Word Tiers

Tier One

basic words -- words of everyday speech

bed, chair, happy, house, car, purse

Tier Two

general academic words -- likely to appear across written texts

relative, vary, formulate, specificity, accumulate

Tier Three

domain-specific words -- specific to a field of study

meritocracy, antebellum, Neolithic

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