IELTS Word List

Vocabulary List

Vocabulary and example	Write it

congestion n. /kənˈdʒestʃn/

too much traffic, so that movement is slow or blocked

Family: congested (adj.) **Use it with:** traffic congestion · a congestion charge

The study compares traffic **congestion** at the two main junctions.

pedestrian n./adj. /pəˈdestrɪən/

a person walking in the street; or for people on foot

Family: pedestrianise (v.) **Use it with:** a pedestrian crossing · pedestrian zone

The plan adds a **pedestrian** crossing beside the station.

amenity n. /əˈmenɪti/

a useful or pleasant service or place, such as a park or library

Family: amenities (pl.) **Use it with:** local amenities · basic amenities **Tip:** Usually plural.

Residents value local **amenities** such as parks and libraries.

tenant n. /ˈtenənt/

a person who pays rent to live in or use a building

Family: tenancy (n.) **Use it with:** a tenancy agreement

The **tenant** reported the broken window to the landlord.

landlord n. /ˈlændlɔːd/

a person or company that rents a building to someone

Use it with: a private landlord **Tip:** The landlord owns; the tenant rents. Don't swap them.

The **landlord** arranged a repair after the tenant's report.

density n. /ˈdensɪti/

how many people or things there are in a space

Family: dense (adj.) **Use it with:** population density · high-density housing

The report compares population **density** in people per square kilometre.

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regeneration n. /riːˌdʒenəˈreɪʃn/

improving an old or poor area with new buildings and jobs

Family: regenerate (v.) **Use it with:** urban regeneration

The **regeneration** plan includes repairs to empty buildings and new public space.

urbanisation n. /ˌɜːbənaɪˈzeɪʃn/

the movement of people from the countryside into towns and cities

Family: urban (adj.) **Use it with:** rapid urbanisation · urban areas **Tip:** American spelling: urbanization.

Rapid **urbanisation** has created very large cities in Asia.

suburb n. /ˈsʌbɜːb/

a mainly residential area on the edge of a city

Family: suburban (adj.) **Use it with:** live in the suburbs

Many families move to the **suburbs** for bigger houses.

outskirts n. /ˈaʊtskɜːts/

the outer parts of a town or city

Use it with: on the outskirts of **Tip:** Always plural.

The new hospital is on the **outskirts** of the city.

rush hour phrase /rʌʃ ˈaʊə/

the busy times of day when people travel to and from work

Use it with: in the rush hour · rush-hour traffic

Trains are very crowded during **rush hour**.

public transport phrase /ˈpʌblɪk ˈtrænspɔːt/

buses, trains and trams that everyone can use for a fare

Use it with: use public transport · improve public transport

Cheap **public transport** reduces the number of cars in the city.

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high-rise adj./n. /haɪ raɪz/

(a building) very tall, with many floors

Use it with: high-rise buildings · high-rise flats

Most people in Hong Kong live in **high-rise** flats.

slum n. /slʌm/

a very poor and crowded area of a city

Use it with: urban slums

Millions of people live in **slums** without clean water.

homelessness n. /ˈhəʊmləsnəs/

the situation of having no home

Family: homeless (adj.) **Use it with:** tackle homelessness · the homeless

Homelessness has risen as rents have increased.

overcrowded adj. /ˌəʊvəˈkraʊdɪd/

with too many people in one place

Family: overcrowding (n.) **Use it with:** overcrowded cities · overcrowded housing

Overcrowded trains are uncomfortable and unsafe.

green space phrase /ɡriːn speɪs/

an area of grass and trees in a town, such as a park

Use it with: access to green space · public green spaces

Children need **green space** to play outdoors.

cycle lane phrase /ˈsaɪkl leɪn/

a part of a road only for bicycles

Family: bike lane (n.) **Use it with:** a separate cycle lane

The city has built 200 kilometres of **cycle lanes**.

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noise pollution phrase /nɔɪz pəˈluːʃn/

unpleasant noise from traffic, aircraft or building work

Use it with: reduce noise pollution

People living near the airport suffer from **noise pollution**.

urban sprawl phrase /ˈɜːbən sprɔːl/

the spread of a city into the countryside around it

Use it with: limit urban sprawl

Urban sprawl means longer journeys to work.

rent n./v. /rent/

money paid regularly to live in or use a place; or to pay this

Family: rental (adj./n.) **Use it with:** pay rent · rent a flat · high rents

Rent takes half of many young workers' income.

mortgage n. /ˈmɔːgɪdʒ/

a loan from a bank to buy a house

Use it with: take out a mortgage · pay off a mortgage **Tip:** The t is silent: say "MOR-gidge".

They took out a 25-year **mortgage**.

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traffic jam phrase /ˈtræfɪk dʒæm/

a long line of vehicles that cannot move or move very slowly

Use it with: get stuck in a traffic jam

We were stuck in a **traffic jam** for an hour.

car-free adj. /kɑː friː/

where cars are not allowed

Use it with: a car-free zone · car-free days

The old town is now **car-free**.

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inner city phrase /ˈɪnə ˈsɪti/

the central part of a city, often poor and crowded

Use it with: inner-city areas

Many **inner city** schools lack money.

landmark n. /ˈlændmɑːk/

a famous building or place that is easy to recognise

Use it with: a famous landmark · a historic landmark

The tower is the city's best-known **landmark**.

skyline n. /ˈskaɪlaɪn/

the shape of buildings against the sky

Use it with: the city skyline

Shanghai's **skyline** has changed completely in thirty years.

residential adj. /ˌrezɪˈdenʃl/

(of an area) mainly with homes, not offices or factories

Family: resident (n.) **Use it with:** a residential area · residential streets

Heavy lorries are banned from **residential** streets.

facilities n. /fəˈsɪlɪtiz/

buildings or equipment provided for a purpose

Family: facility (sing.) **Use it with:** sports facilities · leisure facilities

The town lacks sports **facilities** for young people.

commuter belt phrase /kəˈmjuːtə belt/

the towns around a big city where many workers live

Use it with: live in the commuter belt

House prices are rising across the **commuter belt**.

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