

IELTS Vocabulary

Topic 1: People

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: People"	
Adolescent = teenager	Sibling = brother or sister
Characteristic = typical feature	Responsibility = duty
Individual = person	Resemble = look like
Reliable = can be trusted	Bond = close tie / link
Conscious = aware	Inherent = natural / instinctive

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: People"	
Self-esteem = belief in yourself	Stereotypical = having typical qualities
Fallible = able to make mistakes and be wrong	Sociable = friendly or seeking company
Tendency = recurring action or behavior	Gender = sex (male or female)
Lifetime = period of time you are alive	Empathise = understand someone's feelings
Hardwired = automatic behavior	Habitually = usually or repeatedly

Topic 2: Health & fitness

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Health & fitness"	
Allergic = react badly to	Harmful = unsafe
Appetite = desire for food	Lifestyle = the way you live
Ingredients = contents of food	Recovery = getting better(from illness)
Hunger = need for food	Treatment = medical care
Nutritious = full of VIT	Suffer = feel pain
IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Health & fitness"	
Sedentary = sitting a lot or inactive	Psychological = mental
Beneficial = helpful / positive	Intake = amount you take in
Detrimental = harmful / negative	Eradicate = get rid of / eliminate / wipe out
Well-being = health and happiness	Severity = how serious something is
Preventive= protective	Additives = chemicals added to food

Topic 3: Science

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Science"	
Elementary = basic	Combine = mix together
Analyse = examine in details	Exposure = in contact with
Detergent = soap	Side effects = unwanted reactions
Basis = the principal idea	Toxic = poisonous
Fertilizer = plant food	Contaminated = polluted

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Science"	
Ascertain = make sure or establish	Breakthrough = important new discovery
Release = allow to escape(gas) or give off	Accumulate = collect over time, gather or build up
Absorb = take in or soak up (liquid or gas)	Synthetic = man-made or artificial
Potential = ability / capability	Advances = progress or developments
Precise = exact or accurate	Quantify = count or measure

Topic 4: Community

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Community"	
Antisocial = against society	Conform = follow the rules
Cooperate = work together	Mindset = attitude
Minority = small percentage	Shun = avoid
Conventional = traditional	Interaction = communication
Pressure = stress	Conduct = behavior

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Community"	
Considerate = Kind and Helpful or thoughtful	Mainstream = common or average (ideas)
Civilization = culturally advanced human society	Supportive = helpful and encouraging
Appropriate = suitable	Engage = join in or get involved
Voluntary = done willingly or without payment	Charitable = helping the poor or needy
Foster = help something grow (attitude or idea)	Multicultural = having many different cultures

Topic 5: Study

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Study"	
Theoretical = academic or not proven	Educational
Acquire = gain or get	Compulsory = must be done
Valid = reasonable	Determine = discover or find out
Establish = prove	Significant = important
Review = check or go over	Concentrate = think very hard

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Study"	
Specialize = concentrate on one subject	Profound = deep or intense (effect or feeling)
Cognitive = connected to thinking or mental	Curiosity = desire to know or find out / interest
Achievement = reaching a goal or success	Failure = lack of success or collapse
Determination = trying hard or not giving up	Miscalculation = bad judgment or calculation
Collaborate = work together with	Methodical = in a careful or ordered way

Topic 6: Advertising

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Advertising"	
Persuade = get s to agree	Convinced = sure of S
Unavoidable = certain to happen	Commercialized = focused on profits
Effective = achieving its aims	Ploy = trick or gimmick
Visualise = mentally picture	Intrusive = not welcome
Promote = advertise	Exaggerate = magnify the truth

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Advertising"	
Ignore = pay no attention	Endorse = recommend a product or brand
Guarantee = promise that S will happen	Gullible = easily tricked or too trusting
Prominent = noticeable / stand out	Pressure = forcefully persuade compel
Incorporate = use / include / contain	Entice = persuade by offering S / tempt
Bombard = attack continuously / pester	Inescapable = cannot be avoided / unavoidable

Topic 7: Travel & places

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Travel & Places"	
Memorable = unforgettable	Inhabitants = people living in a place
Custom = local tradition	Attract = act like a magnet
Remote = distant / far away	Spectacular = amazing
Landscape = large area of countryside	Outweigh = be more important than
Basic = simple / not luxurious	Barren = without plants

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Travel & Places"	
Cautious = avoiding risks / wary	Wander = walk without aim / stroll / roam
Adventurous = willing to try new thing / daring	Spontaneous = act without planning / unplanned
Unspoilt = beautiful or undamaged	Wilderness = land not used
Paradise = a perfect place	Leisurely = in a relaxed way / not rushed (
Foreign = strange or unfamiliar	Rival = be good as S else

Topic 9: Animals

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Animals"	
Endangered = dying out	Venomous = poisonous
Domesticates = tame / not wild	Thrive = grow = be successful
Predator = animals that hunts another	Vulnerable = easily hurt
Nocturnal = active at night	Dwindle = become smaller or fewer
Habitat = A natural environ.	Prey

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Animals"	
Survival = continuing to live or exist	Co-exist = live in the same time or place
Abandon = leave permanently = desert	Captivity = the state of being locked up
Cruelty = behavior that causes pain	Sanctuary = safe = protected place
Defence = reaction to attack / self-protection	Conservation = protecting them
Colony	Creature = living thing

Topic 10: Space

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Space"	
Explode = break up violently	Explore = search a new area
Risky = dangerous	Debris = large broken pieces
Frightening = makes u afraid	Infinite = without end
Acclimatise = adjust / adapt / get used to	Fascinating = extremely interesting
Surface = top layer	Astronaut = working in space

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Space"	
Collide = crash into / strike	Universal = worldwide / existing everywhere
Misuse = bad usage of Sth	Boost = (give)added power / increase
Hollow = empty inside	Prolonged = lengthy / over a long time
Rotation = spinning / turning	Fragile = easily broken / delicate
Vertical = pointing, going up	Transmit = send out(a signal)

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Topic 11: Technology and Computer

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Virtual = not real	Digital = computerized
Embrace = accept eagerly	Online = via the internet
Addicted = obsessed	Secure = safe
Cutting-edge = the very latest	Cyberbullying = attacking S online
Technological = relate to tech	Dated = old-fashioned

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Technology & Computer"	
Appliance = domestic machine	Creativity = imagination / ingenuity
Surpass = beat / outperform / do or be better than	Run-down = neglected / in a bad condition
Hardware = the phys. Parts PC	Upgrade = improve the quality
Innovative = inventive / a new use of something	Computerized = run or controlled by computer
Devise = come up with = invent	Equipped = have(a tool) included or attached

Topic 12: Machines

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Machines"	
Device = gadget or tool	Manufactured = made in a factory
Operate = work(a machine)	Convey = transport
Automated = done by mach.	Mechanical
Accelerate = go faster	Manually = by hand
Technique = method	Rotate = turn

Topic 13: Fashion

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Fashion"	
Consumer = user of goods	Passing = short-lived
Trendy = fashionable	Lasting = long-term
Impulsive = acts without thinking	Consumerism = buying and owning goods
Purchase = S bought	Impractical = unsuitable for a situation
Discard = through away	Mass-produced = made on large scale

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Fashion"

Ethical = morally right	Emerge = appear / arise
Disposable = intended to be thrown away	Second-hand = used / not new
Possessions = things you own / belongings	Donate = give money or goods to charity
Individuality = what makes you different or unique	Impulse = sudden urge or desire
Manufacturer = company making goods / producer	Material = physical / related to possessions

Topic 14: City

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: City"

Inadequate = not good enough	Transportation = means of travel
Pedestrian = person walking	Commute = journey to work
Pavement = footpath	Slums = poor quality housing
Infrastructure = services in an area	Overpopulated = having too many people
Outskirts = edge of the city	Isolated = alone / separate

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: City"	
Imbalance = inequality / lack of balance	Overwhelmed = unable to cope / strongly affected
Shortage = lack / not enough of	Affluent = rich / wealthy / prosperous
Deprived = poor / disadvantaged	Congested = having too much traffic
Sanitation = system to remove dirty water or waste	Homelessness = the issue of people having no home
Poverty = the condition of being poor	Amenities = facilities / conveniences

Topic 15: Environment

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Environment"	
Agricultural	Cultivate = make S grow
Disaster = terrible event or accident	Erosion = loss of soil
Environmental	Logging = cutting down trees
Vital = very important	Irrigation = watering system
Impact	Pesticide = insect killer

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Environment"	
Urgent = pressing / needing quick attention	Pollutant = a substance that pollutes
Ecosystem = all living things in an area	Vegetation = Plants and trees in an are
Unprecedented = never seen before / unheard-of	Intervene = step in / become involved
Hazardous = dangerous to health or safety	Degrade = become spoiled or lower in quality
Safeguard = keep safe / protect	Deforestation = removal of trees / logging

Topic 16: Energy

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Energy"	
Generate = produce	Alternative = not traditional
Harness = capture and use	Mining = digging up coal etc.
Renewable = can be made again	Sustainable = will not run out
Maximize = make the most of	Consumption = use
Curb = limit the use of	Emissions = gases released

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Energy"	
Abundant = in large quantities / plentiful	Regulate = control S with rules
Scarce = not easy to find = rare	Supply = give or provide a supply
Unsustainable = using more than can be replaced	Squander = waste(money, supplies or opportunity)
Exploit = take advantage or make the most of	Biofuels = fuel made from a living thing or waste
Achievable = realistic / attainable	Finite = limited / have end

Topic 17: Issues

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Issues"	
Globalization = worldwide trade	Modernization
Tackle = deal with (a prob.)	Worsen = get worse
Overcome = beat = conquer	Pressing = urgent
Development = growth / becoming advanced	Diversity = including different types
Tolerate = willing to accept (BH)	Ongoing = continuing

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Issues"	
Scenario = possible future situation	Critical = very serious or important / crucial
Escalate = become worse / intensify	Dispute = argument / disagreement
Contemplate = consider / think carefully	Crisis = extremely bad situation / emergency
Inevitable = certain to happen / unavoidable	Acknowledge = admit or accept that S is true
Chaos = total confusion / disorder = turmoil	Measures = preventive actions / steps

Topic 18: Business & Work

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Business & Work"	
Occupation = job	Overtime = extra working Hrs.
Rewarding = satisfying	Deadline = due date
Recruit = take on new staff	Conditions = (work) environ.
Negotiate = discuss details (of a deal)	Colleague = person you work with
Financial = related to money	Employee = worker

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Business & Work"	
Competitive = involving competition with others	Household = of the people in a house / domestic
Flexibility = ability to adapt	Delegate = give tasks to others / pass on
Monopoly = no competitors / exclusive control	Demanding = stressful / need a lot of attention
High-street = ordinary or traditional (shops)	Ambitious = having a strong desire to success
Leadership = the ability to lead	Entrepreneurs = people who start businesses

Topic 19: Crime

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Crime"	
Imprison = put in jail	Commit = carry out (crime)
Petty = small (crimes)	Deter = frighten off
Juvenile = relating to young	Prevent = stop
Consequence = Effect or result	Enforce = ensure people obey (law)
Offence = crime	Harsh = very tough (punish.)

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Crime"	
Vandalism = damage to property	Predominantly = mostly / largely
Bystander = S watching nearby / onlooker	Weapon = object used to fight
Wrongdoing = any bad or illegal action	Prohibit = legally prevent S / forbid / ban
Lenient = soft = not strict (punishment)	Legalise = make S legal / authorize
Prosecute = legally accuse S of a crime / sue	Punish = Make S suffer for a crime

Topic 20: Media

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Media"	
Tabloid = less serious news papers	Biased = one-sided
Inform = give the facts	Impartial = neutral / balanced
Medium = one type of media	Well-informed = having a lot of information
Emphasize = highlight	Verify = check S is true
Sensational = aiming to shock	Paparazzi = celebrity photographers

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Media"	
Speculate = make guess about topic or person	Scrutinize = examine very carefully
Viewer = person watching TV	Censor = control what is published
Manipulate = control S or S in a negative way	Distorted = altered / inaccurate
Controversial = causing disagreement	Spotlight = public attention / publicity / limelight / being in the public eye
Infamous = famous for S bad or negative / notorious	Imply = suggest S without stating it

Topic 21: Art

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Art"	
Dramatic = full of emotions	Comical = funny
Atmosphere = mood or feeling (of a place)	Entertaining = providing amusement
Lively = full of energy	Participate = take part
Exhibition = a public display	Perform = play or act on stage
Subjective = personal view	Tedious = boring / tiresome

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Art"	
Audience = the who watch or read S	Sacrifice = give up
Moving = causing sadness / emotional	Influence = cause S to change / affect
Inspire = make you want to do or create S	Convey = communicate or express (emotion)
Venue = place where an even happens	Spectator = person watch a live event
Interactive = actively involving the visitor or user	Escapism = a way to avoid reality to being bored

Topic 22: Changes

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Changes"	
Imminent = coming soon	Gradual = little by little
Endure = last a long time	Temporary = for a short time
Moderate = slight	Retrospect = looking back
Shift = change	Preceding = earlier
Abrupt = sudden	Turbulent = not calm

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Topic 23: Letter

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Letter & General"	
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Enclosed = put inside	Delighted = very pleased
Dissatisfied = not happy with	Service = treatment of a customer
Propose = suggest	Available = free / not busy

IELTS vocabulary Band +8 "Topic: Letter & General"	
Inconvenient = causing problems and difficulties	Unforeseen = unexpected / sudden
Behalf = acting for S	Response = answer / reaction
Consider = think about an idea	Privileged = (feel) special/given advantages
Hesitate = pause before acting / stop to think	Accidentally = not deliberately / unintentionally
Ruined = spoiled/ damaged	Unpleasant = not enjoyable / upsetting

Topic 24: Describing data

IELTS vocabulary Band +7 "Topic: Describing data"	
Percentage	Reach = get up to (level)
Fluctuate = vary a great deal	Indicate = show
Projected	Steadily = in a constant way
Steep = at a sharp angle	Anticipated = expected
Noticeable = visible/evident	Proportion = fraction

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