IELTS Word List

Vocabulary List

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adjacent adj. /əˈdʒeɪsənt/

next to or very near something

Use it with: adjacent to · adjacent buildings **Tip:** Useful for Task 1 maps: “adjacent to the river”.

The car park is **adjacent** to the station.

albeit conj. /ɔːlˈbiːɪt/

although

Use it with: albeit slowly **Tip:** Formal; follow it with an adjective, adverb or short phrase, not a full clause.

The plan worked, **albeit** more slowly than expected.

assemble v. /əˈsembl/

to put parts together; or to gather in one place

Family: assembly (n.) **Use it with:** assemble parts · an assembly line **Tip:** Task 1 process diagrams: “The parts are then assembled.”

The phones are **assembled** in Vietnam.

collapse v./n. /kəˈlæps/

to fall down suddenly; or to fail completely

Use it with: collapse suddenly · economic collapse

The old bridge **collapsed** during the storm.

colleague n. /ˈkɒliːg/

a person you work with

Use it with: a work colleague · a former colleague

She discussed the problem with her **colleagues**.

compile v. /kəmˈpaɪl/

to collect information and put it together in a list or book

Family: compilation (n.) **Use it with:** compile a list · compile a report

The researchers **compiled** data from 30 countries.

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conceive v. /kənˈsiːv/

to think of a new idea or plan

Family: inconceivable (adj.) · conception (n.) **Use it with:** conceive of · conceive a plan

The project was **conceived** by two students.

convince v. /kənˈvɪns/

to make someone believe that something is true

Family: convincing (adj.) · convinced (adj.) **Use it with:** convince someone that… · a convincing argument

The evidence **convinced** the jury.

depression n. /dɪˈpreʃn/

a medical condition of deep sadness; or a long period of economic failure

Family: depress (v.) · depressed (adj.) **Use it with:** suffer from depression · an economic depression

Depression is a common mental health problem among students.

encounter v./n. /enˈkaʊntə/

to meet or experience something, often a problem

Use it with: encounter problems · a brief encounter

Students often **encounter** difficulties in their first year abroad.

enormous adj. /ɪˈnɔːməs/

extremely large

Family: enormously (adv.) **Use it with:** an enormous amount · enormously popular

The new stadium cost an **enormous** amount of money.

forthcoming adj. /ˈfɔːθkʌmɪŋ/

going to happen soon

Use it with: the forthcoming election

Details of the **forthcoming** exams are on the website.

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inclined adj. /ɪn'klaɪnd/

wanting to do something, or likely to do it

Family: incline (v./n.) · inclination (n.) **Use it with:** be inclined to · inclined to agree **Tip:** I am inclined to agree sounds polite and careful.

Young people are more **inclined** to shop online.

integrity n. /ɪn'tegrɪti/

the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

Use it with: personal integrity · academic integrity

Politicians must show **integrity**.

intrinsic adj. /ɪn'trɪnsɪk/

belonging naturally to something; basic

Family: intrinsically (adv.) **Use it with:** intrinsic value · intrinsic motivation

Learning a language has **intrinsic** value.

invoke v. /ɪn'vəʊk/

to mention a law, rule or idea to support what you do

Use it with: invoke a law

The government **invoked** emergency powers.

levy n./v. /'levi/

an official tax; or to put a tax on something

Use it with: levy a tax · impose a levy

The city **levies** a small tax on hotel rooms.

likewise adv. /'laɪkwaɪz/

in the same way

Use it with: likewise, … **Tip:** Use it to show that two things are similar.

Prices in Beijing rose; **likewise**, prices in Shanghai went up.

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nonetheless adv. /ˌnʌnðə'les/

despite this; however

Use it with: nonetheless, … **Tip:** Same meaning as nevertheless.

The task was hard. **Nonetheless**, the team finished on time.

notwithstanding prep. /ˌnɒtwɪð'stændɪŋ/

despite

Tip: Very formal; "despite" is usually better.

Notwithstanding the bad weather, the event was a success.

odd adj. /ɒd/

strange or unusual; or (of numbers) not even

Family: oddly (adv.) **Use it with:** odd numbers · it is odd that…

It is **odd** that nobody reported the problem earlier.

ongoing adj. /'ɒŋgəʊɪŋ/

continuing; still happening

Use it with: an ongoing problem · ongoing research

There is an **ongoing** debate about school uniforms.

panel n. /'pænl/

a group of experts; or a flat piece of material

Use it with: a panel of experts · solar panels

A **panel** of judges chose the winner.

persist v. /pə'sɪst/

to continue to exist or to keep trying

Family: persistent (adj.) · persistence (n.) **Use it with:** persist in · persistent problems

If the pain **persists**, see a doctor.

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pose v. /pəʊz/

to cause a problem or danger; or to ask a question

Use it with: pose a threat · pose a risk · pose a question

Plastic waste **poses** a serious threat to sea life.

reluctant adj. /rɪˈlʌktənt/

not wanting to do something

Family: reluctance (n.) · reluctantly (adv.) **Use it with:** reluctant to do · with reluctance

Many older people are **reluctant** to use online banking.

so-called adj. /səʊ kɔːld/

used to show that a name is commonly used, or that you doubt it

Use it with: the so-called…

The **so-called** experts were wrong about the price of oil.

straightforward adj. /streɪtˈfɔːwəd/

easy to understand or do

Use it with: a straightforward task · fairly straightforward

The application process is quite **straightforward**.

undergo v. /ˌʌndəˈgəʊ/

to experience a change or a medical treatment

Use it with: undergo surgery · undergo changes **Tip:** Past forms: underwent, undergone.

The city centre is **undergoing** major changes.

whereby adv. /ˈweəbaɪ/

by which; through which

Use it with: a system whereby **Tip:** Formal.

They started a scheme **whereby** students teach older people to use phones.

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