IELTS Word List

Vocabulary List

Vocabulary and example	Write it

Wednesday n. /ˈwenzdeɪ/

the day after Tuesday

Use it with: on Wednesday · next Wednesday **Tip:** Say it "Wenz-day", but write W-e-d-n-e-s-day. Days start with a capital letter.

The library is closed on **Wednesday** afternoons.

February n. /ˈfebruːəri/

the second month of the year

Use it with: in February · early February **Tip:** Don't forget the first r: Feb-r-uary. Months start with a capital letter.

The course starts on 3rd **February**.

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Thursday n. /ˈθɜːzdeɪ/

the day after Wednesday

Use it with: on Thursday **Tip:** Th-u-r-s-day.

Members meet every **Thursday** evening.

necessary adj. /ˈnesɪsəri/

needed; that must be done

Family: necessity (n.) **Use it with:** if necessary · absolutely necessary **Tip:** One c, double s: ne-c-e-ss-ary.

Is it **necessary** to book in advance?

separate adj./v. /ˈsepəreɪt/

not joined; or to divide

Family: separately (adv.) **Use it with:** separate rooms · separate from **Tip:** There is "a rat" in sep-a-rate.

Keep your receipts in a **separate** folder.

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library n. /ˈlaɪbrəri/

a building where you can read or borrow books

Family: librarian (n.) **Use it with:** the university library **Tip:** Two r's: li-b-r-a-r-y.

The **library** opens at nine.

restaurant n. /ˈrestrɒnt/

a place where you pay to eat meals

Use it with: a restaurant booking **Tip:** r-e-s-t-a-u-r-a-n-t: "au" in the middle.

We booked a table at an Italian **restaurant**.

receipt n. /rɪˈsiːt/

a piece of paper showing that you have paid

Use it with: a till receipt · ask for a receipt **Tip:** Silent p: rece-i-p-t.

Keep the **receipt** in case you need to return it.

appointment n. /əˈpɔɪntmənt/

an arranged time to see someone, such as a doctor

Use it with: make an appointment · cancel an appointment **Tip:** Double p: a-pp-ointment.

I have a dental **appointment** at 3.30.

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questionnaire n. /ˌkwestʃəˈneə/

a set of written questions used to collect information

Use it with: fill in a questionnaire **Tip:** Double n: questio-nn-aire.

Please complete the **questionnaire** before you leave.

temperature n. /ˈtemprɪtʃə/

how hot or cold something is

Use it with: high temperatures · the average temperature **Tip:** Don't drop the "a": tempe-r-a-ture.

The **temperature** dropped below zero last night.

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vegetable n. /ˈvedʒɪtəbl/

a plant such as a carrot or cabbage that you eat

Family: vegetarian (n./adj.) **Use it with:** fresh vegetables · vegetable soup **Tip:** Say “VEJ-tuh-bl”, but write v-e-g-e-table.

Children should eat more fresh **vegetables**.

government n. /ˈgʌvənmənt/

the group of people who run a country or state

Family: govern (v.) **Use it with:** the local government · government policy **Tip:** Don’t forget the n: gover-n-ment.

The **government** has promised to build more homes.

business n. /ˈbɪznəs/

buying and selling; or a company

Family: businesses (pl.) **Use it with:** run a business · small businesses **Tip:** b-u-s-i-ness: “usi” in the middle.

She runs a small **business** from home.

neighbour n. /ˈneɪbə/

a person who lives next to or near you

Family: neighbourhood (n.) **Use it with:** next-door neighbours · a quiet neighbourhood **Tip:** British: neighbour; American: neighbor. Either is accepted if used consistently.

Our **neighbours** helped us move house.

programme n. /ˈprəʊgræm/

a TV or radio show; or a plan of activities

Use it with: a TV programme · a training programme **Tip:** British English: programme (but a computer program).

The exchange **programme** lasts six months.

centre n. /ˈsentə/

the middle of something; or a building for an activity

Use it with: the city centre · a shopping centre **Tip:** British: centre; American: center.

The sports **centre** is next to the park.

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theatre n. /ˈθɪətə/

a building where plays are performed

Use it with: go to the theatre **Tip:** British: theatre; American: theater.

The **theatre** is closed for repairs.

address n. /əˈdres/

the details of where someone lives

Use it with: home address · email address **Tip:** Double d, double s: a-dd-re-ss.

Please write your email **address** clearly.

calendar n. /ˈkæləndə/

a chart showing the days, weeks and months of a year

Use it with: a wall calendar **Tip:** Ends in -ar, not -er.

Mark the date on your **calendar**.

pharmacy n. /ˈfɑːməsi/

a shop where medicines are prepared and sold

Family: pharmacist (n.) **Use it with:** a local pharmacy **Tip:** The /f/ sound is spelled ph.

The **pharmacy** is on the corner of Station Road.

receptionist n. /rɪˈsepʃənɪst/

a person who welcomes visitors at a hotel or office

Family: reception (n.) **Use it with:** the hotel receptionist

Ask the **receptionist** for a map.

reference n. /ˈrefrəns/

a letter about your character or ability; or a mention of a source

Family: refer (v.) **Use it with:** a reference number · give a reference **Tip:** One r in the middle: re-f-e-r-ence.

My teacher wrote me a **reference** for the job.

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knowledge n. /ˈnɒlɪdʒ/

facts and skills you have learned

Family: know (v.) **Use it with:** general knowledge **Tip:** Silent k and d: k-now-l-e-d-ge.

A basic **knowledge** of Excel is needed.

Excel

occasionally adv. /əˈkeɪʒənəli/

sometimes, but not often

Family: occasion (n.) **Use it with:** only occasionally **Tip:** Double c, one s, double l: o-cc-a-s-iona-ll-y.

I **occasionally** work from home.

beginning n. /bɪˈgɪnɪŋ/

the first part of something

Family: begin (v.) **Use it with:** at the beginning of **Tip:** Double n before -ing: begi-nn-ing.

Payment is due at the **beginning** of the month.

recommend v. /ˌrekəˈmend/

to say that something is good or suitable

Family: recommendation (n.) **Use it with:** highly recommend · recommend that… **Tip:** One c, double m: re-c-o-mm-end.

I would **recommend** the city tour.

insurance n. /ɪnˈʃʊərəns/

an agreement in which you pay a company that will pay you if something bad happens

Family: insure (v.) **Use it with:** car insurance · health insurance **Tip:** Ends in -ance.

Does the price include **insurance**?

deposit n. /dɪˈpɒzɪt/

money you pay first, which you may get back later

Use it with: pay a deposit · a refundable deposit **Tip:** -it, not -et.

The landlord asks for a **deposit** of one month's rent.

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semester n. /səˈmestə/

one of two periods that a school or university year is divided into

Family: term (n.) **Use it with:** the spring semester

The second **semester** begins in February.

seminar n. /ˈsemɪnɑː/

a class where a small group discusses a subject with a teacher

Use it with: attend a seminar **Tip:** Ends in -ar.

The history **seminar** is on Tuesday mornings.

tutorial n. /tjuːˈtɔːrɪəl/

a lesson with a tutor for one student or a small group

Use it with: a weekly tutorial

Bring your essay plan to the **tutorial**.

dissertation n. /dɪsəˈteɪʃn/

a long essay written for a university degree

Use it with: write a dissertation **Tip:** Double s, double t: di-ss-er-t-a-t-ion.

Her **dissertation** is about river pollution.

bibliography n. /ˌbɪblɪˈɒgrəfi/

a list of the books and articles used in a piece of writing

Use it with: include a bibliography

Add a **bibliography** at the end of your essay.

luggage n. /ˈlʌgɪdʒ/

the bags and cases you take on a journey

Family: baggage (n.) **Use it with:** hand luggage · luggage allowance **Tip:** Uncountable: "two pieces of luggage". Double g.

Please do not leave your **luggage** unattended.

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brochure n. /ˈbrəʊʃə/

a thin book with pictures giving information about a product or place

Use it with: a travel brochure **Tip:** The “sh” sound is spelled ch.

Pick up a free **brochure** at the information desk.

certificate n. /səˈtɪfɪkət/

an official document showing that you have done something

Family: certify (v.) **Use it with:** a birth certificate · a certificate of attendance

You will receive a **certificate** at the end of the course.

postcode n. /ˈpəʊstkəʊd/

letters and numbers added to an address to help deliver post

Family: zip code (n., US) **Use it with:** enter your postcode **Tip:** Write letters and numbers exactly as you hear them, for example BS8 1QU.

What’s your **postcode**?

surname n. /ˈsɜːneɪm/

your family name

Family: first name (n.) **Use it with:** spell your surname **Tip:** In Listening, names are spelled aloud letter by letter: listen for “double”.

Could you spell your **surname**, please?

stationery n. /ˈsteɪʃənəri/

paper, pens and other things for writing

Use it with: school stationery **Tip:** Stationery (paper) ends -ery; stationary (not moving) ends -ary.

The shop sells **stationery** for students.

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