

IELTS Vocabulary

300 high-value words with definitions

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#	Word	Definition	✓
1	Abandon	To cease to support, look after, or associate with someone; to desert or forsake.	☐
2	Absorb	Become imbued.	☐
3	Abstract	Existing as a thought, concept, or idea rather than having a concrete, physical existence.	☐
4	Academic	Relating to education, schools, colleges, scholarship, or formal study.	☐
5	Accent	Distinctive manner of oral expression.	☐
6	Access	The ability or right to enter, use, or obtain something.	☐
7	Accord	Harmony of people's opinions or actions or characters.	☐
8	Accurate	Conforming exactly or almost exactly to fact, truth, or a specified standard.	☐
9	Accuse	Blame for, make a claim of wrongdoing or misbehavior against.	☐
10	Achieve	To gain with effort.	☐
11	Acquire	Buy or obtain for oneself.	☐
12	Across	To the opposite side.	☐
13	Active	Always busy and doing things.	☐
14	Adjust	Change something slightly so that it works or fits better.	☐
15	Admire	Feel admiration for.	☐
16	Adopt	Legally take another person into a family as a child.	☐
17	Advice	Guidance or recommendations.	☐
18	Advise	Give someone guidance about what they should do.	☐
19	Advocate	A person who publicly supports, pleads for, or recommends a particular cause, policy, or idea.	☐
20	Aesthetic	Relating to beauty, art, visual appeal, or the appreciation of artistic taste.	☐
21	Affair	A vaguely specified concern.	☐

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22	Affect	Have an influence on someone or something.	☐
23	Afford	Have enough money to pay for.	☐
24	Agency	An administrative unit of government.	☐
25	Agenda	A temporally organized plan for matters to be attended to.	☐
26	Agent	An active and efficient cause; capable of producing a certain effect.	☐
27	Ahead	Having the leading position or higher score in a contest.	☐
28	Alarm	A warning of danger or a device that gives one.	☐
29	Album	One or more recordings issued together; originally released on 12-inch phonograph records and later on cassette audiotape and compact disc.	☐
30	Alcohol	Any of a series of volatile hydroxyl compounds that are made from hydrocarbons by distillation.	☐
31	Alert	Condition of heightened watchfulness or preparation for action.	☐
32	Align	Place in a line or arrange so as to be parallel or straight.	☐
33	Alike	Having resemblance or similitude; similar; without difference.	☐
34	Alloy	A mixture containing two or more metallic elements or metallic and nonmetallic elements usually fused together or dissolving into each other when molten.	☐
35	Along	With a forward motion.	☐
36	Alpha	The beginning of a series or sequence; --Revelations.	☐
37	Alter	Cause to change; make different; cause a transformation.	☐
38	Amaze	Surprise someone greatly.	☐
39	Ambiguous	Open to more than one interpretation; having a double, vague, or uncertain meaning.	☐
40	Amend	(usually in the plural) An act of righting a wrong; compensation.	☐
41	Amount	A quantity of money.	☐
42	Amuse	Make someone laugh or feel entertained.	☐
43	Analogy	A comparison between two different things, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification.	☐
44	Ancestor	A person from whom one is descended; a forefather or progenitor more remote than a grandparent.	☐
45	Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past.	☐
46	Angel	Spiritual being attendant upon God.	☐
47	Angle	The space between two lines or planes that intersect; the inclination of one line to another; measured in degrees or radians.	☐
48	Animal	A living creature such as a dog, cat, or bird.	☐

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49	Ankle	The joint that connects your foot to your leg.	☐
50	Annual	(botany) a plant that completes its entire life cycle within the space of a year.	☐
51	Anomaly	Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.	☐
52	Anxious	Worried or uneasy about an uncertain outcome.	☐
53	Anyhow	Used to indicate that a statement explains or supports a previous statement.	☐
54	Apparent	Clearly visible, open to view, or easily seen by the eye.	☐
55	Appeal	An earnest or urgent request.	☐
56	Append	Add to the very end.	☐
57	Appetite	A natural physical desire to satisfy a bodily need, especially for food.	☐
58	Apple	A round fruit with red or green skin.	☐
59	Apply	Put into service; make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose.	☐
60	Appoint	Choose someone officially for a position or duty.	☐
61	Approve	Officially accept or agree to something.	☐
62	Arbitrary	Based on random choice, personal whim, or impulse rather than any reason, system, or objective standard.	☐
63	Archer	A person who is expert in the use of a bow and arrow.	☐
64	Archive	A depository, registry, or collection containing historical records, documents, or data.	☐
65	Arctic	Relating to the polar region around the North Pole.	☐
66	Arena	A particular environment or walk of life.	☐
67	Argue	Give evidence of.	☐
68	Arise	Come into existence; take on form or shape.	☐
69	Armed	Prepare oneself for a military confrontation.	☐
70	Armor	Protective covering made of metal and used in combat.	☐
71	Arrest	Take someone into legal custody.	☐
72	Arrive	Reach a destination by movement or progress.	☐
73	Arrogant	Having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities.	☐
74	Article	Nonfictional prose forming an independent part of a publication.	☐
75	Artist	A person whose creative work shows sensitivity and imagination.	☐
76	Aspect	A particular part, feature, or facet of a complex situation, problem, or subject.	☐

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77	Assemble	To gather together in one place for a common purpose, meeting, or event.	☐
78	Assert	To state a fact, belief, or opinion confidently, forcefully, and categorically.	☐
79	Assign	Give out.	☐
80	Assist	The activity of contributing to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose.	☐
81	Assume	Suppose to be the case without proof.	☐
82	Assure	Tell someone confidently that something is true.	☐
83	Astray	Away from the correct path or direction.	☐
84	Atomic	Relating to the smallest basic unit of a chemical element.	☐
85	Attach	Fasten or join one thing to another.	☐
86	Attack	To try to hurt or defeat someone.	☐
87	Attain	To gain with effort.	☐
88	Attend	Be present at (meetings, church services, university), etc.	☐
89	Attribute	A quality, property, or characteristic that belongs to or defines a person, object, or entity.	☐
90	Audacious	Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold, daring, or highly risky steps.	☐
91	Authentic	Of undisputed origin; genuine, real, and not a counterfeit, copy, or fake.	☐
92	Author	A writer of a book or article.	☐
93	Avenue	A line of approach.	☐
94	Average	A statistic describing the location of a distribution.	☐
95	Award	A grant made by a law court.	☐
96	Aware	(sometimes followed by `of') having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization or perception.	☐
97	Awkward	Causing inconvenience.	☐
98	Backup	An accumulation caused by clogging or a stoppage.	☐
99	Baffle	A flat plate that controls or directs the flow of fluid or energy.	☐
100	Baggage	Suitcases, trunks, and bags used to pack and carry a traveler's personal belongings.	☐
101	Bakery	A workplace where baked goods (breads and cakes and pastries) are produced or sold.	☐
102	Balance	A state in which opposing forces harmonise; equilibrium.	☐
103	Ballot	Originally, a small ball placed in a container to cast a vote.	☐

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104	Banana	A long, curved fruit with a yellow skin.	☐
105	Bandit	An armed thief who is (usually) a member of a band.	☐
106	Banker	A person who works in a bank.	☐
107	Bargain	An agreement between parties (usually arrived at after discussion) fixing obligations of each.	☐
108	Barrier	A fence, wall, or other physical obstacle that prevents movement, entry, or access.	☐
109	Basket	A container that is usually woven and has handles.	☐
110	Battle	A hostile meeting of opposing military forces in the course of a war.	☐
111	Beauty	A combination of qualities that pleases the sight.	☐
112	Behalf	As the agent of or on someone's part (usually expressed as rather than).	☐
113	Behave	Act in a particular way.	☐
114	Believe	Accept that something is true.	☐
115	Beloved	Dearly loved, highly cherished, or precious to someone.	☐
116	Bench	A long seat for two or more people, usually outside.	☐
117	Benefit	An advantage or profit gained from something.	☐
118	Bewitch	To cast a spell on, enchant, or influence someone through magic or witchcraft.	☐
119	Bias	A partiality, prejudice, or inclination for or against one person or group, especially in an unfair way.	☐
120	Bikini	A two-piece item of clothing worn for swimming.	☐
121	Bishop	A senior Christian church leader in charge of a diocese.	☐
122	Bitter	Having a sharp taste, not sweet.	☐
123	Bless	Give a benediction to.	☐
124	Blood	The red liquid inside your body.	☐
125	Bloom	A flower on a plant.	☐
126	Board	A flat piece of wood.	☐
127	Boast	Speak with too much pride about an achievement or possession.	☐
128	Boiler	A closed container in which water is heated.	☐
129	Boldly	With boldness, in a bold manner.	☐
130	Bomber	An aircraft designed to drop explosive weapons.	☐
131	Bonnet	A hat tied under the chin, traditionally worn by women or children.	☐
132	Border	A line separating two political or geographical areas.	☐

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133	Borrow	Get temporarily.	☐
134	Bounce	To hit a surface and spring back.	☐
135	Boundary	A line, plane, or marker indicating the limit or extent of a territory, area, or property.	☐
136	Branch	A part of a tree growing out from the trunk.	☐
137	Bread	Food made of flour, water, and yeast.	☐
138	Breath	The air taken into or expelled from the lungs.	☐
139	Brevity	Concise, succinct, and exact use of words in writing or speech.	☐
140	Bridge	A structure built over a river or road so people can cross.	☐
141	Browse	Vegetation (such as young shoots, twigs, and leaves) that is suitable for animals to eat.	☐
142	Brutal	(of persons or their actions) able or disposed to inflict pain or suffering.	☐
143	Budget	An estimate of income and expenditure.	☐
144	Buffer	Something that softens the impact between two things.	☐
145	Burden	An onerous or difficult concern.	☐
146	Bureau	An office or department that provides a service.	☐
147	Burial	The act of placing a dead body in the ground.	☐
148	Butter	An edible emulsion of fat globules made by churning milk or cream; for cooking and table use.	☐
149	Button	A small disk or knob sewn on to a garment.	☐
150	Bygone	Belonging to an earlier time.	☐
151	Cabinet	A piece of furniture resembling a cupboard with doors and shelves and drawers; for storage or display.	☐
152	Cactus	Any succulent plant of the family Cactaceae native chiefly to arid regions of the New World and usually having spines.	☐
153	Camera	A device for recording visual images.	☐
154	Cancel	Decide that an organized event will not take place.	☐
155	Candid	Truthful, straightforward, and outspoken; frank and direct without reserve or secrecy.	☐
156	Canyon	A ravine formed by a river in an area with little rainfall.	☐
157	Capacity	The maximum amount, volume, or space that a container, room, or vehicle can hold.	☐
158	Capital	Assets available for use in the production of further assets.	☐
159	Carbon	The chemical element with atomic number 6, found in all living things.	☐

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160	Cargo	Goods carried by a large vehicle.	☐
161	Caring	A loving feeling.	☐
162	Carrot	Deep orange edible root of the cultivated orange vegetable plant.	☐
163	Cartel	A group of businesses that cooperate to control prices or supply.	☐
164	Casino	A public building for gambling and entertainment.	☐
165	Castle	A large and stately mansion.	☐
166	Casual	Marked by blithe unconcern.	☐
167	Casualty	A person killed, injured, captured, or missing in a war, battle, or military engagement.	☐
168	Category	A class or division of people or things regarded as having shared characteristics.	☐
169	Cattle	Domesticated bovine animals as a group regardless of sex or age;; - Bible.	☐
170	Cause	Events that provide the generative force that is the origin of something.	☐
171	Cement	A building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay; used with water and sand or gravel to make concrete and mortar.	☐
172	Century	A period of 100 years.	☐
173	Certain	Definite but not specified or identified.	☐
174	Channel	A path over which electrical signals can pass.	☐
175	Chaos	A state of complete confusion, disorder, pandemonium, or lawlessness.	☐
176	Chapel	A place of worship that has its own altar.	☐
177	Charge	Demand an amount as a price.	☐
178	Chart	A visual display of information.	☐
179	Chase	The act of one who pursues another; a pursuit.	☐
180	Cheer	A joyful attitude; happiness; a good, happy, or positive mood.	☐
181	Cheese	A solid food made from milk.	☐
182	Cherry	Wood of any of various cherry trees especially the black cherry.	☐
183	Chicken	The flesh of a common poultry bird used for food.	☐
184	Chief	A person who is in charge.	☐
185	Chorus	Any utterance produced simultaneously by a group.	☐
186	Chrome	Another word for chromium when it is used in dyes or pigments.	☐

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187	Chronic	Of an illness, condition, or pain: persisting for a long time or constantly recurring.	☐
188	Cigar	A roll of tobacco for smoking.	☐
189	Cinema	A medium that disseminates moving pictures.	☐
190	Circuit	An electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow.	☐
191	Cited	Make reference to.	☐
192	Claim	To say that something is true or belongs to you.	☐
193	Clarify	To make a statement, situation, or concept clear and more easily comprehensible.	☐
194	Clause	(grammar) A verb, its necessary grammatical arguments, and any adjuncts affecting them.	☐
195	Cliff	A high, steep rock edge, usually by the sea.	☐
196	Climate	The usual weather conditions of a region over a long period.	☐
197	Clinic	A medical establishment run by a group of medical specialists.	☐
198	Coach	(sports) someone in charge of training an athlete or a team.	☐
199	Coast	The land right next to the sea or ocean.	☐
200	Cobalt	A hard blue-gray metallic chemical element.	☐
201	Cocoa	A hot, sweet drink made from chocolate powder and milk.	☐
202	Coffee	A hot drink made from roasted beans.	☐
203	Cognitive	Relating to, or involving, conscious intellectual activity, such as thinking, reasoning, or remembering.	☐
204	Coherent	Logical, orderly, consistent, and aesthetically well-structured in all its parts.	☐
205	Cohort	A company of companions or supporters.	☐
206	Coincide	To happen at the same time, co-occur, or take place simultaneously by chance.	☐
207	Coined	Make up.	☐
208	Coldly	In a cold unemotional manner.	☐
209	Collapse	To suddenly fall down, cave in, or crumble due to structural failure or weight.	☐
210	Colony	A country or area controlled by another country.	☐
211	Colossal	Extremely large, massive, giant, or vast in size, force, scale, or degree.	☐
212	Column	A tall, solid post used to support a building.	☐
213	Combat	An engagement fought between two military forces.	☐

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214	Comedy	Light and humorous drama with a happy ending.	☐
215	Comfort	A state of being relaxed and feeling no pain.	☐
216	Commence	To take the first step or steps in carrying out an action; to start or begin.	☐
217	Commit	Carry out an action, especially a serious or harmful one.	☐
218	Company	An institution created to conduct business.	☐
219	Compel	To force, oblige, or coerce someone to do something under pressure or authority.	☐
220	Complex	Consisting of many different and connected parts.	☐
221	Comply	Act according to a request, command, or rule.	☐
222	Comprise	To consist of, be composed of, or have as constituent parts.	☐
223	Concede	To admit, yield, or acknowledge something to be true, valid, or correct, often reluctantly.	☐
224	Concise	Giving a lot of information clearly and in few words; brief, succinct, and comprehensive.	☐
225	Concrete	A heavy, hard building material made of sand, gravel, cement, and water.	☐
226	Condemn	To express complete, strong, and official disapproval of someone or something; to censure.	☐
227	Confirm	Establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts.	☐
228	Conflict	A serious disagreement, dispute, or argument, typically a protracted or intense one.	☐
229	Conform	To behave, act, or think in accordance with socially accepted standards, rules, or laws.	☐
230	Confront	To face up to, deal with, or address a difficult, unpleasant, or scary situation directly.	☐
231	Connect	Join two or more things together.	☐
232	Conquer	To overcome and take control of a place, territory, or people by military force.	☐
233	Consent	Permission or agreement for something to happen or to do something.	☐
234	Context	The circumstances, environment, or background that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea.	☐
235	Contrary	Opposite in nature, direction, character, or effect.	☐
236	Control	Power to direct or determine.	☐
237	Convert	To change the form, character, function, or system of something into another.	☐

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238	Convey	Make known; pass on, of information.	☐
239	Convict	To declare someone to be guilty of a criminal offense by the verdict of a jury or decision of a judge.	☐
240	Cookie	Any of various small flat sweet cakes ('biscuit' is the British term).	☐
241	Copper	A reddish-brown metal used for making wires and coins.	☐
242	Corpse	The dead body of a human being.	☐
243	Costly	Entailing great loss or sacrifice.	☐
244	Courts	The places where legal trials happen.	☐
245	Cradle	A baby bed with sides and rockers.	☐
246	Create	Make or cause to be or to become.	☐
247	Credit	An arrangement to buy things now and pay later.	☐
248	Criteria	The plural principles, standards, or benchmarks by which something is judged, evaluated, or decided.	☐
249	Crucial	Decisive, critical, or of the utmost importance, especially in determining the success or failure of something.	☐
250	Cruise	A holiday on a large ship.	☐
251	Crystal	A solid formed by the solidification of a chemical and having a highly regular atomic structure.	☐
252	Culture	The arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement.	☐
253	Cunning	Having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by deceit, evasion, or colorful craftiness.	☐
254	Current	Happening or existing at the present time.	☐
255	Custom	A traditional and widely accepted way of behaving.	☐
256	Dancer	Someone who moves their body to music.	☐
257	Debris	The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up.	☐
258	Decade	A period of ten years.	☐
259	Deceive	To deliberately cause someone to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain.	☐
260	Decisive	Settling an issue, dispute, or conflict quickly and beyond all doubt; conclusive.	☐
261	Decker	English dramatist and pamphleteer (1572-1632).	☐
262	Decline	To become smaller, fewer, weaker, or less; to decrease or deteriorate over time.	☐
263	Decree	A legally binding command or decision entered on the court record (as if issued by a court or judge).	☐

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264	Deduce	To arrive at a logical fact or conclusion by reasoning from general premises, evidence, or principles.	☐
265	Defeat	To win against someone in a game or war.	☐
266	Defend	To protect someone or something from attack.	☐
267	Deficit	The amount by which a sum of money falls short of the required or expected amount.	☐
268	Define	To explain exactly what a word means.	☐
269	Degree	A unit used to measure temperature or angles.	☐
270	Delegate	A person designated, appointed, or elected to represent others, especially at a conference.	☐
271	Delete	To erase or remove something.	☐
272	Delicate	Very fine, exquisite, or subtle in texture, structure, color, or flavor; pleasing to the senses.	☐
273	Delta	Land shaped like a triangle where a river meets the sea.	☐
274	Demand	The need or desire that people have for a product.	☐
275	Denial	The act of refusing to comply (as with a request).	☐
276	Denote	To be a sign, symbol, or direct indication of something; to stand for.	☐
277	Depart	Leave a place, especially to begin a journey.	☐
278	Depict	To show, represent, or portray someone or something in a drawing, painting, or other art form.	☐
279	Deploy	Place troops or weapons in battle formation.	☐
280	Deprive	To prevent someone from having, using, or enjoying something, especially a necessity or right.	☐
281	Deputy	A person who helps or acts for a boss.	☐
282	Derive	To obtain, receive, or trace something from a specified source or origin.	☐
283	Desert	A very dry area of land with lots of sand.	☐
284	Design	The act of working out the form of something (as by making a sketch or outline or plan).	☐
285	Despair	The complete loss or absence of hope; a state of deep distress and misery.	☐
286	Detach	To disengage, disconnect, separate, or unfasten a part from a larger object or structure.	☐
287	Detail	An individual feature, fact, or item.	☐
288	Detect	To discover, identify, or determine the presence, existence, or fact of something hidden or subtle.	☐

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289	Develop	Make something new, such as a product or a mental or artistic creation.	☐
290	Deviate	To depart, diverge, or turn aside from an established course, plan, standard, or route.	☐
291	Device	A machine or tool made for a special use.	☐
292	Devoted	Very loving, loyal, and true to a specific person, cause, belief, or activity.	☐
293	Dialog	A conversation between two persons.	☐
294	Diesel	A type of fuel used in some cars and trucks.	☐
295	Digest	To distribute or arrange methodically; to work over and classify; to reduce to portions for ready use or application.	☐
296	Digital	Displaying numbers rather than scale positions.	☐
297	Dilemma	A difficult situation or problem in which a choice has to be made between two or more equally undesirable options.	☐
298	Diminish	To make or become smaller, fewer, weaker, or less in size, extent, or range.	☐
299	Dining	The act of eating a meal.	☐
300	Dinner	A midday meal (in a context in which the evening meal is called supper or tea).	☐

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