, distinguish, correlate, coincide, correspond, articulate, eloquent, assert, claim, establish.

1. **Credible** – believable, reliable, trustworthy
   - The scientist provided credible evidence to support his theory.
   - News sources should always be credible and well-researched.

2. **Questionable** – doubtful, uncertain, unreliable
   - The research methodology was questionable and lacked proper controls.
   - His explanation for the missing funds was highly questionable.

3. **Alleviate** – relieve, reduce, ease
   - The new policy aims to alleviate poverty in rural areas.
   - Medication can alleviate symptoms but may not cure the disease.

4. **Substantial** – significant, considerable, important
   - The project received substantial funding from the government.
   - A substantial number of students prefer online learning.

5. **Negligible** – insignificant, trivial, minor
   - The cost increase was negligible and did not affect sales.
   - The difference between the two methods was negligible.

6. **Redundant** – unnecessary, superfluous, excessive
   - The report contained redundant information that added no value.
   - Many jobs became redundant due to automation.

7. **Sufficient** – enough, adequate, ample
   - The data provided was sufficient to draw a valid conclusion.
   - A sufficient number of volunteers are needed for the event.

8. **Insufficient** – inadequate, lacking, deficient
   - The funding for the program was insufficient to cover expenses.
   - Insufficient evidence led to the case being dismissed.

9. **Attribute (verb)** – assign, credit, ascribe
   - He attributes his success to hard work and perseverance.

- The decline in sales was attributed to poor marketing strategies.

10. **Derive** – obtain, extract, originate

   - Scientists derive energy from renewable sources.
   - The word "democracy" derives from Greek origins.

11. **Distribute** – allocate, dispense, share        *dispense*

   - The organization distributes food to the homeless every weekend.
   - The profits were distributed equally among shareholders.

12. **Distinguish** – differentiate, identify, recognize

   - It is important to distinguish between fact and opinion.
   - She can easily distinguish different species of birds.

13. **Correlate** – associate, connect, relate

   - Studies show that smoking correlates with a higher risk of lung cancer.
   - The results correlate closely with previous research findings.

14. **Coincide** – occur simultaneously, correspond, agree      *совпадать.*

   - The two events coincided, causing scheduling conflicts.
   - Their opinions coincide on most political issues.

15. **Correspond** – match, agree, align

   - The results correspond with our initial predictions.
   - The email corresponds to the official guidelines.

16. **Articulate** – express clearly, convey, communicate

   - She was able to articulate her thoughts effectively during the debate.
   - Good leaders articulate their vision to inspire others.

17. **Eloquent** – fluent, persuasive, expressive

   - The politician delivered an eloquent speech that captivated the audience.
   - His eloquent writing style made the article engaging.

18. **Assert** – declare, state, affirm

   - He asserted his rights during the legal dispute.
   - Scientists assert that climate change is a major global challenge.

19. **Claim** – assert, declare, state

   - The company claims that its product is the best on the market.

- The researcher claimed to have found a new species.

20. **Establish** – set up, create, confirm

    - The organization was established to promote environmental awareness.
    - Scientists established a link between diet and heart disease.