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IELTS Vocabulary Cheat Sheet 4 Top 100 Words

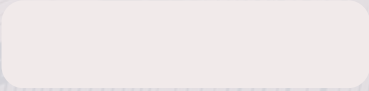
A concise, high-utility reference for IELTS Academic candidates. This cheatsheet groups essential vocabulary, collocations, and synonym choices with example sentences and study tips to help you deploy precise, academic language in Writing Task 2 and the speaking test.

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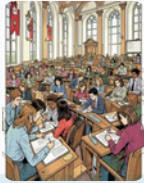
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Core Academic Words (1320)



Abundant 4 Accurate
4 Acquire

Use 'abundant' for measurable quantities, 'accurate' to describe correctness, and 'acquire' for gaining skills or assets. Example: The region has abundant resources; the report is accurate; she acquired fluency through immersion.



Adequate 4 Advocate
4 Allocate

8 Adequate 9 signals
sufficiency, 8 advocate 9
implies public support, and
8 allocate 9 suits formal
distribution contexts.
Example: Governments
allocate funds where
needs are adequate.



Ambiguous 4 Analyze
4 Apparent

Distinguish unclear
(ambiguous) from evident
(apparent); analyze means
to examine evidence
carefully. Example: The
policy was ambiguous until
researchers analyzed the
data.

Short focused examples help you remember register and collocation.

Core Academic Words (21350)



Approach 4 Assess 4 Assume

Common in essays about methods or studies: assess evidence, avoid unsupported assumptions.



Attribute 4 Benefit 4 Broad

Attribute causes, describe benefits, and use broad for general scope.



Capacity 4 Challenge 4 Circumstance

Use capacity for limits, challenge for problems, and circumstance to qualify claims.



Pair vocabulary with real-world contexts (research, policy, education) to sound authoritative. Practice by revising sample Task 2 prompts using these words.

Core Academic Words (51380)

Cultural 4 Data 4 Debate



Contribute 4

Controversy 4 Crucial

8Contribute9 for positive inputs, 8controversy9 for debate, and 8crucial9 to stress importance.

Example: Technology contributes to growth but can spark controversy.



Use 'data' with verbs like suggest or indicate; 'debate' frames balanced discussion.



Decline 4 Define 4

Demonstrate

8Define9 key terms early;

8demonstrate9 connects evidence to claims.

Keep definitions short in notes and practice using each word in one sentence per day to build retention.

Core Academic Words (81-100)



The 3-step routine helps internalize high-frequency IELTS words. Step 1: learn meanings and collocations. Step 2: use words actively in essays and speaking. Step 3: review via spaced repetition and teacher feedback.

20 Common IELTS Collocations



Play a role 4 Have an impact on 4 Draw a conclusion

Useful for framing cause-effect and evaluation:

"Technology plays a major role in education."



Raise awareness 4 Take measures 4 Pose a threat

Strong for problem-solution essays: propose measures, warn about threats, and call to raise awareness.



Meet demand 4 Address an issue 4 Face challenges

Use in urbanization or policy contexts: cities must expand to meet demand and address issues.

Memorize collocations rather than single words 4 this improves naturalness and band score for lexical resource.

Synonyms to Upgrade Everyday Words

CommonWord	AcademicSynonym1	AcademicSynonym 2
Important	Significant	Crucial
Show	Demonstrate	Illustrate
Use	Utilize	Employ
Think	Consider	Contemplate
Help	Facilitate	Assist
Problem	Issue	Challenge
Change	Transform	Alter
Increase	Rise	Surge
Decrease	Decline	Diminish

Swap common words for these synonyms to elevate tone. Avoid overuse—variety and precision matter more than rare vocabulary.

Quick Usage Tips – What to Avoid

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Avoid weak words

Replace good/bad/a lot/very/people with stronger academic alternatives (e.g., beneficial, detrimental, numerous, significantly, individuals).

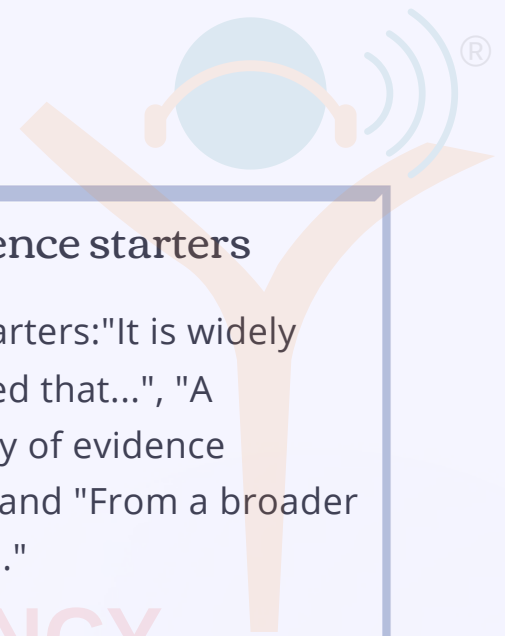
Be precise with evidence

Use verbs like indicate, demonstrate, and suggest when referencing data. Qualify claims—don't overgeneralize.

Vary sentence starters

Use Task 2 starters: "It is widely acknowledged that...", "A growing body of evidence suggests...", and "From a broader perspective..."

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Practice Activities & Study Plan

Daily: Learn 6-8 words

Create example sentences and include collocations. Review with spaced repetition.

Weekly: Write one Task 2 essay

Include at least 10 target words and 3 collocations. Self-assess or get teacher feedback.

Monthly: Timed practice & review

Simulate test conditions, track vocabulary accuracy, and revise troublesome words.

Consistent active use (writing and speaking) accelerates retention more than passive review.

