**SYNONYMS**

Concerning to the accuracy, Bailey (2003: 109) claims the accuracy of a synonym is often dependent on context. He adds that both *pupil* and *student* could be used to identify a 15-year-old schoolgirl, but when she goes to university only *student* is normally used. *Scholar* might be a possible synonym, but it is very formal. Similarly, at university a *lecturer* could also

be called a *teacher***,** but in school the only possible synonym for *teacher* is the old-fashioned *master* or *mistress***.** However many basic words, e.g. *culture*, *economy*, *society* or *science,*

have no effective synonyms. Here is some common academic synonyms adapted from Bailey (2003)

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| **Nouns** |  | **Verbs** |  |
| goal | target | reduce | decrease |
| study | research | achieve | reach |
| result | findings | alter | change |
| area | field | evaluate | examine |
| authority | source | claim | suggest |
| benefit | advantage | assist | help |
| category | type | attach | join |
| component | part | challenge | question |
| concept | idea | clarify | explain |
| behaviour | conduct | quote | cite |
| controversy | argument | concentrate | focus |
| feeling | emotion | confine | limit |
| beliefs | ethics | show | demonstrate |
| expansion | increase | eliminate | remove |
| interpretation | explanation | find | establish |
| issue | topic | develop | evolve |
| method | system | maintain | insist |
| option | possibility | predict | forecast |
| statistics | figures | prohibit | ban |
| framework | structure | retain | keep |
| trend | tendency | strengthen | reinforce |
| quotation | citation | accelerate | speed up |
| drawback | disadvantage | reduce | out |
| output | production |  |  |

Tabel 2.8