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IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (1)

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abandon: lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

abandonment: giving up completely; freedom from constraint

abbreviation: shortening something by omitting parts of it

abeyance: suspended action; temporary cessation or suspension

abide: endure; put up with; bear; tolerate

ability: capacity; skill

abnormal: unusual; not typical; not normal

aboard: on a ship, train, plane or other vehicle; in or into a group, organization, or business

abolish: cancel; put an end to; destroy completely

abolition: ending; act of abolishing; act of doing away with

abortion: termination of pregnancy; failure of a plan

abortive: unsuccessful; failing to accomplish an intended objective; fruitless

abridge: condense; shorten; reduce length of written text

abrogate: abolish, do away with, or annul, especially by authority

abrupt: broken off; very steep; having sudden transitions from one subject to another

absence: state of being absent; state of being away

absent: go away or leave ; missing; not present



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absolute: perfect in quality or nature; complete; totally unlimited; certain

absolutely: utterly; definitely

absorb: assimilate or incorporate; suck or drink up; occupy full attention

absorption: process of absorbing nutrients into the body after digestion; state of mental concentration

abstract: theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

absurd: preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

absurdity: quality of being absurd or inconsistent with obvious truth, reason, or sound judgment; logical contradiction

abundance: great or plentiful amount; fullness to overflowing

abundant: plentiful; possessing riches or resources

abuse: improper use or handling; misuse

academic: related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to scholarly organization; based on formal education

academy: school for special instruction; society of scholars, scientists, or artists

accede: agree; give consent, often at insistence of another; concede

accelerate: move faster; cause to develop or progress more quickly; occur sooner than expected

acceleration: faster rate of improvement; rate of change of velocity with respect to time

access: approach; entry; entrance

accessible: easily approached or entered; obtainable; easy to talk to or get along with

accessory: additional object; useful but not essential thing; subordinate or supplementary item

accident: event that takes place without one's foresight or expectation; sudden, and unexpected event



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accidental: unexpected; unforeseen

accidentally: inadvertently; by chance; casually; fortuitously; not essentially or intrinsically

accommodate: do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

accommodation: living quarters provided for public convenience

accompaniment: act of accompanying someone or something

accompany: travel with; be associated with

accomplish: succeed in doing; bring to pass; achieve; reach the end of; complete

accomplishment: achievement; fulfillment

accord: settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

account: narrative or record of events; reason given for a particular action or event

accountant: one who maintains and audits business accounts

accounting: system that provides quantitative information about finances

accrue: increase, accumulate, or come about as a result of growth; accumulate over time

accumulate: pile up; collect; mount up; increase

accumulation: increase by natural growth or addition; concentration

accuracy: quality of nearness to the truth or the true value

accurate: capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

accusation: indictment; charge of wrongdoing that is made against a person or other party

accuse: blame; condemn

achieve: gain with effort; accomplish; fulfill

achievement: feat; accomplishment; award for completing a particular task or meeting an objective



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acid: sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful

acknowledge: declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

acquaint: inform about; cause to come to know personally; make familiar

acquaintance: personal knowledge or information about someone or something

acquainted: known by or familiar with another; informed or familiar

acquire: gain through experience or effort; gain possession of; locate with tracking system

acquisition: act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of something

across: from side to side; crosswise, or in a direction opposed to the length

activate: make active or more active; stimulate; make radioactive

actively: energetically; vigorously; in an active manner; voluntarily, not passively

actual: true; real; being, existing, or acting at the present moment; current

actually: truly; really; in fact

acute: quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

adapt: make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

adaptation: modification; alteration or adjustment in structure or habits

additional: further; extra; supplemental or added to

additive: addition; supplement

address: make a formal speech to; deal with or discuss; direct efforts or attention of

adequate: sufficient; enough to meet a purpose

adhere: stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with



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adhesive: glue; paste ; substance that unites or bonds surfaces together

adjacent: adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

adjoin: be next to; be contiguous to; border on

adjust: adapt; regulate

adjustment: making or becoming suitable; adjusting to circumstances

administer: govern; supervise; give or apply medications

administration: management; supervision; people who are in charge for management; activity of government for powers and duties

administrative: of or relating to or responsible for administration

admiration: favorable judgment; feeling of pleasure, wonder, and approval

admire: regard with wonder or astonishment; view with surprise; marvel at

admission: act or practice of admitting; power or permission to enter

admit: permit to enter; receive; provide the right or a means of entrance to

admittedly: doubtlessly; in an acknowledged manner; confessedly

adolescence: state of growing up from childhood to manhood or womanhood; transitional period between youth and maturity

adolescent: a juvenile between the onset of puberty and maturity;

adopt: accept; take on; raise; take into one's family

adoption: act of accepting with approval

adore: worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection

adorn: enhance or decorate with or as if with ornaments



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- adornment: embellishment; decoration; something that beautifies or adorns; ornament
- adult: one who has attained maturity or legal age; fully grown
- advance: proceed; move forward; improve; moving forward
- advanced: improved; highly developed or complex; ahead of the times; progressive
- adventure: something happens without design; chance; hazard; risk; danger
- adventurous: valiant; venturesome; inclined or willing to incur hazard or engage in adventures
- adversary: opponent in contest; someone who offers opposition
- adverse: in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose
- adversity: state of misfortune, hardship, or affliction; misfortune
- advertise: give notice to; inform or apprise; make known; give public notice of
- advisable: proper to be advised or to be done; expedient; prudent; ready to receive advice
- advocate: speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something
- aerial: of the air or atmosphere; produced by or found in the air; performed in the air
- affect: have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
- affection: fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness
- affectionate: having affection or warm regard; loving; fond; kindly inclined; zealous
- affiliate: associate; incorporate
- affirm: assert; confirm
- affirmation: positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath
- affirmative: confirmative; ratifying; giving assent or approval; confirming
- afford: pay; provide; have the financial means for; bear the cost of



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affordable: able to pay for

agency: a business that serves other businesses; an administrative unit of government

agent: one that acts on behalf of other persons or organizations

aggravate: worsen; make worse or more troublesome

aggregate: gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to

aggregation: several things grouped together or considered as a whole

aggressive: making assaults; unjustly attacking; combative; hostile; tending to spread quickly

aggressor: one that engages in aggression; person who first attacks

agitate: cause to move with violence or sudden force; upset; disturb

agitation: anxiety; extreme emotional disturbance

agony: extreme pain of mind or body; anguish; last struggle of life; death struggle

agreeable: ready to consent or submit; acceptable

agreement: state of agreeing; harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character

agriculture: practice of cultivating the land or raising stock

aid: person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

ailment: sickness; illness; affliction

aim: point or direct towards an object or spot with the intent of hitting it

air: be broadcast on television or radio

aircraft: vehicle that can fly, such as an airplane, helicopter, balloon

aisle: passageway between rows of seats, as in an auditorium or an airplane; wing of a building



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ajar: half-open; slightly turned or opened

alarm: any sound or information intended to give notice of approaching danger

album: a list of names; a register for visitors; a blank book, in which to insert autographs sketches, memorial writing of friends, photographs

alert: warning serves; alarm; condition of heightened watchfulness or preparation for action

alien: dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

alienate: cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally

alignment: arrangement; association; alliance

alike: similar; in the same manner or to the same degree

allergic: excessively sensitive; susceptible; having an allergy

allergy: hyper sensitivity reaction; abnormally high sensitivity to certain substances

alliance: state of being allied; act of allying or uniting; a union or connection of interests between families, states, parties

allocate: assign; distribute according to plan

allot: parcel out in parts or portions; distribute to each individual concerned; assign as a share or lot

allowance: approval; act of allowing, granting, or admitting

alloy: combine; mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

ally: confederate; partner; collaborator

alone: solitary; by oneself

along: by the length; in a line with the length; onward; forward; in company; together

alongside: along or by the side; side by side with



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alter: modify; cause to change; make different; convert

alternate: happening or following in turns; succeeding each other continuously; substitute

alternation: successive change from one thing or state to another and back again

alternative: one of two or more things, ideas or courses of action that may be used; option; choice

altitude: elevation especially above sea level; height

aluminum: silvery ductile metallic element

amateur: nonprofessional; lacking the skill of a professional, as in an art

amaze: astonish; affect with wonder

amazement: wonder; state of extreme surprise or wonder; astonishment

ambassador: authorized messenger or representative

ambiguity: state of being ambiguous; doubtfulness or uncertainty

ambiguous: unclear or doubtful in meaning

ambition: aspiration

ambitious: aspiring; having a strong desire for success or achievement

ambulance: field hospital organized as to follow an army in its movements; wagon for conveying the wounded to hospital

amend: change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

amendment: correction; revision

amends: compensation for a loss or injury; recompense; reparation

amiable: good-natured and likable; lovable; warmly friendly

amicable: exhibiting friendliness or goodwill; not quarrelsome



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amid: in the middle of; among; surrounded by

ammunition: military stores or provisions; articles used in weapons, as powder, balls, shot, shells

amount: total of two or more quantities; aggregate; sum

ample: more than enough in size or scope or capacity; fairly large

amplification: addition of extra material or illustration or clarifying detail

amplify: broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make larger or more powerful; increase

amuse: occupy or engage the attention of; lose in deep thought

analogy: similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

analysis: study; investigation; process of breaking down a substance into its constituent parts

analytical: of analysis; resolving into elements or parts

analyze: diagnose; examine

ancestor: forefather; forebear; forerunner or predecessor

anchor: secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; narrate or coordinate

anecdote: short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

angular: sharp-cornered; consisting of an angle or angles; stiff in manner

animate: endowed with life; alive; living; animated

animation: act of animating, or giving life or spirit; state of being animate or alive.

ankle: joint which connects the foot with the leg; tarsus

annex: append or attach; take possession of; incorporate into an existing political unit

anniversary: annual; yearly; annual return of the day on which any notable event took place



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announce: herald; give out; proclaim; make known publicly

announcement: formal public statement; act of making known publicly

announcer: one who proclaims a message publicly

annoy: disturb, especially by minor irritations; irritate

annual: occurring or payable every year

annually: yearly; each year; returning every year; year by year

antagonism: active resistance; condition of being an opposing principle, force, or factor

antagonist: one who contends with another, especially in combat; an adversary; opponent

antarctic: opposite to the northern or arctic pole; relating to the southern pole or to the region near it

antibiotic: of or relating to chemical substance that kills microorganisms and cures infections

anticipate: act in advance of; deal with ahead of time; predict

anticipation: something expected; pleasurable expectation; wishing with confidence

antique: any furniture old and valuable; out of fashion

antonym: word of opposite meaning; counter term

anxiety: concern something in state of painful uneasiness; state of restlessness and agitation

anxious: eager; keen; worried; uneasy and apprehensive about an uncertain event or matter

anyhow: in any way or manner whatever; at any rate; in any event

apart: separately, in regard to space or company; in a state of separation as to place; aside

ape: imitate; mimic, as an ape imitates human actions

apologize: beg pardon

apology: acknowledgment expressing regret or asking pardon for a fault or offense; explanation or



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excuse

apparatus: a group of parts that work together to perform given function; appliance or device for particular purpose

apparent: capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye

appeal: attraction; charm; attract; fascinate; challenge

appealing: attractive; charming

appendix: something appended or added

appetite: instinctive physical desire, especially one for food or drink

applaud: acclaim; express approval, especially by clapping the hands

appliance: durable goods for home or office use; device or instrument for household use

applicable: capable of being applied; fit or suitable to be applied; having relevance

applicant: candidate

application: close attention; work of applying something; verbal or written request for assistance

apply: exert; put into service; avail oneself to;

appoint: designate; nominate

appointment: act of putting a person into a non-elective position; arrangement

appreciable: considerable; perceptible

appreciate: be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

appreciation: recognition; taste; judgment or opinion, especially a favorable one

appreciative: having or showing a just or ready appreciation or perception

apprentice: works for an expert to learn a trade; beginner; learner



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approach: access; method

appropriate: acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

approval: official approbation; endorsement; act of approving

approve: ratify; consider right or good; think or speak favorably of

approximate: approach; come near

approximately: about; roughly

apt: likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand

aptitude: inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding

arbitrary: randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

arbitrator: someone chosen to judge and decide disputed issue; one having ability or power to make authoritative decisions

arc: continuous portion of a circle; something curved in shape

arch: any part of a curved line

archaeology: study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

architect: one who designs and supervises the construction of buildings or other large structures

architecture: art and science of designing and erecting buildings; buildings and other large structures

ardent: displaying or by strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

arduous: demanding great effort or labor; difficult

area: plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

arena: playing field where sports events take place; large structure for open-air sports or entertainments



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argue: invent and offer reasons to support or overthrow a proposition, opinion, or measure; debate

arise: come up from a lower to a higher position; come above the horizon; spring up; come into action

aristocracy: hereditary nobility; privileged class

aristocrat: one of the aristocracy or people of rank in a community; one of a ruling class; a noble

arithmetic: theory of numerical calculations

armour: defensive covering, as of metal, wood, or leather, worn to protect the body against weapons

arms: weapons considered collectively; official symbols of a family

arouse: excite; stimulate; awaken from or as if from sleep

arrange: put in proper order; dispose in the manner intended, or best suited for the purpose

arrangement: composition; order

array: set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement

arrest: stop or slow down; catch someone's attention; take into custody

arrogance: overbearing pride; haughtiness; manifest feeling of personal superiority in rank, power, or estimation

arrogant: arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

article: essay; editorial; individual thing or element of a class

artificial: made by humans; produced rather than natural.

ascend: climb; mount

ascertain: find out for certain; discover with certainty; make sure of

ascribe: inscribe or dedicate; attribute to a specified cause, source, or origin; assign as a quality

ashamed: affected by shame; abashed or confused by guilt



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aside: on, or to, one side; out of a straight line, course, or direction; at a little distance from the rest

aspect: distinct feature or element in a problem; a way in which something can be viewed by the mind

aspirin: white crystalline compound drug to relieve pain and reduce fever and inflammation

assassination: act of assassinating; killing by treacherous violence; murder of public figure by surprise attack

assault: attack; onslaught

assemble: put together; bring or call together into a group or whole

assembly: gathering; meeting; a group of persons gathered together for common reason

assert: declare or state with confidence; put oneself forward boldly

assess: estimate value; judge worth of something

assessment: act of judging or assessing; amount determined as payable

assign: appoint; allot; make over; point out authoritatively or exactly

assignment: task given to students; job; distribution; appointment

assist: give help or support to, especially as a subordinate

assistance: activity of contributing to fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose

assistant: helper; person who assists or helps someone else

associate: connect or join together; combine

association: connection, whether of persons or things; union of persons in a company or society for some particular purpose

assorted: varied; miscellaneous

assortment: variety; collection containing a variety of sorts of things

assume: suppose; presume; take on; bear



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assumption: something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of

assurance: promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt

assure: solidify; guarantee; convince

assured: made sure; exhibiting confidence or authority; indubitable

astonish: surprise; shock

astound: affect with wonder; surprise; shock

astray: away from the correct path or direction, either in a literal or in a figurative sense; wandering

astronomer: a physicist who studies astronomy

astronomical: enormously large or extensive; relating to astronomy

astronomy: branch of physics that studies celestial bodies and universe as a whole

athlete: sports man; one who contended for prize in public games

atlas: a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables

atmosphere: air

atom: a tiny piece of anything; the smallest component of an element having the chemical properties of the element

atomic: of or relating to or comprising atoms; immeasurably small

attach: fasten; annex; be in contact with

attachment: a bond, as of affection or loyalty; fond regard; supplementary part; accessory

attack: offensive move; expression of strong criticism; hostile comment

attain: achieve or accomplish; gain

attempt: action of trying at something



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attend: be present at; go to; take care of; tend

attendance: act of being present

attendant: aide; servant; accompanying; person who participates in a meeting

attention: act or state of attending or heeding; application of the mind to any object of sense, representation, or thought

attentive: alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful

attic: story or room directly below the roof of a building, especially a house;

attitude: posture, action, or disposition of a figure or a statue

attorney: lawyer; one who is appointed by another to act in his place or stead; proxy

attract: draw to, or cause to tend to; engage or fix, as the mind, attention; invite or allure

attraction: appeal; a characteristic that provides pleasure and attracts

attribute: essential quality; reputation; honor

auction: public sale of property to the highest bidder

audience: a group of people within hearing; crowd seeing a stage performance

auditorium: area of theater or concert hall where audience sits

august: impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration

author: beginner, former, or first mover of anything; creator; originator; one who composes or writes book or composer

authority: jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

authorization: act of giving authority or legal power; establishment by authority; sanction or warrant

authorize: empower; give permission for; sanction



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autobiography: biography or story written by yourself

automate: control or operate by automation; replace or enhance human labor with machines

automatic: mechanized; operating with minimal human intervention; independent of external control

automation: act or process of converting the controlling of a machine or device to a more automatic system, such as computer or electronic controls

automobile: self-propelled vehicle suitable for use on street or roadway

autonomous: self-governing; not controlled by others or by outside forces; independent

autonomy: independence; self-government or the right of self-government; self-determination

auxiliary: helper, additional or subsidiary

avail: turn to advantage of; be of service to; profit; promote

available: convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

avenge: take vengeance for something, or on behalf of someone

avenue: way or opening for entrance or exit place; passage by which a place may be reached; broad street

average: typical; mean; achieve or reach on average

aviation: art or science of flying; flight; aeronautics

avoid: shield away from; prevent

aware: knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

awe: mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder; fear, as of something evil

awful: causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible

awkward: difficult to handle or manage



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awkwardly: in an uncomfortable, nervous or embarrassed way

axis: the center around which something rotates; pivot

axle: pin or spindle on which a wheel revolves, or which revolves with a wheel; transverse bar or shaft connecting the opposite wheels of a car or carriage

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baby-sitter: person engaged to care for children when the parents are not home

bachelor: unmarried men; the first or lowest academic degree conferred by universities and colleges

backbone: support; mainstay; vertebrate spine or spinal column

backward: directed to the back or rear; unwilling; averse; reluctant; hesitating; undeveloped

bacon: back and sides of a pig salted and smoked

bacterium: single celled organism with no nucleus

badge: distinctive mark, token, or sign worn on the person

badminton: game played on a court with light long-handled rackets

baffle: frustrate as by confusing or perplexing; impede force or movement of

baggage: trunks, bags, parcels, and suitcases in which one carries one's belongings while traveling; luggage

bait: harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap

bake: prepare, as food, by cooking in a dry heat, either in an oven or under coals, or on heated stone or metal



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balance: being in equilibrium; equilibrium; symmetry; stability

balcony: platform projecting from the wall of a building

bald: hairless; lacking a natural or usual covering

ballet: a sort of theatrical representation by dancers

balloon: large non-rigid bag filled with gas or heated air

ballroom: large room used mainly for dancing

bamboo: plant of family of grasses, growing in tropical countries

band: orchestra; team; strip; ribbon; belt; unite; ally

bandage: strip of woven material, used in dressing and binding up wounds

bang: a vigorous blow; a conspicuous success

banker: person in charge of the bank in a gambling game; one who owns or is an executive in a bank

bankrupt: penniless, without any money; financially ruined

banner: flag; sign; a newspaper headline that runs across the full page

banquet: feast; entertainment of eating and drinking

bar: a counter where you can obtain food or drink; cafe; strip; stick

barber: haircutter; one whose business is to cut hair and to shave or trim beards

bare: lacking the usual or appropriate covering or clothing

barely: just; only; hardly; scarcely

bargain: agreement between parties concerning the sale of property

barge: flatboat; long, large boat for transporting freight that is unpowered and towed or pushed by other craft



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bark: sound made by a dog; harsh sound uttered by a dog

barn: an outlying farm building for storing grain or animal feed and housing farm animals

barometer: instrument for determining the weight or pressure of the atmosphere

baron: title or degree of nobility

barrel: vessel; large cylindrical container

barren: desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking

barrier: obstacle; structure built to bar passage; boundary or limit

barter: trade goods or services without the exchange of money

baseball: game played with a bat and ball by two opposing teams of nine players; ball used in this game

basement: cellar; storage room

basin: bowl-shaped vessel, usually used for holding food or liquids

bathe: wash by immersion, as in a bath; subject to bath; lave; immerse or cover one's self

batter: beat with successive blows; beat repeatedly and with violence

battery: beating or pounding; set of guns or heavy artillery; dry cell that produces electric current

bay: inlet of the sea, usually smaller than a gulf; small body of water set off from the main body

bazaar: market consisting of a street lined with shops and stalls, especially one in the Middle East

bead: small piece of material, such as glass, plastic, or wood, that is pierced for stringing

beak: nib; horny projecting mouth of a bird

beam: ray of light; long piece of metal or wood; long piece fixed or movable in structure, machine, or tool



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bean: various edible seeds; small oval or roundish seed, berry, nut, or lump

bear: support; sustain; carry; have; yield; give birth; hold up or support

bearing: carrying another part; patient endurance; suffering without complaint; act of producing or giving birth

beat: whip; strike; defeat; hit repeatedly

become: suit or be suitable to; be worthy of, or proper for; cause to appear well; grow or come to be

beforehand: in state of anticipation; in advance; by way of preparation

behalf: represent; advantage, benefit, interest of someone

behave: perform; conduct oneself in a proper way

behavior: conduct; manner

belly: part of human body which extends downward from breast to thighs, and contains bowels; womb

beloved: greatly loved; dear to the heart

below: under, or lower in place; beneath not so high; inferior to in rank; unworthy of

bend: strain or move out of a straight line; curve; turn toward some certain point

beneath: lower in place, with something directly over or on; under; underneath; below

beneficial: helpful; tending to promote physical well-being

beneficiary: person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

benefit: advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being; welfare; gain

benevolent: generous in providing aid to others; charitable

bent: determined to do or have

besides: over and above; separate or distinct from; in addition to; other than



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bestow: give as gift; present

bet: stake or pledge upon the event of a contingent issue; amount or object risked in a wager

betray: be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

beverage: liquids for drinking, usually excluding water; refreshment

bewilder: lead into perplexity or confusion; perplex with mazes

bias: preference or inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgment; influence in unfair way

bid: make an offer of; propose; offer in words; declare, as a wish, a greeting, a threat, or defiance

bill: invoice; act; proposal; statement or list of particulars, such as a theater program or menu

billion: the number that is represented as a one followed by 9 zeros

bind: tie, or confine with a cord, band, or chain; make fast; contract; cohere or stick together

biographer: one who writes a book about somebody's life

biography: an account of the series of events making up a person's life; accounts of people's life

biologist: scientist who studies living organisms

bite: pierce skin with teeth; seize with the teeth; sting with a stinger; eat into; have a sharp taste

bitter: harsh or corrosive in tone; painful; acrid; acrimonious

bitterness: sharp and bitter manner

blacksmith: one who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

blade: flat part of the leaf, of any plant, especially of gramineous plants; cutting part of an instrument

blame: condemn; rebuke; find fault with; censure

blank: of a white or pale color; without color; empty; void



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blanket: heavy, loosely woven fabric, usually of wool, and having a nap, used in bed clothing

blast: explode; burst; gale; very strong gust of wind or air

blaze: brilliant burst of fire; destructive fire; flame

bleach: make white or colorless; blanch

bleed: emit blood; lose blood; withdraw blood from the body

blend: combination; mixture; forming uniform mixture

bless: make or pronounce holy; consecrate; make happy

blessing: praying for divine protection; formal act of giving approval

blink: shut eyes briefly; wink

block: hinder; obstruct; indicate broadly without great detail; sketch

bloom: flower; blossom; best time of youth; period of greatest prosperity or productivity

blossom: reproductive organ of plants, especially one having showy or colorful parts

blot: spot or stain, as of ink on paper; blur; weak point or failing

blunder: serious mistake typically caused by ignorance or confusion

blunt: having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

blush: become rosy or reddish; turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame

board: a committee having supervisory powers; a flat piece of material designed for a special purpose

boarding: wooden boards collectively; act of entering a ship; supplying with meals and lodgings for pay

boast: show off oneself; speak of with excessive pride

bodyguard: guard to protect or defend person; lifeguard



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boil: be agitated; pass from a liquid to vapor when heated; be excited with passion; heat in water

bold: brave; daring; intrepid; impudent

bolt: dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

bond: link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

bonus: an extra dividend to the shareholders; money paid in addition to a stated compensation

bookcase: case with shelves for holding books, especially one with glazed doors

boom: bonanza; prosperity; prosper; expand; flourish

booming: deep and resonant; flourishing; thriving

boost: raise; advance; push or shove upward

booth: house or shed built for temporary occupation; covered stall or temporary structure

border: outer part or edge of anything, as of a garment, a garden; margin; verge; brink; boundary

bore: drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

boring: uninteresting and tiresome; dull

bother: annoy; trouble; make agitated or nervous; fluster

bounce: jolt; rebound after having struck an object or a surface

bound: tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump

boundary: dividing line; border; frontier

bourgeois: middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional

bow: inclination of head, or bending of body for reverence, respect, civility, or submission; bending or rounded part of ship forward

bowl: throw or roll a ball; move quickly and smoothly, especially by rolling



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boycott: refrain from buying or using

brace: something which holds anything tightly or supports it firmly, as bandage, cord, or rod;

brain: organ or seat of intellect; understanding or imagination

brake: a piece of mechanism for retarding or stopping motion by friction

brand: burning piece of wood; mark made by burning with a hot iron; distinctive mark upon in any way

breach: breaking of contract or duty

breadth: measure or dimension from side to side; width; extent

break: opportunity to do something; pause or interval, as from work; sudden change

breakdown: process of failing to function or continue; sudden collapse in physical or mental health; summary of itemized data

breakthrough: act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction

breath: air that is inhaled and exhaled in respiration

breathe: respire; inhale and exhale air

breed: raise; produce offspring; give birth to or hatch; mate

breeze: light current of air; gentle wind; progress swiftly and effortlessly

bribe: something serving to influence or persuade; reward or gift with a view to prevent judgment

bridle: headgear with which a horse is directed and which carries a bit and reins

brief: short in time, duration, length, or extent; concise

brighten: lighten; cheer; encourage; make or become bright or brighter

brilliance: cleverness; magnificence

brilliant: full of light; shining; bright; sharp and clear in tone



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brim: brink; edge

brink: edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

brisk: marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic; swift; keen or sharp in speech or manner

brittle: easily broken; having little elasticity

broadcast: message that is transmitted by radio or television; radio or television show

broaden: widen; grow broad or broader

brochure: pamphlet; small book usually having paper cover

bronze: an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements

brood: think long and anxiously; be in a state of gloomy, serious thought

brook: creek; stream

brown: of dark color, of various shades between black and red or yellow

bruise: injure, as by a blow or collision; contuse; fight with the fists

brutal: like a brute; savage; cruel; inhuman; merciless

brute: not having sensation; senseless; inanimate; unconscious; without intelligence

bubble: foam; dome-shaped covering made of transparent glass or plastic; fantastic or impracticable idea or belief

bucket: vessel for drawing up water from a well; vessel for hoisting and conveying coal, ore, grain

bud: one that is not yet fully developed; sprout

budget: estimate; a sum of money allocated for a particular purpose

buffet: table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set out



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bug: general name applied to various insects

bulb: rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

bulk: majority; main part; volume; mass

bulky: of large size for its weight

bull: male of any species of cattle; large, strong, and aggressive person; optimist regarding business conditions

bulletin: brief statement of facts; any public notice or announcement; a periodical publication

bullion: gold and silver in the form of bars

bump: impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

bunch: clump; cluster; gathering

bundle: packet; a package of things tied together; a large sum of money

burdensome: not easily borne; wearing; causing uneasiness or fatigue

bureaucracy: over-regulated administrative system

burial: grave or tomb; ritual placing of a corpse in a grave; concealing something under the ground

bush: place abounding in trees or shrubs; wild forest

business: rightful concern or responsibility; occupation, work, or trade in which a person is engaged; commercial enterprise

butcher: one whose job is to kill animals for food; one who kills in large numbers, or with unusual cruelty

butter: oily, unctuous substance obtained from cream or milk by churning

butterfly: insect typically having a slender body with broad colorful wings

buzz: confusion of activity and gossip; sound of rapid vibration



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bygone: past; gone by

bypass: channel used to conduct gas or liquid around another pipe or a fixture; conductor having low resistance in parallel

by-product: product made during the manufacture of something else

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (3)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

cab: taxi; one-horse vehicle for public hire

cabin: small room on a ship or boat where people sleep

cabinet: group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; closet

cable: very strong thick rope made of twisted steel or metal wire

cafe: coffee house; restaurant where coffee and liquors are served

cafeteria: restaurant where you serve yourself and pay a cashier

calculate: compute; determine; estimate

calculation: planning something carefully and intentionally

calendar: orderly arrangement as years, months, weeks, and days; a table showing months, weeks, and days

calm: freedom from motion, agitation, or disturbance; tranquility; stillness; quiet; serenity

calorie: unit of heat; unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1 degree



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campaign: battle ;a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

campus: field where the buildings of a university are situated

canal: artificial channel filled with water; tube or duct

canary: pale yellowish color; wine made in the Canary Islands; canary bird; quick and lively dance

cancel: revoke; call off; omit or delete

cancellation: act of cancelling; calling off some arrangement

candid: straightforward; frank; free from prejudice; impartial

candidate: person who is considered for something; person who seeks or is nominated for an office, prize, or honor

cane: any plant with long, hard, elastic stems; walking stick

cannon: great gun; firearm for discharging heavy shot with great force

canon: law or rule; decision, regulation, code, or constitution made by ecclesiastical authority; books of the Bible officially accepted; a group of literary works

canteen: vessel used by soldiers for carrying water, liquor, or other drink; snack bar or small cafeteria, as on a military installation

canvas: heavy closely woven fabric; background against which events unfold, as in a historical narrative

canvass: determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize

capability: quality of being capable; capacity; skill

capable: having the ability required for a specific task

capacity: mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

cape: piece or point of land, extending beyond the adjacent coast into the sea or a lake; sleeveless outer garment



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capital: wealth in form of money or property; assets available for use; city that is the official seat of government

caption: title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captive: prisoner taken by force; one kept in power of another; one charmed or subdued by beauty, excellence, or affection

capture: act of seizing by force, or getting possession of by superior power; thing taken by force, surprise, or stratagem

card: flat, rectangular piece of stiff paper, cardboard, or plastic; business card; credit card

cardinal: chief; serving as an essential component

career: profession or occupation; individual's work and life roles over their lifespan

careful: full of care; anxious; solicitous; taking care; giving good heed; watchful; cautious

careless: negligent; taking insufficient care

cargo: freight carried by a ship, an aircraft, or another vehicle

carol: round dance; a song of joy; song of praise or joy, especially for Christmas

carpenter: skilled worker who makes, finishes, and repairs wooden objects and structures

carrier: one that carries or conveys; messenger

carrot: root of cultivated varieties of the plant, usually spindle-shaped, and of a reddish yellow color

carry: convey or transport in any manner from one place to another; hold or support while moving; bear

cart: common name for various kinds of vehicles; two-wheeled vehicle; light business wagon

carton: pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

cartoon: design or study drawn of full size to serve as a model for transferring or copying; drawing depicting a humorous situation



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carve: cut; sculpt

carving: cutting away parts to create a desired shape

cash: money paid at the time of purchase; money in the form of bills or coins; currency

cashier: one who has charge of money; cash keeper

cassette: container that holds a magnetic tape used for recording or playing sound or video

cast: assign the roles of; choose at random

casual: informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

casualty: serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

catalyst: agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

catastrophe: calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

catch: capture or seize, especially after a chase; take by or as if by trapping; reach just in time

category: group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

cater: supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

cathedral: church; temple

catholic: broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

cause: something produces a result; basis for an action or response; a reason

caution: care; being attentive to possible danger

cautious: conservative; careful

cavalry: part of military force which serves on horseback

cavern: cave; large underground chamber, as in a cave

cavity: hole; cavern; hollow area within the body



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cease: stop; terminate; put an end to; discontinue

celebrate: praise; assign great social importance to

cell: any small compartment

cellar: room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

cement: any substances used for making bodies adhere to each other; bond of union

cemetery: place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

censor: overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

centigrade: measure of temperature, used widely in Europe

cereal: grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as food.

ceremonial: ritual; ceremony or rite

ceremony: formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

certainty: quality or condition of being certain; fact or truth unquestionable established; clearness

certificate: document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts; document issued to a person completing a course

certify: give certain information to; assure; make certain

chalk: soft, earthy substance, of a white, grayish, or yellowish white color, used as a drawing implement

challenge: assert a right; raise a formal objection; take exception to

chamber: cell; compartment; room

champion: protect or fight for as first place

championship: status of being a champion; position or title of a winner



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channel: passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

chaos: disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

chapel: crack, as in earth surface; splitting of skin, caused by cold or exposure; one of the jaws or cheeks; man or boy

chapter: division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized branch of some society

character: part; nature; description of a person's attributes, traits, or abilities

characteristic: feature that helps to identify, tell apart, or describe recognizably; a distinguishing mark or trait

characterize: distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

charcoal: a stick of black carbon material used for drawing; a very dark gray color

charge: set or ask for a certain price; load to capacity; fill; instruct or urge authoritatively; command

charity: activity or gift that benefits the public at large

charm: power or quality of pleasing or delighting; attractiveness; item worn for its supposed magical benefit

chart: graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

charter: license; authorize; hold under a lease or rental agreement of goods and services

chase: pursue for the purpose of killing or taking; hunt; follow as if to catch

chat: talk without exchanging too much information; informal conversation

check: stop motion; curb or restrain

cheer: lightness of spirits or mood; source of joy or happiness; festive food and drink; refreshment

cheque: written order directing a bank to pay money



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cherish: harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

chew: bite and grind with the teeth

chief: highest in office or rank; principal; head

chill: cool; freeze

chilly: cold

chin: central forward portion of the lower jaw; bottom of face

chip: cut small pieces from; diminish or reduce to shape; break or crack

choke: breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion; reduce the air supply

chop: hew; cut by striking with a heavy sharp tool, such as an ax

chorus: any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

circle: round; something shaped like such a ring; group of people sharing an interest, activity, or achievement

circuit: electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow

circular: round; shaped like or nearly like a circle

circulate: move through a space, circuit or system, returning to the starting point

circulation: spread or transmission of something to a wider group or area

circumference: boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

circumstance: situation; condition; detail accompanying or surrounding an event

circus: public entertainment of performances by acrobats, clowns, and trained animals

cite: quote; adduce as an instance

citizenship: status of a citizen with rights and duties



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civil: having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

civilization: culture

claim: demand for something as rightful or due

clamp: any of various devices used to join, grip, support, or compress mechanical or structural parts

clap: applaud; slap; strike together with a sharp sound, as one hard surface on another

clarification: process of making things clearer or easier to understand

clarify: make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

clash: make noise by striking against something; dash noisily together; meet in opposition

clasp: fastening device; firm grip

classic: work of acknowledged excellence and authority, or its author; creation of the highest excellence

classical: of recognized authority or excellence

classification: assigning to a class or category

classify: declare unavailable, as for security reasons; arrange or order by classes or categories

clause: sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document

clay: very fine-grained soil that is plastic when moist but hard when fired

clear: out of the way; completely away

clearance: act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

clench: close tightly; grasp or grip tightly; fasten with a clinch

client: someone who pays to get goods or services

clientele: clients of professional person; body of customers or patrons



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climate: weather condition; atmosphere; environment

climax: upward movement; steady increase; the highest point; the greatest degree

cling: hold fast or adhere to something; stick together and resist separation; remain emotionally

clinic: healthcare facility for outpatient care

clip: small section of filmed or filed material

clockwise: in the direction that the hands of a clock move

closet: small room or apartment; room for privacy

clue: a ball of thread or cord; thread; something guides or directs anything of a doubtful or intricate nature

clumsy: awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

cluster: group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

clutch: grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

coach: tutor; teacher; a vehicle carrying many passengers

coarse: rough; harsh; of low, common, or inferior quality

code: body of law; system of rules or regulations relating to one subject; system of symbols, letters, or words

codify: arrange laws, rules as a code; classify; arrange or systematize

coherence: logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts; state of cohering or sticking together

coherent: adhesive; cohesive; sticking together; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

cohesion: tendency to keep together

cohesive: cohering or tending to cohere; well integrated



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coil: a series of connected spirals or concentric rings formed by gathering or winding; spiral pipe or series of spiral pipes

coin: make pieces of money from metal; invent or fabricate

coinage: coins collectively

coincide: occur at the same time as; correspond

coincidence: two or more things occurring at the same time by chance

coincident: concerning; simultaneous

collaborate: work together, especially in a joint intellectual effort

collaboration: act of working together; act of cooperating with an enemy, especially it occupying one's own country

collapse: breakdown; failure

colleague: fellow worker; associate; co-worker

collective: common; assembled into or viewed as a whole

collide: bump; hit; conflict

collision: crash; conflict of opposed ideas or attitudes or goals

colonel: a commissioned military officer

colonial: of or relating to or characteristic of or inhabiting a colony

colony: region politically controlled by a distant country; a dependency; a community of social insects, as ants, bees

column: pillar; cylindrical or polygonal support for roof; anything resembling, in form or position; upright body or mass

combat: struggle as with an opposing force; fight with

combination: blend; union



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combine: blend; fuse; merge

comedy: light and humorous drama with a happy ending

comic: arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

commander: chief; leader

commandment: order or injunction given by authority; command; charge; act of commanding; exercise of authority

commemorate: serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony

commence: have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

commend: commit, intrust, or give in charge for care or preservation; recommend as worthy of confidence or regard

comment: express an opinion; remark

commerce: trade; business; intellectual exchange or social interaction

commercial: money-making; involved in work that is intended for the mass market

commission: fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

commit: do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

commitment: pledge, undertaking; act of binding yourself to a course of action

committee: special group delegated to consider some matter

commodity: goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

commonplace: ordinary; having no remarkable features

commonsense: exhibiting native good judgment

communicate: send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly



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communication: activity of communicating; activity of conveying information

community: society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

compact: closely and firmly united or packed together; briefly giving gist of something

companion: associate; partner

company: team; guard team; group of persons; business enterprise

comparable: similar or equivalent; being of equal regard; worthy to be ranked with

comparative: relative; based on, or involving comparison

comparatively: relatively; in comparison

compare: examine and note the similarities or differences of

compass: go about or entirely round; make the circuit of; enclose on all sides; surround

compatible: harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

compel: force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

compensate: make amends for; reimburse

compensation: something given or received as payment as for a service or loss or injury

compete: contest; fight

competent: capable; adept

competition: struggle; rivalry; act of competing as for profit or a prize

competitive: of or pertaining to competition; producing competition; showing a fighting disposition

competitiveness: an aggressive willingness to compete

competitor: one who seeks what another seeks, or claims what another claims; one who competes; rival

compile: put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources



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complain: make a formal accusation; bring a formal charge

complaint: expression of pain, dissatisfaction, or resentment; criticism

complement: complete; consummate; make perfect

complex: complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

complexity: complication

compliance: readiness to yield; happy friendly agreement

complicated: difficult to analyze or understand

compliment: praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

complimentary: expressing of praise, admiration, or congratulation; given free to repay a favor or as an act of courtesy

comply: yield assent; accord; agree, or acquiesce; adapt one's self; fulfill; accomplish

component: element; ingredient; abstract part of something

compose: write; create; make or create by putting together parts or elements

composite: made up of distinct parts or elements; compounded

composition: makeup; constitution; writing; essay

compound: combine; mix; constitute; pay interest; increase

comprehend: take in the meaning, nature, or importance of; grasp

comprehension: grasp; ability to understand

comprehensive: thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

compress: close; squeeze or press together; contract



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compression: applying pressure; encoding information while reducing the bandwidth or bits required

comprise: include; consist of; be composed of

compromise: adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of

compulsory: mandatory; obligatory; required by rule

computation: calculation

compute: reckon; make mathematical calculation

conceal: keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

concede: admit; yield; give up physical control of another

conceit: overly high self-esteem; feelings of excessive pride

conceited: endowed with fancy or imagination; entertaining a flattering opinion of one's self; vain

conceive: form or develop in the mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

concentrate: bring to or direct toward a common center; unite more closely; gather into one body

concept: something formed in the mind; thought or notion

conception: beginning; forming of an idea; act of conceiving

concern: interest in any person or thing; regard; solicitude; anxiety

concert: performance of music by players or singers not involving theatrical staging; harmony; accord

concerted: planned or accomplished together; combined

concession: act of yielding; point yielded; acknowledgment or admission

concise: brief and compact; expressing much in few words

conclude: enclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination ; judge or decide; bring to an end



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conclusive: definitive; decisive; final

concrete: solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate, and gravel

concurrent: simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time

condemn: blame; denounce; express strong disapproval of

condemnation: blame

condensation: compression

condense: change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops; compress or concentrate

condenser: lens used to concentrate light on an object; an apparatus that converts vapor into liquid

condition: mode or state of being; fitness; existing circumstances

conduct: direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

conductor: a device designed to transmit electricity, heat; person who collects fares on a public conveyance

cone: a shape whose base is a circle and whose sides taper up to a point

confer: bestow; present; have a conference in order to talk something over

conference: meeting for consultation or discussion; exchange of views

confess: acknowledge; admit

confession: public declaration of faith

confide: disclose; reveal; tell in confidence

confidence: feeling secure or certain about something

confident: assured; having or marked by assurance



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confidential: treated with confidence; trusted in; trustworthy; secret

confine: restrict in movement; circumscribe

confinement: state of being confined; restraint within limits; any restraint of liberty by force

confirm: support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

confirmation: additional proof that something that was believed

conflict: fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

conform: comply with; follow; fit; meet

conformity: similarity in form or character; agreement

confront: be face to face with; oppose in hostility or competition; deal with

confrontation: state of being confronted, especially a meeting face to face; clash of opinions and ideas

confuse: cause to be unable to think with clarity or act with intelligence or understanding; mix up

confusion: mistake that results from taking one thing to be another; lack of clarity or order

congestion: act of gathering or heaping together or forming a mass

congratulation: act of acknowledging that someone has an occasion for celebration

congress: meeting of elected or appointed representatives

congressman: man who is a member of the U.S. Congress, especially of the House of Representatives

conjunction: state of being conjoined, united, or associated; union; association; league

connect: join, or fasten together; associate; combine; unite or link together

connection: relation between things or events; shifting from one form of transportation to another

conquer: gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

conquest: success in mastering something difficult



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conscience: motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles; source of moral or ethical judgment

conscientious: diligent; responsible; reliable

conscious: awake; alert

consciousness: having knowledge of; special awareness or sensitivity:

consecutive: following one after another without interruption; sequential

consent: agree in opinion or sentiment; be of the same mind; accord; concur; allow

consequence: result; relation of a result to its cause; logical conclusion or inference

consequently: therefore; as a result or consequence of something; subsequently

conservation: preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect

conservative: favoring traditional views and values; tending to oppose change

considerable: worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

considerably: substantially; significantly; to a degree worth considering

considerate: thoughtful; marked by consideration or reflection; deliberate

consideration: considerate and thoughtful act

consign: give, transfer, or deliver in a formal manner, as if by signing over into the possession of another

consist: stand firm; be in a fixed or permanent state; be supported and maintained

consistency: harmonious uniformity or agreement among things or parts

consistent: being in agreement with itself; coherent; regular

console: cheer from distress or depression; alleviate grief and raise spirits of; relieve; comfort

consolidate: make solid; unite or press together into a compact mass; harden or make dense and firm



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consonant: compatible; harmonious

conspicuous: noticeable; prominent; easy to notice; obvious

conspiracy: plot; intrigue; agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act

constant: invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

constantly: in an unchangeable or invariable manner; in every case; perpetually; continually

constituent: component or part; citizen, voter

constitute: make up; form something

constitution: law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

constraint: something that restricts or confines within prescribed bounds

construct: form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

construction: act of constructing or building something

consult: seek advice or information of; take into account; consider

consultant: an expert who gives advice

consume: devour; eat

consumer: people who buy goods or services

consumption: eating or drinking of something

contact: get in touch with; reach

contain: include; incorporate; be capable of holding

container: any object that can be used to hold things

contemplate: look at attentively and thoughtfully; observe deep in thought



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contemplation: act of the mind in considering with attention; continued attention of the mind to a particular subject; meditation; expectation

contemporary: modern; belonging to the same period of time

contempt: state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

contemptuous: scornful; expressing contempt; showing a lack of respect

content: volume; something contained; material, including text and images

contest: contend for; call in question; oppose; dispute

context: circumstance

continent: one of the large landmasses of the earth

continental: being or concerning or limited to a continent

contingency: condition of being dependent on chance; uncertainty; possibility

contract: constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate

contradict: confront; oppose

contradiction: assertion of the contrary to what has been said or affirmed; denial of the truth of a statement or assertion

contrary: relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or character or purpose

contrast: act of distinguishing by comparing differences

contribute: provide; bestow a quality on

contribution: act of contributing; contribution; payment exacted for special purpose; impost or levy

controversial: controvertible; disputable

controversy: contentious speech act; argument



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convenience: state of being suitable

convenient: suited or favorable to one's comfort, purpose, or needs; near; accessible

convention: social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states

conventional: based upon tradition rules; formed by agreement or compact

conversant: familiar, as by study or experience; able to converse knowledgeably

conversation: general course of conduct; intimate fellowship or association; close acquaintance; informal dialogue

converse: chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts

conversely: in a converse manner; with change of order or relation; reciprocally.

conversion: change; transformation

convert: change something into another form; transform

convey: carry from one place to another; bear or transport

conveyance: act of conveying; tools of conveying, especially vehicle for transportation

convict: find or declare guilty

conviction: judgment that someone is guilty of crime; strongly held belief

convince: overpower; force to yield assent to truth; satisfy by proof; prove guilty

convinced: certain, sure

cooperate: work or act together toward a common end or purpose

cooperation: practice of cooperating; joint operation or action

cooperative: done with or working with others

coordinate: bring order and organization to; harmonize



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coordination: regulation of diverse elements into an integrated and harmonious operation

cordial: gracious; showing warm and friendliness

core: basic, center, or most important part; essence

cork: lightweight elastic outer bark, used especially for bottle closures, insulation, floats

corn: single seed of certain plants, as wheat; grain; small, hard particle

corner: position at which two lines, surfaces, or edges meet and form an angle

corporate: united or combined into one body; collective; belonging to corporation or incorporated body

corporation: business firm; a group of people combined into or acting as one body

correlate: relate; associate; bring into a mutual relation

correlation: mutual relationship; interdependence or interconnection relationship

correspond: be compatible, similar or consistent; exchange messages

correspondence: similarity or analogy; communication by the exchange of letters

correspondent: one who communicates information, especially, by letter or telegram to newspaper or periodical

corresponding: accompanying

corrode: destroy metal or alloy gradually, especially by chemical action; be eaten or worn away

corrosion: decay; erosion

corrupt: changed from sound to putrid state; spoiled; tainted

corruption: bribery; fraud

cosmic: pertaining to the universe; vast



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cosmopolitan: sophisticated; of worldwide scope

cosmos: universe or universality of created things; ordered, harmonious whole

couch: sofa; arrange or dispose as in a bed

counsel: advise; suggest

countenance: give sanction or support to; tolerate or approve

counter: flat surface on which money is counted, business is transacted; one that is an opposite

countermand: cancel; revoke command or order; order or direct in opposition to; prohibit; forbid

counterpart: duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

countless: innumerable; infinite; too many to count

couple: a male and female associated together; a pair who associate with one another

court: enclosed space; courtyard; uncovered area shut in by the walls of a building

courteous: exhibiting courtesy and politeness; showing regard or thought for others

courtesy: polite behavior; act of civility or respect; consent or agreement in spite of fact

cover: overspread the surface; envelop; shelter, as from evil or danger; protect

coverage: extent to which something is covered; news as presented by reporters

coward: person who lacks courage to face danger; timid

crab: a stroke of the oar that either misses the water or digs too deeply

crack: break into simpler molecules by means of heat; split; hit forcefully; pass through

cradle: small low bed for an infant, often furnished with rockers; infancy, or very early life

craft: something made by people; vessel

crash: smash; collision; falling down or in pieces with a loud noise of breaking parts



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crate: large basket, used for moving china or similar wares; box or case whose sides are of wooden slats with interspaces

crave: ask with earnestness or importunity; ask with submission or humility; beg

crawl: move slowly, as people or animals with the body near the ground

crazy: affected with madness; insane; deranged

create: make or cause to be or to become; invest with a new thing

creation: act of creating or causing to exist

credit: arrangement for deferred payment for goods and services; money available for a client to borrow

creek: small stream, often a shallow tributary to a river; brook

creep: move slowly; move stealthily or cautiously

crew: group of people working together, as in spacecraft, ship, plane or train

cricket: outdoor game played with bats, a ball, and wickets by two teams of 11 players each

criminal: one who has committed a crime; one who is found guilty by verdict, confession, or proof

crimson: bloody

cripple: person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

crisis: dangerous situation; crucial or decisive point or situation; a turning point

crisp: firm but easily broken or crumbled; brittle

critical: urgently needed; absolutely necessary; essential; acute; crucial; decisive

crook: bend, turn, or curve; curvature; flexure

crooked: having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved



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crop: the top, end, or highest part of anything, especially of plant or tree; grain or other product of field while standing; anything cut off or gathered

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crossing: traveling across; place at which roads, lines, or tracks intersect; intersection

crouch: bend down; stoop low; lie close to the ground with the legs bent, as an animal when waiting for prey, or in fear

crown: ornamental circlet or head covering, made of gold with jewels and worn as a symbol of sovereignty

crude: being in an unrefined or natural state; raw; lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive

cruise: sail back and forth on the ocean; sail as for protection of commerce, in search of an enemy, or for pleasure

crumb: small fragment or piece, especially, a small piece of bread or other food; broken or cut off

crumble: break into small pieces; cause to fall in pieces

crush: press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

crust: outer layer; covering; coat; shell

crystal: quartz; glassware made of quartz; high-quality, clear, colorless glass

cube: three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides; cubicle, used for work or study

cubic: having three dimensions

cubism: an artistic movement in France beginning in 1907 that featured surfaces of geometrical planes

cucumber: cylindrical green fruit with thin green rind and white flesh eaten as a vegetable; related to melons

cultivate: improve and prepare, as by plowing or fertilizing, for raising crops; promote the growth of

cultivation: production of food by preparing the land to grow crops



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culture: all the knowledge and values shared by a society ; foster; raising of plants or animals

cunning: knowing; skillful; artful; designing; deceitful

cupboard: a small room or cabinet used for storage space

curb: bend or curve; guide and manage, or restrain

cure: medical or hygienic care; remedial treatment of disease; removal of disease or evil

curiosity: desire to know or learn

curious: difficult to please or satisfy; careful or anxious to learn; eager for knowledge; given to research or inquiry

curl: form into coiled or spiral shape; twist into ringlets or coils; move in curve or spiral

currency: money; general acceptance or use

current: stream; flow; up-to-date; present

currently: presently; at the present time

curse: call upon divine or supernatural power to send injury upon; bring great evil upon

curtail: cut short or reduce; cut off end or tail, or any part

curve: bend or turn gradually from a given direction, as road curves to the right

cushion: soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

custody: keeping or guarding; care, watch, inspection, for keeping, preservation, or security

custom: tradition; practice followed by people of a particular group or region

customary: agreeing with or established by common usage; conventional; habitual

customer: patron; one that buys goods or services

customs: money collected under a tariff



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cycle: periodically repeated sequence of events; long period of time; entire round in a circle or a spire

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IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (4)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

dagger: knife; short pointed weapon with sharp edges

dainty: delicately beautiful or charming; exquisite; gratification or pleasure taken in anything

dairy: place where milk is produced, kept, or converted into butter or cheese

dam: barrier to prevent the flow of liquid, especially built across a water course

damp: humid; moist; slightly wet

dangerous: full of risk; perilous; hazardous; unsafe

daring: bold; brave

dart: move suddenly and rapidly

dash: throw with violence or haste; break, as by throwing or by collision; form or sketch rapidly

data: collection of facts, observations, or other information related to a particular question or problem

date: mark the time of; assign a date to

dawn: time each morning at which daylight first begins; beginning; start

dazzle: overpower with light; confuse the sight of by brilliance of light; bewilder or surprise with brilliancy

dazzling: bright; brilliant

deadly: fatal; lethal; causing or tending to cause death



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deaf: unable to perceive sounds; hard of hearing; unwilling to hear or listen; regardless; not to be persuaded

deal: part or portion; share; indefinite quantity, degree, or extent, degree, or extent; distribution; arrangement

dean: dignitary or presiding officer; head in the faculty of some colleges or universities

debate: discussion; dispute; discussion involving opposing points

debt: liability; obligation; money or goods or services owed by one person to another

decade: a group or division of ten, especially a period of ten years

decay: decompose; break down; disintegration; rottenness; decline; worsen; decadence

deceit: attempt or disposition to deceive or lead into error; any declaration, artifice, or practice, which misleads another, or causes him to believe what is false

deceive: fool; cause to believe what is not true; mislead

decent: suitable; modest; honorable; meeting accepted standards

deception: act of deceiving

decimal: of tens; numbered or proceeding by tens; based on ten

deck: a pack of 52 cards; any of various floor-like platforms built into a vessel

declaration: announcement; explicit statement; formal public statement

declare: state clearly; make known formally or officially

decline: change toward something smaller or lower ; gradual falling off from a better state

decompose: decay

decorate: adorn; embellish

decoration: act of decorating something; something used to beautify



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decorative: ornamental; embellishing; serving an esthetic rather than a useful purpose

decrease: lessen; reduce; make a quantity smaller

decree: order from one having authority; decision, order, or sentence by court

dedicate: set apart; devoted; consecrated

deduce: lead forth; reach a conclusion by reasoning; trace the origin or derivation of

deduct: lead forth or out; take away, separate, or remove, in numbering, estimating, or calculating; subtract

deed: something that is carried out; act or action; feat or exploit

deem: decide; judge; sentence; condemn

default: failure to act; an option that is selected automatically

defeat: disfigure; destroy; frustrate; overcome or vanquish; resist with

defect: abandon or turn against; cease or change one's loyalty

defective: having a defect; faulty; imperfect; incomplete; lacking

defence: act of defending against attack, danger, or injury

defend: make or keep safe from danger, attack, or harm

defer: delay till later; put off; hold back to a later time

defiance: refusal to yield; readiness to contend or resist

deficiency: scarcity; lack or shortage, especially of something essential to health

deficient: inadequate; lacking an essential quality or element

deficit: inadequacy or insufficiency; sum of money falls short of required amount; shortage

define: determine the nature of; give a definition; describe the nature or basic qualities of; explain



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definite: fixed; exact; having distinct limits

definitely: unequivocally; clearly; without question and beyond doubt

definition: clarity of outline; concise explanation

definitive: final; complete; precisely defined or explicit

deflate: reduce from an inflated condition; release contained air or gas from

deflect: turn aside; draw someone's attention away from something

deform: change shape by stress; become misshapen; make formless

deformation: alteration in the shape or dimensions; a change for the worse

defray: pay costs of; undertake payment of; make compensation to or for

defy: renounce or dissolve all bonds of affiance, faith, or obligation with; provoke to combat or strife

degradation: humiliation; debasement; decline to a lower condition, quality, or level

degrade: reduce level; lower grade of something

delay: act later than planned; put off; adjournment

delegate: person authorized to act as representative for another; deputy

delete: erase; strike out; remove or make invisible

deliberate: consider; think about carefully; weigh

deliberately: intentionally; purposely; with careful consideration or deliberation; with full intent;

delicate: pleasing to the senses, especially in a subtle way; easily hurt; very subtle in difference

delicious: extremely pleasing to the sense of taste; greatly pleasing or entertaining

delinquency: failure or omission of duty; fault; misdeed; offense or crime



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delinquent: failing in duty; offending by neglect of duty.

deliver: set free from restraint; set at liberty; release; give or transfer

delusion: false belief; mistaken or unfounded opinion

democracy: a political system in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who can elect people to represent them

demolish: raze; destroy; do away with completely; put an end to

demolition: act of overthrowing, pulling down, or destroying

demonstrate: show clearly and deliberately; manifest; confirm; prove

demonstration: proof; act of showing or making evident

denial: act of refusing or disowning; negation; refusal to admit the truth; refusal to grant; rejection of a request

denomination: class, society, or collection of individuals called by the same name; specifically, a religious sect

denote: indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically

denounce: condemn openly; criticize; make known in formal manner

dense: thick; crowded closely together; compact

density: thickness; quantity of something per unit measure, especially per unit length, area, or volume

dent: cavity; a depression scratched or carved into a surface

dentist: a person qualified to practice dentistry

deny: disagree with; refuse; declare untrue

depart: take off; leave; set out

departure: act of departing



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dependable: reliable; worthy of being depended on; trustworthy

dependence: reliance; lack of independence or self-sufficiency

dependent: relying on or requiring the aid of another for support

depict: represent in a picture or sculpture; portray in words; describe

deplete: decrease fullness of; use up or empty out

deposit: money given as a guarantee or security

deposition: testimony under oath; act of depositing, especially laying down of matter by natural process

depreciate: lessen price or value of; think or speak of as being of little worth; belittle

depreciation: devaluation; decrease in price or value

depress: lower in spirits; press down

depressed: sad; gloomy; low in spirits; dejected

depression: recession; economic slump; concavity in a surface produced by pressing; sadness; low spirits

deprive: deny; take away

deputy: one appointed as the substitute of another, and empowered to act for him; substitute in office

derive: obtain or receive from a source; trace the origin or development of

descend: move downward and lower; come from; be connected by a relationship of blood

descendant: offspring; person considered as descended from some ancestor or race

descent: ancestry; origin; the descendants of one individual; drop; fall; a movement downward

description: act of describing; sketch or account of anything in words

desert: area with little or no vegetation; forsake; abandon



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deserve: be worthy of; have a right to

design: act of working out the form of something; creation of something in the mind; formulate a plan for

designate: indicate or specify; point out; assign a name or title to

desirable: worthwhile; worth doing or achieving; advisable

desire: anything which is longing for

desolate: unpopulated; providing no shelter or sustenance; devoid of inhabitants

despair: loss of hope; utter hopelessness; complete despondency

desperate: having lost all hope; dangerous; extremely intense

despise: dislike intensely; regard with contempt or scorn

despite: lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike; disdain, contemptuous feelings, hatred

dessert: a dish served as the last course of meal

destination: ultimate goal; place to which one is going or directed

destine: decree or designate beforehand; fate

destiny: event that will inevitably happen in the future

destruction: havoc; event that completely destroys something

destructive: devastating; ruinous

detach: part; separate or disunite; disengage

detain: keep back or from; withhold; restrain from proceeding; stay or stop; delay

detect: feel; discover the presence of; identify



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detection: act of detecting; being open what was concealed or hidden; discovery

detective: investigator; one, usually of police force, who investigates crimes and obtains evidence

deteriorate: become worse; decline

determination: act of making or arriving at a decision; putting an end to; termination

determine: fix the boundaries of; mark off and separate; set bounds to; decide conclusively and authoritatively

detour: a turning; circuitous route; deviation from a direct course

detriment: harm; damage; injury; something that causes damage, harm, or loss

detrimental: causing damage or harm; injurious

deviate: turn away from a principle, norm; depart; diverge

device: technique or means; instrument; machine used to perform one or more relatively simple tasks

devise: form, plan, or arrange in the mind; transmit or give by will

devote: dedicate; contribute

devotion: faithfulness; ardent, often selfless affection and dedication

devour: consume; eat greedily; destroy completely

diagnose: analyze; examine; identify

diagnosis: art of identifying disease; critical analysis of nature of something

diagram: graph; chart; figure or drawing made to illustrate a statement; plan

dialect: vocabulary that is for a specific group of people

diameter: length of straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

dictate: prescribe; rule as a dictator



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dictator: one who dictates; one who prescribes rules and maxims authoritatively for the direction of others.

diction: choice and use of words in speech or writing

diet: nutritional plan; nourishment; a prescribed selection of foods

differ: be or stand apart; disagree; be unlike; be distinguished

digest: break down; make more concise; convert food into absorbable substances

digestion: process by which food is converted into substances that can be absorbed and assimilated by the body

digital: of or performance to fingers, or to digits; done with the fingers

dignity: quality or state of being worthy of esteem or respect.

diligent: assiduous; industrious; hard-working

dilute: weaken; make thinner or less concentrated by adding a liquid such as water

dim: emitting only a small amount of light; lacking in brightness

dime: a United States coin worth one tenth of a dollar

dimension: measure of spatial extent, especially width, height, or length; size; aspect; element

dimensional: of or relating to dimensions

diminish: dwindle; reduce; make smaller or less or to cause to appear so

dine: eat principal regular meal of the day; take dinner; give a dinner to

dingy: darkened with smoke and grime; dirty or discolored

dip: insert into a fluid and withdraw again; immerse for baptism; wet, as if by immersing; moisten; appear to move downward

diploma: document certifying the successful completion of a course of study



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diplomacy: tact; politics; negotiation between nations

diplomat: one who uses skill and tact in dealing with others, such as an ambassador, who has been appointed to represent a government in its relations with other governments

diplomatic: relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others

disable: deprive of capability or effectiveness; unable; impair; diminish

disadvantage: drawback; defect; hinder; unfavorable condition or circumstance

disappointment: feeling of dissatisfaction

disapproval: a feeling of disliking something or what someone is doing

disaster: catastrophe; misfortune

disastrous: extremely bad; terrible; dreadful

disc: flat round plate; circular structure either in plants or animals

discard: throw out something from one's hand; get rid of

discern: detect; perceive

discharge: relieve of a burden or of contents; unload; pour forth or release; complete or carry out; give off

discipline: trait of being well behaved; act of punishing; system of rules of conduct or method of practice

disclose: uncloset; open; remove a cover or envelope from; lay open or expose to view

discomfort: distress; uneasiness; mental or bodily distress

discount: give reduction in price on

discourage: depress; take away hope from

discourse: formal, lengthy discussion of a subject; verbal exchange; conversation



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discreet: free from ostentation or pretension; distinct; distinguishable

discrepancy: lack of consistency; difference

discretion: knowing how to avoid embarrassment or distress; trait of judging wisely and objectively

discriminate: make a clear distinction; distinguish; make sensible decisions; judge wisely

disdain: view with scorn or contempt; feel with aversion

disgrace: state of dishonor; bring shame or dishonor upon

disguise: dress or exterior put on for purposes of concealment or of deception

disgust: strong feelings of dislike; offend the taste or moral sense of

disinclined: not inclined; having a disinclination; being unwilling

disinfectant: substance which kills germs or viruses; agent for removing the causes of infection, as chlorine

dismal: causing gloom or depression; dreary; somber; melancholy

dismay: destroy courage or resolution by exciting dread; cause to lose enthusiasm

dismiss: stop considering; end employment or service of; discharge; refuse to accept or recognize

disorder: neglect of order or system; irregularity; disturbance; sickness

disparity: difference; condition or fact of being unequal, as in age, rank, or degree

dispatch: act of sending off something; property of being prompt and efficient; message usually sent in haste

dispel: scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

dispense: distribute; prepare and give out; deal out in parts or portions

disperse: move away from each other; cause to separate; cause to become widely known



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displace: move or shift from the usual place or position, especially to force to leave a homeland

displacement: act of removing from office or employment

display: exhibit; present or hold up to view; show; demonstrate; give evidence of; manifest

dispose: get rid of; settle or decide a matter; place or set in a particular order; arrange

disposed: prepared; inclined; be ready; being particular condition of body or of health

disposition: natural or acquired habit with tendency; act or means of getting rid of something

dispute: argument; angry altercation; quarrel; verbal controversy; debate

disregard: ignore; discount; take no notice of

dissimilar: different; unlike

dissipate: spend or expend wastefully; vanish by dispersion; drive away; disperse

dissolve: melt; liquefy; cause to pass into solution; cause to disappear or vanish

distance: space between two objects; length of a line, especially the shortest line joining two points or things that are separate

distant: far in space or time; cold in manner

distinct: definite; separate; different

distinction: excellence or eminence; note or mark of difference

distinctly: clear to the mind; in a distinct way

distinguish: characterize; differentiate; recognize

distinguished: prominent; celebrated, well-known or eminent because of past achievements

distort: twist out of proper or natural relation of parts; misshape; misrepresent

distortion: mistake of misrepresenting the facts



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distract: cause to turn away from original focus; pull in conflicting emotional directions; unsettle

distraction: extreme mental or emotional disturbance; obsession; confusion of affairs; being drawn apart

distress: discomfort; cause strain, anxiety, or suffering to

distribute: hand out; disseminate; allocate

distribution: act of distributing or spreading or apportioning

district: region; territory within which the lord has the power of coercing and punishing; division of territory

disturb: upset; bother; trouble emotionally or mentally; put out of order; disarrange

disturbance: disorder; turmoil; mental or emotional unbalance or disorder

ditch: trench made in the earth by digging; any long, narrow receptacle for water on the surface of the earth

dive: plunge, especially headfirst, into water; plummet

diver: one who works underwater

diverge: vary; go in different directions from the same point

divergence: difference; deviation; separation; the act of moving away in different direction

diverse: differing in some characteristics; various

diversion: act of turning aside; pastime; activity that relaxes or entertains

diversity: point or respect in which things differ; difference

divert: distract; withdraw money and move into a different location

divide: sever into two or more parts or pieces; separate into parts; cause to be separate

divine: perceive intuitively; foresee future; have nature of or being a deity



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division: act or process of dividing anything into parts; state of being divided; separation

divorce: end a marriage; legal dissolution of a marriage

dizzy: having or causing a whirling sensation

dock: deprive someone of benefits; remove or shorten the tail of an animal

doctrine: principles presented for belief, as by religious; principle of law; act of teaching; instruction

document: provide written evidence; record in detail

documentary: film or TV program presenting the facts about a person or event; of or derived from documents

documentation: confirmation that some fact or statement is true

dodge: avoid a blow by moving or shifting quickly aside; shifty or ingenious trick

doll: small toy with human figure, normally for little child

domain: field; territory over which rule or control is exercised; networked computers that share a common address

dome: building or house, especially as great hall, church, or temple; anything shaped like cupola

domestic: house-hold; of or relating to the home ; within the country or home

dominant: major; important; outweighing

dominate: monopolize; command; rule; prevail; be prevalent in

donate: grant; present as a gift to a fund or cause; contribute

donation: grant; act of giving to a fund or cause

doom: judgment; judicial sentence; penal decree; condemnation

dormitory: a college or university building for student living; a large bedroom where several people sleep



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dose: quantity of medicine given; sufficient quantity; portion

dot: the shorter of two telegraphic signals used in Morse code; very small circular shape

doubt: being in uncertainty as to belief respecting anything

doubtful: distrustful; skeptical; full of doubt; having doubt; not settled in opinion

doubtless: free from fear or suspicion

downtown: commercial center of a town or city

doze: slumber; sleep lightly; be in dull or stupefied condition, as if half asleep; be drowsy

draft: rough outline; draw up an outline; sketch

drag: move or bring by force or with great effort

drain: draw out; flow out; waste

drainage: emptying accomplished by draining; gradual flowing off, as of a liquid

drama: play; literary work intended for theater

dramatic: striking; sensational in appearance or thrilling in effect

dramatize: represent something in a dramatic manner; add details to

drastic: radical; taking effect violently or rapidly

draw: cause to move continuously by force applied in advance of the thing moved; pull along; haul;
drag

drawback: disadvantage or inconvenience; shortcoming; refund or remittance, such as a discount on duties or taxes

drawer: boxlike container in a piece of furniture, made so as to slide in and out

drawing: creation of artistic drawings

dread: fearful or distasteful anticipation; terror; horror



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dreadful: very unpleasant; distasteful or shocking

dreary: gloomy; dismal; dark, colorless, or cheerless

drench: cause to drink, especially by force; put potion down throat of; steep in moisture; wet thoroughly

drift: float; moving aimlessly; wander

drill: bore; pierce; make a hole; practice; train

drip: process of falling in drops; liquid or moisture that falls in drops; sound made by liquid falling in drops

drought: dry period; aridity; long period of abnormally low rainfall

drown: kill by submerging and suffocating in water; overwhelm in water; deaden one's awareness of

dubious: questionable; filled with doubt

due: owed and payable immediately or on demand; proper and appropriate; fitting

dull: lacking responsiveness or alertness; intellectually weak or obtuse

duly: as it ought to be; properly; regularly

dumb: mute; lacking the power of speech

dump: sell at artificially low prices; throw away as refuse

duplicate: one that corresponds exactly to another, especially an original; identical copy; facsimile

durable: lasting; long-lasting; enduring

duration: length of time something lasts

dwarf: cause to seem small; check natural growth or development of

dwell: live as a resident; exist in a given place or state



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dweller: a person who inhabits a particular place

dwelling: residence; place to live in; abode

dye: substance used to color materials

dynamic: energetic; vigorously active

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IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (5)

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eager: avid; enthusiastic

earnest: seriousness; reality; fixed determination; eagerness; intentness

earthquake: quake from underground; disturbance that is extremely disruptive; temblor

ease: satisfaction; pleasure; entertainment; freedom from care

eccentric: departing from a recognized, conventional, or established norm or pattern

eccentricity: oddity; departure from that which is stated, regular, or usual; deviation from center

echo: sound reflected from an opposing surface and repeated to the ear; repetition of a sound

eclipse: darken; exceed in importance; outweigh

ecology: science of the relationships between organisms and their environments

economic: pertaining to economy; frugal; cheap

economical: thrifty; saving; using the minimum of time or resources necessary for effectiveness

economics: branch of social science that deals with the production and distribution and consumption of goods and services and their management



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economize: save money or resource; cut back; be thrifty

economy: efficient use of resources; reduction in cost; specific type of economic system

ecstasy: intense joy or delight; any overpowering emotion

edge: brink; perimeter; margin

edit: revise and prepare for publication; select, correct, arrange matter of, for publication

edition: whole number of copies of a work printed and published; single copy; act of editing

editorial: of or pertaining to an editor; written or sanctioned by an editor

education: act or process of educating; the result of educating

effective: efficient; productive; producing a strong impression or response

effectiveness: efficiency; quality of being effective

efficiency: effectiveness; quality or property of being efficient; ratio of useful output to the total input in any system

efficient: effective; acting directly to produce an effect; exhibiting a high ratio of output to input

effort: exertion of strength or power, whether physical or mental, in performing an act or aiming at an object

eject: put out or expel from a place; discharge

elaborate: marked by complexity and richness of detail; done with care and in minute detail

elaboration: production by gradual process; act of working out with great care in detail

elapse: slip or glide away; pass away silently

elastic: springing back; having the power of rebounding; able to return quickly to a former state or condition

elasticity: tendency of a body to return to its original shape after it has been stretched or compressed



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elbow: hinge joint between the forearm and upper arm

election: voting; balloting; right or ability to make a choice

electrical: pertaining to electricity; electric

electrician: one whose occupation is the installation, maintenance, repair, or operation of electric equipment and circuitry

electron: elementary particle with negative charge

electronic: of or pertaining to an electron or electrons.

electronics: branch of physics that deals with the behavior of electrons; electronic devices

elegance: refined quality of gracefulness and good taste

elegant: refined and tasteful in appearance or behavior or style

element: fundamental or essential constituent of a composite entity; basic assumptions or principles of a subject

elementary: basic; fundamental

elevate: raise; give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

elevation: altitude; height

elevator: lifting device consisting of a platform or cage

eliminate: eradicate; abolish; rule out

elimination: act of removing or getting rid of something

ellipsis: omission of words from text; mark or series of marks used in writing to indicate omission

elliptical: rounded like an egg; in a shape reminding of an ellipse; oval

eloquence: powerful and effective language; persuasive speech



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eloquent: vividly or movingly expressive; persuasive

elusive: difficult to describe; difficult to detect or grasp by mind

emancipate: free from bondage, oppression, or restraint; liberate

emancipation: freeing someone from the control of another

embargo: ban on commerce or other activity

embark: commence; go on board a boat or airplane; begin a journey

embarrass: humiliate; shame; cause to feel self-conscious or ill at ease; disconcert

embassy: diplomatic building where ambassadors live or work; diplomatic representatives headed by an ambassador

embody: give a bodily form to; represent in bodily or material form; incorporate

embrace: hug; adopt or espouse; accept readily; hold close with the arms, usually as an expression of affection

embroider: decorate with needlework; add details to

embroidery: elaboration by the use of decorative detail; ornamentation of fabric with needlework

emerge: come into prominence; spring up; appear

emergency: sudden unforeseen crisis; condition of urgent need for action or assistance

emigrant: someone who leaves one country to settle in another

emigrate: remove from one country or State to another, for the purpose of residence; migrate from home

eminent: standing out above other things; high in rank, office, or worth

emission: radiation; discharge; act of emitting

emit: give off; send out; give out as sound



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emotion: feeling; mood; state of mental agitation or disturbance

emotional: sentimental; passionate; excitable; easily moved

emphasis: special attention or effort directed toward something; stress

emphasize: stress; underscore; utter or pronounce with a particular stress of voice

empirical: derived from experiment and observation rather than theory

employ: engage the services of; put to work; apply

employee: worker; person who works for another in return for financial or other compensation

employer: a person or firm that employs workers

employment: act of employing or using

empty: containing nothing; not holding or having anything within; void of contents or appropriate contents

enable: supply with the means, knowledge, or opportunity; make able; make feasible or possible

enchant: charm by sorcery; get control of by magical words and rites

encircle: form a circle about; inclose within a circle or ring; surround

enclose: include; surround on all sides; close in

enclosure: place where animals are kept

encounter: face; confront; meet, especially unexpectedly; come upon

encourage: activate; stimulate

endanger: threaten; jeopardize; do something that may damage it or destroy it

endeavor: attempt by employing effort

endless: without end; having no end or conclusion; perpetual; interminable



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endorse: acknowledge by signing a bill, draft, or other instrument

endorsement: act of endorsing; support; formal and explicit approval; signature that validates something

endow: grant; award; give qualities or abilities to

endurance: perseverance; state or fact of persevering; continuing existence

endure: tolerate; carry on through, despite hardships

energetic: active; brisk; vigorous

energy: exertion of force; capacity for work or vigorous activity; usable heat or power

enforce: put force upon; force; constrain; compel; put in motion or action by violence

engage: obtain for services of; arrange for the use of; pledge or promise, especially to marry

engagement: act of engaging, pledging, enlisting, occupying, or entering into contest; state of being in gear

engrave: carve or cut into a block or surface, as used for printing; impress deeply as if by carving

engraving: practice of incising a design onto a hard, flat surface, by cutting grooves into it

engulf: absorb or swallow up as in a gulf; flow over or cover completely

enhance: make better or more attractive; increase; improve

enhancement: act of increasing, or state of being increased; augmentation; aggravation

enlighten: supply with light; illuminate, as the sun enlightens the earth; make clear to the intellect or conscience

enormous: very great in size, extent, number, or degrees; huge; massive

enquire: seek information by asking a question

enquiry: search for knowledge



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enrich: make rich; richen; improve

enroll: insert in a roll; register or enter in list or catalogue; insert in records; enlist

enrolment: act of enrolling; specifically, the registering, recording, or entering

ensure: make sure or certain; insure; assure

entail: imply or require; cause to ensue or accrue; cut or carve in ornamental way

enterprise: company; firm; organization created for business ventures

entertain: amuse; host

entertainment: amusement; fun

enthusiasm: great excitement for or interest in a subject or cause; feeling of excitement

enthusiastic: having or showing great excitement and interest

entitle: give right to; authorize; furnish with a right or claim to something; designate; give title to

entrance: fill with delight or wonder; put into a trance; attract

entreat: plead; make earnest request of; ask for earnestly

entrust: give over something to another for care, protection, or performance; give as a trust to someone;

entry: admission; entrance; item inserted in a written record

enumerate: list each one; mention one by one

envelop: enclose or encase completely with or as if with a covering

environment: surroundings; totality of surrounding conditions

envy: malice; ill will; discontent or uneasiness at another's excellence or good fortune, accompanied with hatred

epidemic: outbreak of a contagious disease that spreads rapidly and widely; widely prevalent



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episode: a brief section of a literary or dramatic work that forms part of a connected series

epoch: particular period of history, especially one considered remarkable

equal: having the same quantity, measure, or value as another; identical

equality: state or quality of being equal

equation: making equal; equal division; equality; equilibrium

equator: the imaginary great circle on the earth's surface, everywhere equally distant from the two poles, and dividing the earth's surface into two hemispheres

equilibrium: mental or emotional balance; state of balance of any causes, powers, or motives

equip: supply with necessities such as tools or provisions; furnish with the qualities necessary for performance

equipment: apparatus

equivalent: interchangeable; comparable; equal, as in value, force, or meaning

eradicate: completely destroy; eliminate; exterminate

erase: rub letters or characters written, engraved, or painted

erect: construct; stand; set up

erosion: corrosion; a gradual decline of something

errand: short trip taken to perform a specified task; mission; embassy

erupt: explode; burst out; become violently active

eruption: outbreak; sudden, often violent outburst

escalator: stairway whose steps move continuously on a circulating belt

escape: act of fleeing from danger, of evading harm, or of avoiding notice; deliverance from injury or any evil



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escort: one who conducts someone as attendant; guard; protection, care, or safeguard on a journey

essay: effort made for performance of anything; short literary composition on a single subject

essence: most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience

essential: necessary; critical; vital; constituting or being part of the essence of something

establish: set up or found; build

establishment: act of establishing; ratifying or ordaining; settlement; arranged order or system, especially a legal code

estate: extensive landed property; everything you own; all of your assets

esteem: regard with respect; favorable regard

estimate: judge to be probable; form an opinion about; evaluate

eternal: forever; being without beginning or end; existing outside of time; infinite

evaluate: judge; examine and judge carefully; appraise

evaporate: vaporize; disappear; change into a vapor

evaporation: process of extracting moisture

eventful: busy; momentous; full of events or incidents

eventually: ultimately; in the final result or issue; in the end

everlasting: continuing forever or indefinitely

evidence: something which makes evident or manifest; any mode of proof

evident: easily seen or understood; obvious; apparent; clear

evolution: development; progression

evolve: develop; grow



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exact: precisely agreeing with standard, fact, or truth; perfectly conforming

exaggerate: represent as greater than is actually the case; overstate; magnify; do something to an excessive degree

exaggeration: overstatement; act of making something more noticeable than usual

exalt: raise in rank or dignity; praise

exalted: superior; elevated in rank, character, or status; of high moral or intellectual value

exasperate: make worse; irritate; make very angry or impatient; annoy greatly

exceed: go beyond; be or do something to a greater degree

exceedingly: in a very great degree; beyond what is usual; surpassingly

excel: be superior; distinguish oneself

excellent: surpassing others in some good quality or the sum of qualities; of great worth; eminent, in a good sense

exception: instance that does not conform to a rule

exceptional: extraordinary; unusual; well above average

excess: amount or quantity beyond what is normal or sufficient; surplus

excessive: extreme; inordinate; too much

exchange: substitute; trade in; give in return for something received

excite: arouse

excitement: state of being emotionally aroused

exciting: creating or producing excitement

exclaim: cry out suddenly, as from surprise or emotion

exclude: leave out of; keep out of; reject



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exclusion: rejection; act of excluding or shutting out

exclusive: not divided or shared with others; excluding much or all; not allowing something else

exclusively: without any others being included or involved; purely; strictly

excursion: trip; usually short journey made for pleasure

excuse: free from blame; clear from guilt; release from a charge; forgive entirely

execute: put into effect; carry out the legalities of

execution: accomplishment; putting into practice; putting a person to death

executive: role of government which makes sure that laws are carried out; administrator

exemplify: serve as an example of; embody

exempt: not subject to duty or obligation; not subject to taxation

exert: cause; apply; exercise

exertion: effort; expenditure of much physical work

exhaust: gases ejected from an engine as waste products; use up the whole supply of

exhausted: depleted; tired

exhaustion: act of draining out or draining off; act of emptying completely of the contents; state of being exhausted or emptied

exhaustive: treating all parts or aspects without omission; comprehensive

exhibit: show, make visible or apparent

exhibition: exposition; presentation; large-scale public showing

exile: force separation from one's native country

exit: passage or way out; act of going away or out



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exonerate: acquit; free from blame; discharge from duty

expand: become larger in size or volume; grow stronger; add details

expansion: growth; extent or amount by which something has expanded

expedient: suitable; appropriate to a purpose; serving to promote your interest

expedite: process fast and efficiently; execute quickly and efficiently

expedition: journey organized for a particular purpose

expel: oust; discharge; force or drive out

expend: lay out, apply, or employ in any way; consume by use; use up or distribute, either in payment or in donations; spend

expenditure: payment or expense; output

expert: person with a high degree of skill in or knowledge of a certain subject

expertise: specialized knowledge; expert skill

expiration: act of coming to a close; termination; act of breathing out; exhalation

expire: come to an end; terminate; lose validity; breathe one's last breath; die

explicit: precisely and clearly expressed; definite; outspoken

explode: erupt; blow up; burst violently as a result of internal pressure

exploit: make use of, sometimes unjustly

exploitation: unfair use of someone's work giving little in return

exploration: travel for the purpose of discovery

explore: investigate systematically; examine; search

explorer: someone who travels into little known regions



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explosive: tending or serving to sudden outburst; sudden and loud

export: sell or transfer abroad

expose: set forth; set out to public view

exposition: exhibition; part of a play that provides the background information; opening section of a fugue

exposure: risk, particularly of being exposed to disease; unmasking; act of laying something open

expressive: demonstrative; indicative

expressly: particularly; specifically; in an explicit manner

exquisite: excellent; flawless; acutely perceptive or discriminating

extend: open or straighten something out; unbend; prolong

extension: supplement; act of extending or the condition of being extended

extensive: widespread; far-reaching; wide

extent: extensive space or area; distance or area over which something extends

exterior: outside; external or outward appearance

external: exterior; outer; suitable for application to the outside

extinct: no longer existing or living; vanished; dead

extinction: death of all its remaining members

extinguish: quench; put out, as a light or fire; cause to die out; put an end to; destroy

extra: something additional of the same kind

extract: draw or pull out, usually with some force or effort; remove; get despite difficulties or obstacles

extraordinary: exceptional; remarkable; beyond what is ordinary or usual



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extravagant: wandering beyond one's bounds; exceeding due bounds; wild; excessive; unrestrained

extreme: outermost; utmost; farthest; most remote; at the widest limit

eye: small hole or loop; good discernment; organ of vision or of light sensitivity

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (6)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

fabric: cloth; stuff; artifact made by weaving or synthetic fibers; structure; framework

fabricate: build; put together out of components or parts

face: confront; encounter; be opposite

facilitate: help bring about; make less difficult

facility: service, space, and equipment provided for a particular purpose

faction: a party of persons having a common end in view

factor: anything that contributes causally to a result; element; variable

fade: disappear; die out; lose color; lose freshness

faint: lacking strength or vigor ; weak

fairly: in fair manner; clearly; openly; plainly; fully; distinctly; frankly

fairy: enchantment; illusion; imaginary supernatural being or spirit

faith: loyalty or allegiance to a cause or a person; complete confidence

faithful: believer; follower



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fake: imitation; counterfeit; having a false or misleading appearance

fall: drop; sink; lose an upright position suddenly; decrease in size, extent, or range

fame: favorable public reputation; great renown

familiar: well known or easily recognized

familiarity: state of being familiar; intimate and frequent converse, or association; unconstrained intercourse; freedom from ceremony and constraint; intimacy

famine: shortage of food; starvation

fanatic: person who is zealously enthusiastic for some cause; showing evidence of possession by a god or demon

fancy: capricious notion; something many people believe that is false

fantastic: excellent; extraordinary; strange in form, conception, or appearance

fare: food and drink; diet; transportation charge; a paying passenger

farewell: acknowledgment at parting; goodbye; act of departing or taking leave

fascinate: cause to be interested or curious; captivate

fascination: capacity to attract intense interest

fashion: style, shape, appearance, or mode of structure; pattern, model

fashionable: conforming to the current style; being or in accordance with current fashion

fasten: attach; affix

fatal: causing death

fathom: measure the depth; come to understand

fatigue: physical or mental weariness; exhaustion



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fault: crack; a crack in the earth; defect; flaw; a wrong action

favorable: approving or pleasing; granting what has been desired or requested

feasible: capable of being accomplished or brought about

feast: a festival or holiday; festive or joyous meal; something highly agreeable; entertainment

feat: achievement; accomplishment

feature: prominent aspect of something

federal: of or relating to central government; national

federation: uniting in a league; confederation; league

fee: give a tip beyond the agreed-on compensation

feeble: lacking vigor, force, or effectiveness; faint; frail

feed: give food to; supply with nourishment

feedback: response to an inquiry or experiment

fell: capable of destroying; lethal

fellowship: state or relation of being or associate; companionship of persons on equal and friendly terms; state of being together

female: for or composed of women or girls

ferocious: fierce; savage; wild; indicating cruelty

ferry: shuttle; transport by boat or aircraft

fertile: rich; fruitful; inventive; creative; intellectually productive

fertilizer: any substance used to make soil more fertile

fervent: extremely hot; sincerely or intensely felt



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festival: a day or period of time for feasting and celebration

fetch: take away or remove; reduce; go or come after and bring or take back

feud: bitter quarrel between two parties

fiber: slender, elongated, threadlike object or structure; material to make paper or cloth

fiction: story; imaginative creation; literary work whose content is produced by imagination

fictional: imaginary; invented, as opposed to real

fierce: ferocious; savage; extremely severe or violent; terrible

fig: small fruit tree with large leaves, known from the remotest antiquity

figurative: not literal, but metaphorical; using figure of speech

figure: model of a bodily form; impression produced by a person; written or printed symbol representing a number

file: line; proceed in line

filter: strain; pass liquid or gas through device that blocks some matter by particular criterion

filth: foul matter; anything that soils or defiles; dirt; corruption; pollution

filthy: nasty; dirty; polluted; foul; impure

final: forming or occurring at the end; terminating; ultimate; conclusive

finance: management of money and credit and banking and investments; subsidizing; fund

financial: monetary; pertaining or relating to money matters

financing: subsidy; transaction that provides funds for a business

finite: having a limit; limited in quantity, degree, or capacity; bounded

fir: any of various evergreen trees of the genus Abies



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firm: hard; solid; resolute; determined

fishery: business or practice of catching fish; fishing; a place for catching fish; the right to take fish at a certain place

fist: hand with the fingers doubled into the palm; closed hand

fit: be the right size or shape; conform to some shape or size

fitness: health; vigor; state or condition of being fit; suitability or appropriateness

fitting: small accessory to a larger system; small detachable part for a machine or apparatus; act of trying on clothes

fixed: firmly in position; stationary

fixture: commonplace object; object firmly fixed in place

flag: become less intense; sink, or settle from pressure

flake: flat thin piece or layer; chip; small piece; small crystalline bit of snow

flame: stream of burning vapor or gas, emitting light and heat; passion of love

flap: flat, usually thin piece attached at only one side; act of waving or fluttering; blow given with something flat; slap

flare: sudden outburst of emotion; glare; shine; shine with sudden light

flash: emit a brief burst of light; appear briefly; sudden intense burst of radiant energy

flask: a small bottle-shaped vessel for holding fluids; narrow-necked vessel of metal or glass

flatter: compliment someone, often insincerely and sometimes to win favor; enhance someone's vanity by praising them

flavor: distinctive taste; quality produced by the sensation of taste

flaw: crack or breach; gap or fissure; defect; fault; sudden burst of noise and disorder

flee: run away, as from danger or evil; avoid in alarmed or cowardly manner



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fleece: rob; strip of money or other property unjustly, especially by trickery or fraud; ask unreasonable price

fleet: a group of steamships under the same ownership; a group of vessels or vehicles

flesh: soft tissue of body, mainly muscle and fat; substance; reality; surface or skin of human body; meat of animals

flexibility: quality of being adaptable or variable

flexible: pliant; elastic; capable of being bent or flexed; pliable

flicker: flutter; flap the wings without flying; waver unsteadily, like a flame in a current of air

fling: throw with force or recklessness; throw or cast away; move in an abrupt

float: drift along; make the surface of level or smooth; move lightly

flock: group; herd; crowd; gather; crowd; throng

flour: fine powdery foodstuff; soft, fine powder

flourish: grow well; decorate with ornaments; be in a period of productivity

fluctuate: rise and fall in or as if in waves; shift; vary irregularly

fluctuation: a wave motion

fluency: quality of smoothness of flow; quality of being fluent in language

fluent: easy and graceful in shape; graceful; smooth and unconstrained in movement

flush: turn red, as from fever, embarrassment, or strong emotion; glow, especially with a reddish color; flow suddenly

flutter: vibrate or move quickly; drive in disorder; throw into confusion

flux: flowing; series of changes; state of being liquid through heat

foam: white substance, consisting of an aggregation of bubbles, which is formed on the surface of



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liquids

focus: most important thing; a fixed reference point; center of interest or activity

fodder: coarse food for cattle or horses

foe: enemy; one who entertains hatred, grudge; adversary

fog: droplets of water vapor suspended in air near ground; haze

foggy: obscured by fog; indistinct or hazy in outline

fold: make something double; bend or lay so that one part covers the other

foliage: masses of leaves; a cluster of leaves, flowers, and branches

foolish: marked with, or exhibiting, folly; void of understanding; weak in intellect; without judgment

forbid: not allow; prohibit; prevent

forecast: prediction about how something will develop, as for weather

forefather: ancestor; forebear

foremost: leading; main; primary; first in time or place

foresee: anticipate; predict

foretell: tell of or indicate beforehand; predict

forge: workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering

forgery: act of forging, especially the illegal production of something counterfeit

forgive: give wholly; cease to feel resentment against; excuse for a fault or an offense; give up; resign

formal: official; executed, carried out, or done in proper or regular form

formality: quality or condition of being formal; something done just for form's sake

format: pattern; design; set into a specific pattern



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formation: configuration; pattern

former: preceding in order of time; antecedent; previous; prior; earlier

formerly: previously; at an earlier time; once

formidable: arousing fear; threatening; difficult to undertake or defeat

formula: plan; directions for making something; a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement

formulate: decide upon and express in words

forsake: leave someone who needs or counts on you

fort: a fortified defensive structure; permanent army post

forthcoming: ready or about to appear; making appearance

fortitude: bravery; force; power to attack or to resist attack

fortnight: a period of fourteen consecutive days

fortress: fort; castle; fortified place, especially a large military stronghold, often includes a town

fortunate: lucky; bringing something good and unforeseen

fortune: arrival of something in a sudden or unexpected manner; chance; accident; luck

forum: place to discuss public concerns; meeting or medium for open discussion

forward: at or to or toward the front; toward the future

fossil: remnant; remains of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological age

foster: rear; promote the growth of; help develop

foul: act that violates of the rules of a sport

found: establish or set up, especially with provision for continuing existence; melt metal and pour into



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a mold

foundation: basis on which something is grounded

founder: person who establishes an organization, business

fountain: spring of water issuing from the earth; artificially produced jet or stream of water

fraction: segment; fragment; a small proportion of

fracture: break into pieces; crack; destroy; violate or abuse

fragile: easy to destroy, delicate, not strong

fragment: small part broken off or detached; fraction

fragrance: scent; aroma; distinctive odor that is pleasant

fragrant: pleasant-smelling; odorous

frail: physically weak; easily broken

frame: structure that gives shape or support; closed, often rectangular border of drawn or printed lines

framework: fundamental structure, as for a written work; skeleton

franchise: right granted by authority; right to vote; business licensed to sell a product in particular area

frank: honest; sincere; open and sincere in expression; straightforward

freight: transport commercially as cargo; load with goods; goods carried by a large vehicle

fret: cause to be uneasy; wear away

friction: clash in opinion; rubbing against; conflict

frightening: inspiring with fear; causing fear; of capable of causing fear; scary

fringe: margin; periphery; decorative border of hanging threads, cords, or strips, often attached to a separate band



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frontier: part of a country which fronts or faces another country or an unsettled region; border, confine, or extreme part of a country

frost: ice crystal; weather cold enough to cause freezing; provide with a rough surface or appearance

frown: look angry; wrinkle one's forehead; regard something with disapproval or distaste

frugal: sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive

fruitful: productive; fertile; producing results; profitable

frustrate: make null; bring to nothing; prevent from taking effect or attaining fulfillment

frustration: disappointment; failure; act of frustrating

fuel: substance that can be consumed to produce energy

fulfil: fill full; fill to the utmost capacity, as a vessel, a room

full: filled to satisfaction with food or drink; containing as much or as many as is possible or normal

fumble: feel or grope about; make awkward attempts to do or find something; play childish; \turn over and over

function: act of executing or performing any duty; assigned duty or activity

functional: useful; in good working order

fund: money; capital; a reserve of money set aside for some purpose; finance; subsidize

fundamental: relating to foundation or base; elementary; primary; essential

funeral: ceremony held in connection with burial; burial procession accompanying body to grave; end of existence

furios: extreme anger; raging; full of activity; energetic or rapid

furnace: enclosed place in which heat is produced; place or time of punishment or great trial

furnish: provide; supply; equip with what is needed, especially to provide furniture for



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furniture: movable articles in a room or an establishment that make it fit for living or working

furrow: trench in the earth made by a plow; any trench, channel, or groove, as in wood or metal;
wrinkle on the face

further: get greater distance; make more in advance

furthermore: in addition; moreover

fury: violent anger; rage; uncontrolled action; turbulence

fuse: combine; blend; become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

fuss: angry disturbance; excited state of agitation; needlessly nervous or useless activity; protest;
quarrel

fussy: easily upset; given to bouts of ill temper; full of superfluous details

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (7)

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gale: very strong wind; gust of wind; emotional outburst as laughter or tears

gallery: long usually narrow room ; covered corridor

gallop: move or run rapidly or carelessly, as by a quadruped, particularly by a horse lifting alternately the fore feet and the hind feet, in successive leaps or bounds

gamble: play or game for money or other stake; lose or squander by gaming

gang: group of criminals who band together for mutual protection and profit; herd of buffalo or elk

gaol: place of confinement, especially for minor offenses or provisional imprisonment



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gap: opening through mountains; pass; conspicuous difference or imbalance

garbage: trash; worthless or nonsensical matter; food wastes

garment: any article of clothing, as coat or gown

gasoline: petrol; flammable liquid consisting of a mixture of refined petroleum hydrocarbons

gauge: measuring instrument; measure; judge

gaze: fix the eyes in a steady and earnest look; look with eagerness or curiosity, as in admiration, astonishment

gear: toothed machine part, such as a wheel or cylinder, to transmit motion or to change speed or direction

gem: precious stone; jewel; pearl or mineral that has been cut and polished for use as an ornament

generalization: an idea having general application; reasoning from detailed facts to general principles

generalize: reach conclusion; become systemic and spread throughout the body

generate: bring into being; give rise to; produce

generation: all offspring at same stage from common ancestor; interval of time between the birth of parents and their offspring

generator: one that generates, especially converts mechanical energy into electrical energy; apparatus that generates vapor

generosity: noble birth; quality of being noble; noble-mindedness; liberality in giving

generous: more than adequate; willing to give and share unstintingly

genius: exceptional creative ability; unusual mental ability; someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field

gentle: well-born; of a good family or respectable birth; mild; meek; bland; amiable; tender

genuine: authentic; real; true



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geology: science which treats the structure and mineral constitution of the globe

geometry: mathematics of the properties, measurement, and relationships of points, lines, angles, surfaces, and solids

germ: bacteria; earliest form of an organism; seed

gesture: motion of hands or body to emphasize or help to express a thought or feeling

giant: person of extraordinary strength or powers, bodily or intellectual

gigantic: exceedingly large; huge; very large or extensive

giggle: laugh with short catches of the breath or voice; laugh in light, affected, or silly manner

ginger: plant of the genus Zingiber, of the East and West Indies

glare: light; brightness; fierce or angry stare

glassware: an article of tableware made of glass

gleam: cause to emit a flash of light

glide: slide; move in a smooth, effortless manner

glimpse: glance; a quick look; see briefly; a brief or incomplete view

glisten: sparkle or shine, especially shine with a mild, subdued, and fitful luster; emit a soft, scintillating light; gleam

glitter: bright, sparkling light; brilliant and showy luster; brilliancy

global: worldwide; international; having the shape of a globe

globe: body with the shape of a sphere, especially a representation of the earth in the form of a hollow ball

gloom: partial or total darkness; thick shade; obscurity; shady, gloomy, or dark place or grove; cloudiness or heaviness of mind



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gloomy: imperfectly illuminated; dusky; dim; clouded

glorify: cause to seem more splendid; beautify

glorious: having or deserving glory; famous; characterized by great beauty and splendor; magnificent; wonderful

glossary: brief explanation of words, often placed at back of book

glow: shine with an intense or white heat; give forth vivid light and heat; exhibit a strong, bright color

glue: be fixed as if by sticky substance; join or attach with or as if sticky substance

glut: fill beyond capacity, especially with food; swallow greedily

gnaw: bite or chew on with the teeth

goal: end; objective; final purpose or aim

goat: any of various ruminant mammals, of the genus Capra, related to the sheep; scapegoat

gorge: stuff oneself; overeat; make a pig of oneself

gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful; magnificent

gossip: rumor; malicious report about other people; light informal conversation for social occasions

govern: make and administer the public policy and affairs of

governor: head of a state government

gown: loose, flowing upper garment; ordinary outer dress of woman; official robe of certain professional men

grab: take or grasp suddenly; snatch; capture

grace: elegance and beauty of movement or expression; short prayer of thanks before a meal

graceful: elegant; showing grace of movement, form, or proportion

gracious: beneficent; merciful; disposed to show kindness or favor



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grade: step or degree in any series, rank, quality, order; relative position or standing

gradual: proceeding by steps or degrees; advancing, step by step, as in ascent or descent or from one state to another; regularly progressive

graduate: one who has received an academics or professional degree; one who has completed the prescribed course of study

grand: large and impressive in size, scope, or extent

granite: common, coarse-grained, light-colored, hard igneous rock consisting chiefly of quartz; unyielding endurance

grant: allow to have; give on the basis of merit; be willing to concede

graph: chart; a drawing illustrating the relations

grasp: grip; take hold of or seize firmly with or as if with the hand

grasshopper: terrestrial plant-eating insect; young student in initial stages of training

grateful: thankful; appreciative of benefits received

gratify: give pleasure to; satisfy; indulge; make happy

gratis: free, without charge; costing nothing

gratitude: state of being grateful; warm and friendly feeling toward a benefactor; thankfulness

grave: place for the burial; death or extinction

gravel: small stones, or fragments of stone; very small pebbles, often intermixed with particles of sand

gravity: seriousness; solemn and dignified feeling; natural force between two massive bodies

graze: scrape gently; feed on growing grasses and herbage

grease: oil; fat; state of being covered with unclean things

greedy: wanting to get more than one can reasonably get



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greenhouse: house in which tender plants are cultivated and sheltered from the weather

grief: pain of mind; mental suffering arising from any cause, as misfortune, loss of friends; sorrow; sadness

grieve: cause to be sorrowful; distress

grim: unrelenting; rigid; dismal and gloomy; cold and forbidding

grin: act of withdrawing lips and showing teeth; broad smile

grind: crush; scrape; reduce to small pieces or particles by pounding or abrading

grip: hold fast or firmly; seize as in a wrestling match

groan: give forth a low, moaning sound in breathing

groove: long narrow furrow or channel; settled routine; very pleasurable experience

grope: search blindly or uncertainly; reach about uncertainly; feel one's way

gross: of huge size; excessively large; coarse; rough; not fine or delicate

ground: solid surface of the earth; bottom; lowest part

grove: group of trees smaller than a forest; orchard

growl: utter a deep guttural sound, as angry dog; give forth an angry, grumbling sound; emit low guttural sound

grudge: be unwilling or reluctant to give or admit; be envious; show discontent

grumble: utter or emit low dull rumbling sounds

guarantee: pledge that something will happen or that something is true

guardian: one who guards, preserves, or secures; one who has, or is entitled to custody of person or property

guess: form an opinion concerning, without knowledge or means of knowledge; judge of at random



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guilt: state of one who has broken a moral or political law; crime; criminality; offense against right

guilty: deserving of blame; adjudged to have committed crime

gulf: an arm of a sea or ocean partly enclosed by land; larger than a bay

gulp: swallow; utter or make a noise, as when swallowing too quickly

gust: blast; outburst

gutter: channel at the eaves of a roof for conveying away the rain; eaves channel; eaves trough

gymnasium: place or building where athletic exercises are performed; a school for gymnastics

gymnastics: sport that involves exercises intended to display strength and balance and agility

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (8)

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habit: established disposition of the mind or character; distinctive dress, especially of a religious order

haggard: wasted away; showing wearing effects of overwork or suffering

haggle: argue about prices; bargain, as over the price of something

hail: call for; salute; greet; praise vociferously

hairy: bearing or covered with hair; made of or resembling hair; rough with hair

hallmark: sign; feature; mark indicating quality or excellence

halt: stop; stand in doubt; hesitate

ham: meat cut from the thigh of a hog, usually smoked



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hamburger: a fried bread of minced beef served on a bun

hamper: put at disadvantage; prevent progress or free movement of

handbook: concise reference book providing specific information

handful: a small number

handicap: disadvantage; physical disability; cripple; hinder; impede

handle: touch; feel with the hand; use or hold with the hand; manage in using; deal with

handsome: skillful; handy; agreeable to the eye or to correct taste; having a pleasing appearance; attractive

handy: convenient; close

hang: suspend; fasten to some elevated point without support from below; hold for support

hanger: one who hangs, or causes to be hanged; loop or strap by which something is hung

haphazard: not thorough, constant or consistent; by chance

harbor: provide a refuge for; hide; give shelter to

harden: become hard or harder

hardware: mechanical, magnetic, electronic, and electrical components making up a computer system

hardy: in robust and good health; able to survive under unfavorable conditions

harmful: damaging; noxious; detrimental; dangerous

harmless: unlikely to harm or disturb anyone

harmonious: concordant; accordant; suitable and fitting

harmony: compatibility in opinion and action; an agreeable sound property

harness: stable gear consisting of an arrangement to an animal so that it can be attached to and pull a



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cart

harsh: rough; coarse; severe; unpleasantly stern

harvest: gather; yield from plants in a single growing season

haste: hurry; rapidity of action or motion

hasten: accelerate; quicken

hasty: easily angered; irritable; made too quickly to be accurate or wise

hatch: breed; emerge from the egg

haughty: high; lofty; bold; arrogant; overbearing

haul: draw slowly or heavily; pull or drag forcibly; shift direction

haunt: be a regular or frequent visitor to a certain place; bother; disturb

hawk: bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail

hay: grass or other plants, cut and dried for fodder

hazard: danger; risk

heading: course or direction in which a ship or aircraft is moving; title, subtitle, or topic that stands at the top or beginning

headlong: uncontrollably forceful or fast; done with head leading; headfirst

heal: cure; make or get healthy again

heap: crowd or throng; a great number of persons; pile or mass

hearing: opportunity to be heard; capacity to hear; judicial investigation of a suit at law

heave: cause to move upward or onward by a lifting effort; lift; raise; hoist; throw

heaven: expanse of space surrounding the earth; sky; place where the sun, moon, and stars appear



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hedge: thicket of bushes, usually thorn bushes

hedgehog: small European insectivore, and other allied species of Asia and Africa, having the hair on the upper part of its body mixed with prickles or spines

heed: pay attention to; listen to and consider

heel: back part of the human foot; lower end of a ship's mast

heighten: enhance; hoist; raise or increase the quantity or degree of; intensify

heir: person who inherits some title or office

heiress: woman who is an heir, especially to great wealth

helicopter: aircraft without wings that obtains its lift from the rotation of overhead blades

hell: place of the dead, or of souls after death where sinners suffer eternal punishment; any place of pain and turmoil

helmet: defensive covering for head; hat, made of cork, felt, or metal, worn as uniform of soldiers, firemen

helpful: giving aid; assistant; useful; salutary

helpless: unable to help oneself; powerless or incompetent; powerless; weak

hemisphere: halves; half of a sphere bounded by a great circle

hence: from this place; from this time; from this reason; as an inference or deduction

henceforth: from this time forward; henceforward

herald: proclaim; announces important news; messenger

herb: plant lacking a permanent woody stem, some having medicinal properties

herd: flock; crowd; group of cattle or other domestic animals

hesitant: reluctant, irresolute; tending to wait, or proceed with caution or reservation



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hesitate: pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness

hide: prevent from being seen or discovered

hideous: frightful, shocking, or offensive to the eyes; offensive to moral sensibilities; despicable

hijack: stop and rob a vehicle in transit; seize control of by use of force

hike: long walk usually for exercise or pleasure

hinder: put at a disadvantage; tie up; hamper; prevent the progress

hindrance: something that holds back or causes problems with something else; obstacle

hinge: a joint that holds two parts together so that one can swing relative to the other

hint: allusion; clue; brief or indirect suggestion

hinterland: region; remote and undeveloped area

hiss: prolonged sound like that letter s, made by forcing out the breath between the tongue and teeth

historian: one who is an authority on history

historic: having importance or significance in history; belonging to the past; historical

hitchhike: travel by getting free rides from passing vehicles; be carried along with something else

hitherto: to this place; to a prescribed limit; up to this time; as yet; until now

hoarse: having a harsh, rough, grating voice or sound, as when affected with a cold; making a rough, harsh cry or sound

hobby: auxiliary activity; activity or interest pursued outside one's regular occupation

hoe: weed, cultivate, or dig up with a tool, which has flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle

hoist: raise; lift; elevate

hold: keep from departing; take and maintain control over; stop dealing with



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hollow: sound as if echoing in a empty space; void; vain; not solid; having a space or gap or cavity

homely: of home; domestic; familiar; intimate; plain; unpretending; rude in appearance; unpolished

homesick: unhappy at being away and longing for familiar things or persons

hook: a piece of metal, or other hard material, bent into curve or at angle, for catching, holding, or sustaining anything

hop: move by successive leaps, as toads do; spring or jump on one foot

horizon: line at which the sky and Earth appear to meet; range of one's knowledge, experience, or interest

horizontal: flat; level; parallel to or in a base line

horn: one of the bony outgrowths on the heads of certain ungulates

horrible: exciting, or tending to horror or fear; hideous

horror: terror; fear; intense dislike

hose: a flexible pipe for conveying a liquid or gas

hospitable: disposed to treat guests with warmth and generosity; receptive

hospitality: act or practice of one who is hospitable; reception and entertainment of strangers or guests without reward

host: great number; person entertaining guests

hostage: prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms

hostile: unfriendly; showing the disposition of an enemy

hound: a variety of domestic dog, having large, drooping ears; side bar used to strengthen portions of gear of a vehicle

house: provide living quarters for; lodge; contain; harbor



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hover: hang about; wait nearby; remain floating

howl: utter a loud, mournful sound or cry, as dogs and wolves often do; utter a sound expressive of distress; cry aloud and mournfully

hug: crowd together; keep close to; tight or amorous embrace

hull: outer covering of anything, particularly of a nut or of grain; outer skin of a kernel; husk

hum: low, prolonged sound; humming noise; singing with shut mouth

humane: marked by kindness, mercy, or compassion

humanitarian: philanthropic; one devoted to the promotion of human welfare and to social reforms

humanity: kindness; virtue; all of the inhabitants of the earth

humble: low or inferior in station or quality; modest

humid: containing a high amount of water or water vapor

humidity: dampness; moisture

humiliate: cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of

humorous: employing or showing humor; funny; amusing

hunger: strong desire for something; feel the need to eat

hurl: throw with great force; cast; toss

husband: use economically; conserve; save

hush: make silent or quiet; keep from public knowledge; suppress mention of

hustle: bustle; cause to move furtively and hurriedly

hydrogen: a nonmetallic univalent element that is normally a colorless and odorless highly flammable diatomic gas

hygiene: cleanliness; sanitation



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hymn: song of praise or adoration, especially, a religious ode, a sacred lyric

hypocrisy: act or practice of a hypocrite

hypothesis: assumption; theory

hypothetical: based on assumptions; supposed

hysteria: behavior exhibiting excessive or uncontrollable emotion, such as fear or panic; mental disorder

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ideal: existing in idea or thought; conception; intellectual; mental; imaginary standard of excellence; fit for a model; faultless

identical: duplicate; alike; being the exact same one

identification: act of designating or identifying something; condition of having your identity established

identify: detect; find out; discover

identity: exact sameness; distinct personality of an individual regarded as a persisting entity

idiom: expression whose meaning differs from meanings of its individual words; distinctive style

idiomatic: having the nature of an idiom; characteristic of a given language

idiot: foolish or stupid person; unlearned, ignorant, or simple person

idle: useless; vain; trifling; unprofitable; thoughtless; given rest and ease; avoiding work or employment; lazy



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idol: image used for worship; image of divinity; representation or symbol; false notion or conception

ignite: kindle; cause to start burning; set fire to

ignorance: lack of knowledge or education

ignorant: lacking education or knowledge; unaware

ignore: refuse to pay attention to; disregard; overlook; neglect

illegible: incapable of being read; unclear; not legible

illiterate: uncultured; uneducated; not able to read or write

illuminate: provide or brighten with light; clear up or make understandable; enlighten

illusion: misleading vision; being deceived by a false perception or belief

illusive: deceptive; misleading; based on or having the nature of an illusion

illustrate: represent; demonstrate; depict; clarify, as by use of examples or comparisons

illustration: picture; drawing; showing by example

image: visual representation; representation of a person

imaginary: having existence only in the imagination; fanciful; visionary

imitate: copy the actions, appearance, mannerisms, or speech of; mimic; use or follow as a model

imitation: emulation; copying the actions of someone else

immediate: not deferred by an interval of time; present; occurring at once; instant

immediately: proximately; directly; without interval of time; without delay; promptly; instantly; at once

immense: enormous; boundless; so great as to be beyond measurement

immerse: plunge into anything, especially a fluid; sink; dip



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immigrant: one who comes to a country where they were not born in order to settle there; non-native

immigrate: move into another country to stay there permanently

immigration: migration into a place; moving into a place

imminent: near at hand; close in time; about to occur

immoral: not moral; contrary to conscience or the divine law; wicked; unjust; dishonest

immortal: not mortal; exempt from liability to die; undying; imperishable; lasting forever

impact: forceful consequence; strong effect; influencing strongly

impart: reveal or tell; grant a share of; bestow

impartial: not biased; fair; showing lack of favoritism

imperative: having power command or control; critically importance; some duty that is essential and urgent

implement: put into effect; supply with tools

implication: something hinted at or suggested; act of implying; condition of being implied

implore: beg for urgently; make an earnest appeal

imply: express or indicate indirectly; signify

import: bring in from another country

impose: demand; force; compel to behave in a certain way

impractical: unwise to implement or maintain in practice; theoretical

impressive: making a strong or vivid impression; producing a strong effect

imprisonment: confinement; putting someone in prison or in jail as lawful punishment

impulse: act of applying force suddenly; an impelling force or strength



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inability: lack of ability, especially mental ability, to do something

inaccessible: unreachable; not available; unattainable

inadequate: not sufficient to meet a need; insufficient; poor

inaugurate: start; initiate; induct into office by formal ceremony

incense: enrage; infuriate; cause to be extremely angry

incentive: something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward

incident: usually minor event or condition that is subordinate to another; event; happening

incidentally: by chance; accidentally

inclination: preference; tendency; inclined surface; slope

incline: cause to lean, slant, or slope; deviate from the horizontal or vertical

inclined: tending or leaning toward; bent; having preference or tendency

inclusive: tending to include all; taking a great deal or everything within its scope

income: gain from labor, business, property, or capital

incompatible: inharmonious; impossible to coexist; not easy to combine harmoniously

inconsistency: state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness

inconvenient: not suited to your comfort, purpose or needs

incorporate: combine something into a larger whole; unite

incredible: unbelievable; beyond belief or understanding

incredulous: difficult to believe; incredible; skeptical

increment: process of increasing in number, size, quantity, or extent



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incur: bring upon oneself; become liable to; acquire or come into

indebted: morally, socially, or legally obligated to another; under a legal obligation to someone

indefinite: unclear; vague; lacking precise limits

indefinitely: endlessly; incessantly; for a long time, no end defined; forever

indent: nick; set in from margin; impress or stamp

independent: not dependent; free; not subject to control by others; not relying on others

index: anything which shows, indicates, manifests, or discloses; prologue indicating what follows; second digit

indicate: point out; direct to a knowledge of

indicative: suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

indifference: unconcern; disinterest; lack of enthusiasm

indifferent: having no particular interest or concern; being neither good nor bad

indigestion: a disorder of digestive function; difficulty in digesting

indignant: affected with indignation; wrathful; passionate; irate; feeling wrath by unworthy or unjust treatment

indignation: anger aroused by something unjust

indispensable: essential; requisite; impossible to be omitted or remitted

individual: single person or thing; human regarded as a unique personality

induce: persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction

inducement: act of inducing, or the state of being induced; a motive or consideration that leads one to action or induces one to act

indulge: be complacent toward; give way to; not to oppose or restrain; yield to the desire of



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industrial: of or relating to or resulting from industry; having highly developed industries

industrialization: development of industry on an extensive scale

industrialized: made industrial; converted to industrialism

industrious: diligent; hard-working; busy and laborious

inertia: property of matter by which it tends when at rest to remain so, and when in motion to continue in motion, and in the same straight line or direction

inevitable: unavoidable; incapable of being avoided or prevented

inevitably: unavoidably; in a manner that is impossible to avoid or prevent

infant: child in the first period of life; young babe

infantry: body of children; a body of soldiers serving on foot; foot soldiers

infect: bring into contact with a substance that can cause illness

infection: moral corruption or contamination; invasion of body which can lead to tissue damage and disease

infectious: contagious; contaminating

infer: deduce; conclude from evidence or premises; lead to as a consequence or conclusion

inference: inferring by deduction or induction; truth or proposition drawn from another which is admitted or supposed to be true; conclusion; deduction

inferior: poor; lower than a given reference point; low or lower in order, degree, or rank

inferiority: state of being lower than or not as good as

infinite: unlimited or boundless, in time or space; without limit in power, capacity, knowledge, or excellence

infinity: unlimited extent of time, space, or quantity; eternity; boundlessness; immensity

inflation: general increase in the prices of goods and services in a country



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inflict: impose something unpleasant; cause

influence: power affecting person or thing; effect of one thing on another; flowing in or upon; influx

influential: important; powerful; having or exercising influence or power

influenza: an acute febrile highly contagious viral disease

inform: impart information to; make aware of something; be a pervasive presence in; animate

informal: absence of ceremony; casual

informative: instructive; illustrative; providing or conveying information

infringe: act contrary to, as a law, right, or obligation; annul or hinder

ingenious: clever; having inventive or cunning mind

ingenuity: quality or power of ready invention; quickness or acuteness in forming new combinations

inhabit: live in; occupy; reside in

inhabitant: resident; someone or thing who lives in a place

inherent: firmly established by nature or habit

inherit: receive from an ancestor by legal succession or will; receive by bequest or as a legacy

initial: early; preliminary; occurring at the beginning

initially: in the beginning; at first

initiate: begin; originate; admit into membership

initiative: serving to initiate; introductory step or movement; act which originates or begins

inject: put in; infuse; force or drive fluid into something

injure: do harm to; inflict damage; do injustice to



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injury: any physical damage to body caused by violence or accident or fracture

injustice: unjust act; practice of being unjust or unfair

inland: within the land; more or less remote from the ocean or from open water; interior

innocent: naive; lacking sense or awareness; free from evil or guilt

innovate: change or alter by bringing in something new

innovation: introduction of something new

innumerable: countless; numerous

inquire: ask a question; seek for truth or information by putting queries

inquiry: investigation; search for knowledge

insane: exhibiting disordered of mind; deranged in mind; very foolish

insert: input; enter; put or set into, between, or among

insider: an accepted member of a group; one who has special knowledge or access to confidential information

insight: understanding; grasping the inner nature of things intuitively

insignificant: not large enough to consider or notice; lacking in importance; trivial

insist: stand or rest; find support; take a stand and refuse to give way; be persistent

insolvent: bankrupt; unable to repay one's debts

inspect: look over; examine carefully and critically, especially for flaws

inspection: formal or official examination

inspector: high ranking police officer; investigator who observes carefully

inspiration: sudden intuition as part of solving a problem; arousing to a particular emotion or action



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inspire: encourage; inspirit; fire the imagination of

install: set up; connect or set in position and prepare for use

installation: act of installing or giving possession of an office, rank, or order, with the usual rites or ceremonies; the whole of a system of machines, apparatus, and accessories

installment: monthly payment; a part of a published serial

instance: example that is cited to prove a contention or illustrate a point; case or occurrence

instinct: inborn pattern of behavior ; nature

instinctive: unthinking; prompted by instinct; spontaneous

institute: advance or set forth in court; association organized to promote art or science or education

institution: institute; organization; introducing something new

instruct: teach; make aware of

instruction: direction; teaching; activities of educating or instructing

instructive: serving to instruct or enlighten or inform; enlightening

instrument: tool; one used by another to accomplish a purpose; device used to produce music; legal document

instrumental: serving or acting as a means or aid; helpful; relating to musical instruments

insufficient: of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement

insulate: make an island of; place in a detached situation, or in a state having no communication with surrounding objects; isolate; separate

insulation: act of insulating; separation; state of being detached, from other objects

insult: offend; affront; treat, mention, or speak to rudely

insurance: protection against future loss; act, business, or system of insuring



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insure: make sure or secure, specifically against loss by a contingent event; give or take insurance on

intangible: not able to be perceived by senses, as touch; vague

integral: essential or necessary for completeness; entire

integrate: make whole; combine; make into one unit

integrity: quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness

intellect: ability to learn and reason; ability to think abstractly or profoundly

intellectual: of intellect; showing intellect; requiring the use of the mind, rather than emotions or instinct

intelligence: ability to comprehend; understand and profit from experience; intellect; power of cognition

intelligent: ingenious; wise; bright; having a high degree of intelligence; mentally acute

intense: extreme; acute; in an extreme degree

intensive: thorough; concentrated; tending to give force or emphasis

intent: something that is intended; aim or purpose

intention: motive; with respect to marriage; aim that guides action

interact: interplay; act together or towards others or with

interaction: communication; a mutual or reciprocal action; interacting

interest: attention; curiosity; dividend; yield

interfere: disrupt; hinder; be or create a hindrance or obstacle

interference: obstruction; prevention; act or an instance of hindering, obstructing, or impeding

interior: inside; inner part; internal; inner

intermediate: middle; lying between two extremes



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internal: inside; interior; located within the limits or surface

interpret: explain or tell the meaning of; translate orally; decipher

interpretation: explanation; performer's distinctive personal version of a song, dance, piece of music

interrupt: terminate; make a break in

interval: pause; break; space between two objects, points, or units

intervene: get involved; come, appear, or lie between two things

intimate: give to understand; imply as a possibility; make known subtly and indirectly

intrude: trespass; enter as an uninvited person

inundate: overwhelm; cover with water, especially floodwaters

invade: move into; intrude; enter by force in order to conquer or pillage

invader: one who invades; assailant; encroacher; intruder

invalid: of no force or weight; not valid; weak; void; null

invalidate: make invalid; nullify; destroy

invaluable: valuable under estimation; inestimable; priceless

invariably: constantly; always

invasion: raid; attack; act of invading, especially the entrance of an armed force into a territory to conquer

inverse: opposite; reversed in order, nature, or effect; turned upside down

invest: put clothe on, as with office or authority; place in possession of rank, dignity, or estate; endow; lay out money or capital in business

investigate: explore; observe or inquire into in detail; examine systematically



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investigation: detailed inquiry or systematic examination; inquiry

invisible: incapable of being seen; impossible or nearly impossible to see

invoice: bill; commercial document issued by seller to buyer indicating the products, quantities and prices

involve: wind round; connect with something; include necessarily; engage thoroughly

irony: expression by deliberate contrast between apparent and intended meaning; witty language used to insult

irregular: contrary to rule or accepted order or general practice; inconstant

irresistible: overwhelming; tempting; charming

irrespective: without regard for conditions, circumstances, or consequences; unbiased; independent

irrevocable: unalterable; irreversible; impossible to retract or revoke

irrigate: supply land with water artificially; clean a wound with a fluid

irrigation: supplying water to the land to help crops grow

irritate: rouse to impatience or anger; annoy; provoke

isolate: seclude; set apart or cut off from others

isolation: separation; detachment; quality or condition of being isolated

issue: subject; topic; problem; edition; publication; release; publish

item: a whole individual unit; a distinct part that can be specified separately in a group

ivory: teeth of elephant



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jail: building for confinement of persons held in lawful custody

jam: crush or bruise; get stuck; press tightly together

jar: pitcher; vase; small, cylindrical container for food, normally made of glass or clay

jealous: resentful or bitter in rivalry; envious

jealousy: envy; jealous attitude or disposition

jelly: substance having the consistency of semi-solid foods

jeopardize: endanger; imperil; put at risk

jerk: pull, or move with a sudden movement; move with abrupt, seemingly uncontrolled motions

jettison: throw overboard; eject from boat, submarine, aircraft, or spaceship

jewel: gemstone; costly ornament of precious metal or gem

jewelry: adornment made of precious metals, as a bracelet or ring or necklace

jog: run or ride at a steady slow trot; give a push or shake to

journal: magazine; periodical; log; diary; a ledger in which transactions have been recorded as they occurred

journalism: profession of reporting or photographing or editing news stories for one of the media

journalist: writer for newspapers and magazines

judgement: decision; appraisal



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juice: liquid; liquid part that can be extracted from plant or animal tissue

juicy: full of juice; lucrative; richly interesting

jumble: assemble without order or sense; confused multitude of things; chaos; mess; mixture

junction: connection; joint; intersection; crossing

jungle: land densely overgrown with tropical vegetation; dense, confused mass

junior: less advanced in age than another; younger; lower in standing or in rank

jury: committee appointed to judge a case

justice: quality of being just; practical conformity to human or divine law; equity; uprightness

justifiable: capable of being justified, or shown to be just

justification: good or just reason; condition or fact of being justified

justify: adjust the spaces between words; show to be reasonable; explain, clear away

juvenile: youth; adolescent; not fully grown or developed

kangaroo: animal that having large powerful hind legs and a long thick tail

keen: acute; incisive; sharp; express grief verbally

kernel: central or vital part; most material and central part; grain or seed as of corn

kerosene: flammable hydrocarbon oil used as fuel in lamps and heaters

keyboard: device consisting of a set of keys on a piano or organ or typewriter or typesetting machine or computer

kidnap: take by force or fear, and against one's will; seize and detain unlawfully and usually for ransom

kidney: glandular organ which excretes urea and other waste products from the animal body

kindle: build or fuel a fire; cause to glow; light up; inspire



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kingdom: rank, quality, state, or attributes of a king; royal authority; sovereign power; rule; dominion; monarchy

kneel: bend the knee; fall or rest on the knees

knit: contract into wrinkles; grow together; form into fabric by intertwining

knob: hard protuberance; hard swelling or rising; bunch; lump

knot: fastening together of one or more threads, cords, ropes; lump or loop formed in thread; ornamental tie

label: paper affixed to anything by inscription; slip of ribbon, parchment; writing annexed by way of addition

laborer: worker; someone who works with their hands

lace: delicate decorative fabric woven in an open web of symmetrical patterns; rope; cord that is drawn through eyelets

lag: delay; drag; the act of slowing down or falling behind

lamb: the young of the sheep; simple, unsophisticated person

lame: moving with pain or difficulty because of injury; disabled so that movement is difficult or impossible

landing: touchdown; act of coming down to the earth

landscape: scenery; expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view

lane: passageway between fences which is not traveled as a highroad; narrow country road

lap: take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently

lapse: gliding, slipping, or gradual falling; unobserved or imperceptible progress; slip or error; failing in duty

largely: in a large manner; for the most part; mainly



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lark: any of various small, singing passerine birds of the family Alaudidae; one who wakes early; one who is up with the larks

laser: optical device that produces an intense monochromatic beam of coherent light

lasting: continuing or remaining for a long time; enduring; durable

latent: present or potential but not evident or active; dormant; hidden

lateral: coming from side; situated at or extending to the side

latitude: freedom from normal restraints; angular distance north or south of the earth's equator

launch: begin; originate; initiate; send off; take off

laundry: washing; workplace where clothes are washed and ironed

lawn: landscape; grassland, usually tended or mowed; meadow

lay: put into a certain place; cause to lie down; spread over a surface

layer: tier; a relatively thin sheet like expanse or region lying over or under another

layout: overall design of a page; plan or design of something that is laid out

leadership: guidance; direction; authority; position or office of a leader

leading: chief; principal; having a position in the lead; foremost

leaflet: small leaf; leaf like organ or part

league: association; union

leak: escape fluid from container through a hole or crack; tell anonymously; reveal

lean: bend or slant away from the vertical; rely for assistance or support

leap: jump; hop; place jumped over or from

lease: rent; charter; engage for service under a term of contract



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lecture: teaching by giving a discourse on some subject; speech that is open to the public

legal: created by, permitted by law; according to the law of works

legend: explanatory list of symbols on a map; unverified story handed down from earlier times

legendary: mythical; fabled; extremely well known; famous or renowned

legislation: lawmaking; the act of making or enacting laws; law enacted by a legislative body

legitimate: accordant with law; lawful; based on logical reasoning; reasonable

leisure: convenience; vacancy; freedom to choose a pastime or enjoyable activity

lengthen: extend; make or become longer

leopard: large feline of African and Asian forests usually having a tawny coat with black spots

lever: bar, applied to a rotator piece to turn it

levy: impose fine or tax; collect payment

liability: something that holds one back; state of being legally obliged and responsible

liable: bound or obliged in law or equity

liberal: open-minded; tolerant; broad-mindedness; having political views favoring reform and progress

liberate: set free, as from oppression, confinement, or foreign control; discharge; release

liberty: state of free person; exemption from subjection to the will of another; freedom

license: official or legal permission to do or own a specified thing

lick: draw or pass the tongue over; pass or lap quickly and rapidly; beat thoroughly in a competition or fight

lift: direct or carry from a lower to a higher position; raise; transport by air

light: brightness; something that admits illumination; source of fire; particular aspect of a situation



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likelihood: possibility, strong probability

likewise: similarly; as well; too

limb: arm; leg; any of the main branches arising from the trunk or a bough of a tree

limestone: rock consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate or carbonate of lime

limousine: any of various large passenger vehicles, especially a luxurious automobile; van or small bus on regular route

limp: walk lamely, especially with irregularity, as if favoring one leg; move or proceed haltingly or unsteadily

line: thin continuous mark, as that made by a pen, pencil, or brush applied to a surface; border or boundary

linear: having form of a line; straight; consisting of lines; lineal.

linen: fabric woven with fibers from the flax plant; thread made from fibers of the flax plant

liner: vessel belonging to a regular line of packets, as ship or plane

linger: be slow in leaving; continue or persist; stay

linguistics: humanistic study of language and literature

link: be or become joined or united; connect, fasten, or put together two or more pieces

liquid: fluid; juice; substance in fluid state

liquor: any liquid, as water, milk, blood, sap, juice; alcoholic or spirituous fluid

list: lean or cause to lean to the side; lean over; itemize

literacy: reading and writing; ability to read and write

literal: according to the letter or verbal expression; exactly as stated

literally: with meaning; word for word; letter by letter



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literary: knowledgeable about literature; of or relating to or characteristic of literature

literate: educated; schooled; one who can read and write

literature: imaginative or creative writing, especially of recognized artistic value; art or occupation of a literary writer

litter: make untidy by discarding rubbish carelessly; scatter about

livelihood: subsistence; financial means whereby one lives

lively: busy; energetic; vigorous

liver: large and complicated reddish-brown glandular organ located in upper right chest

livestock: any animals kept for use or profit

load: burden; something which is laid on or put in anything for conveyance; quantity which can be carried or drawn in some specified way

loaf: any thick lump, mass, or cake, especially, a large regularly shaped or molded mass, as of bread

loan: give temporarily; temporary provision of money

lobby: a group of people who try to influence legislation; hall; room; a large entrance or reception room or area

lobster: any large macrurous crustacean used as food

locality: place; district; surrounding or nearby region; particular neighborhood

locate: find; monitor; settle; determine or specify the position or limits of

location: scene; site; place where something is or could be located

lock: strand or cluster of hair; fastening together; a closing of one thing upon another; device operated by a key

locomotive: of or relating to locomotion; a wheeled vehicle consisting of a self-propelled engine



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locust: any one of numerous species of long-winged, migratory insects, of the family Acrididae

lodge: small house on the grounds of an estate or a park, used by a caretaker or gatekeeper

lodging: accommodation; lodging

lofty: high, tall, having great height; idealistic, implying over-optimism

log: record of a voyage or flight; record of day to day activities

logic: reasoned and reasonable judgment; a system of reasoning

logical: reasonable; based on known statements or events or conditions

longevity: long life; great duration of life; long duration or continuance, as in an occupation

longitude: an imaginary great circle on the surface of the earth passing through the north and south poles

loom: appear or take shape, usually in enlarged or distorted form

loop: circle; ring; move in loops; make a loop in; join with a loop

loose: unbound; untied; not attached, fastened, fixed, or confined

loosen: make loose or looser; make less severe or strict

lose: fail to keep or to maintain; cease to have; be deprived of; fail to win

lottery: scheme for distribution of prizes by chance; gaming in which tickets bearing particular numbers draw prizes

lounge: public room with seating where people can wait; living room; lobby

low: utter sound made by cattle; make a low noise

loyal: steadfast in allegiance or duty; faithful to a person, ideal, custom, cause, or duty

lubricate: make smooth or slippery

lumber: move heavily or clumsily; cut down timber of



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luminous: shining; emitting light, especially emitting self-generated light

lump: a small mass of matter of irregular shape; irregular or shapeless mass; small cube of sugar

lunar: pertaining to the moon; affecting the moon

luxurious: rich and superior in quality; lavish

luxury: something that is an indulgence rather than necessity; excessively expensive

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (11)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

mackintosh: waterproof long coat made of rubberized cloth

magic: any art that invokes supernatural powers

magician: one who performs magic tricks to amuse an audience; sorcerer; wizard

magistrate: civil officer with power to administer and enforce law

magnetic: having the properties of attracting iron or steel; captivating; attractive; being to draw or pull

magnetism: attraction for iron; associated with electric currents as well as magnets

magnificent: grand or noble in thought or deed; outstanding of its kind

magnify: intensify; increase; make greater in size; enlarge

magnitude: extent; greatness of rank, size, or position

maintain: keep in any particular state or condition; keep up or carry on; continue



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maintenance: preservation; support; continuance; court-ordered support paid by one spouse to another

maize: tall annual cereal grass bearing kernels on large ears

majesty: nobility; greatness and dignity of a sovereign; royal personage

major: greater in number, quantity, or extent; more important

majority: greater number or part; a number more than half of the total

malady: disease, disorder, or ailment; unwholesome condition

malaise: general sense of depression or unease; vague feeling of bodily discomfort, as at beginning of illness

malice: enmity of heart; malevolence; ill will; spirit delighting in harm or misfortune to another

malicious: deliberately harmful; spiteful; proceeding from extreme hatred

manifest: clearly apparent to understanding; obvious

manifestation: revelation; indication of the existence, reality, or presence of something

manifesto: public declaration of principles; statement of policy

manipulate: operate with one's hands; control or play upon people, forces artfully

mansion: dwelling-house of the better class; a large or stately residence

manual: guide book; hand-operated

manufacture: make products by hand or machinery; make from raw materials

manuscript: written with or by the hand; not printed; literary or musical composition written with the hand

map: depict as if on a map; plan or delineate, especially in detail; arrange

maple: tree of the genus *Acer*, including about fifty species



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marble: hard crystalline metamorphic rock that takes a high polish

march: walking with regular steps; a procession of people walking together; steady advance

margin: border; rim; room

marginal: of or pertaining to a margin; written or printed in the margin

marine: sea-dwelling; maritime; naval

mariner: one whose occupation is to assist in navigating ships; seaman or sailor

marked: noticeable or pronounced; having one or more distinguishing marks

marsh: swamp; bog; low lying wet land with grassy vegetation

marshal: put in order; arrange or place something in line

martyr: one who makes great sacrifices or suffers to further belief or principle; one who endures great suffering

marvel: wonder; strong surprise; astonishment

masculine: of the male sex; not female; having the qualities of a man

mask: try to conceal something; disguise; hide under a false appearance

massacre: killing of a considerable number of human beings under circumstances of atrocity or cruelty

massive: enormous; colossal; consisting of great mass; containing a great quantity of matter

mast: fruit of the oak and beech, or other forest trees; nuts; acorns; a pole, or long, strong, round piece of timber, or spar, set upright in a boat or vessel, to sustain the sails, yards, rigging

masterpiece: chief excellence or great talent; outstanding work of art or craft

match: something that resembles or harmonizes with

mate: a fellow member of a team

material: of, relating to, or composed of matter; concerned with physical, not from intellectual or



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spiritual

materialism: philosophical theory that matter is the only reality

mathematics: science dealing with the logic of quantity and shape

mattress: quilted bed; bed stuffed with hair, moss, or other suitable material, and quilted or otherwise fastened

mature: develop and reach maturity; grow old or older

maturity: state or quality of being mature; ripeness; full development; arrival of the time fixed for payment

maximum: the largest possible quantity

meadow: tract of low or level land producing grass; any field on which grass is grown for hay

measure: determine the size of something; mark, lay out, or establish dimensions; estimate by evaluation or comparison

mechanical: automatic; monotonous; relating to or governed by or in accordance with mechanics

mechanics: branch of physics concerned with the motion of bodies

mechanism: device; machine; the technical aspects of doing something

medal: a piece of metal in form of coin, and intended to preserve remembrance of notable event or person, or to serve as a reward

medieval: very old-fashioned; as if belonging to the Middle Ages

meditate: dwell on anything in thought; think seriously; keep the mind fixed upon; purpose; intend

meditation: lengthy intent consideration; long and thoughtful observation; contemplation of spiritual matters

medium: state that is intermediate between extremes

meek: quiet and obedient; showing patience and humility



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melancholy: gloomy; feeling of thoughtful sadness; affected by depression

melody: tune; pleasing succession or arrangement of sounds; poem suitable for setting to music or singing

melon: juicy fruit of certain cucurbitaceous plants, as the muskmelon, watermelon; plant that produces the fruit juicy

melt: changed from a solid to a liquid state especially by the application of heat

memo: short note; memorandum; written proposal or reminder

memorial: monument; short note or abstract, intended for registry, exhibiting the particulars of a deed

memorize: commemorate; commit to memory; learn by heart

memory: faculty of mind by which it retains the knowledge of previous thoughts, impressions, or events

menace: danger; a threat or the act of threatening; something that is a source of danger; threaten; intimidate

mend: make repairs or restoration to; fix; improve

mental: involving mind or intellectual process; affected by disorder of mind

mentality: mental action or power; intellectual activity; intellectuality

mention: speak or notice of anything, usually in a brief or cursory manner

menu: an agenda of things to do

mercantile: trading; commercial; of or relating to trade or traders

merchandise: objects for sale; goods

merchant: one who traffics on a large scale, especially with foreign countries; trafficker; trader

mercy: compassionate treatment of unfortunate and helpless; willingness to spare or to help; disposition to be kind



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mere: being nothing more than what is specified; considered apart from anything else; small; slight

merge: combine; unite

merit: virtue; admirable quality or attribute; credit

mermaid: legendary sea creature having the head and upper body of a woman and the tail of a fish

mesh: opening or space inclosed by the threads of a net between knot and knot; network or net

mess: soft semi liquid food; a quantity of food set on a table at one time; provision of food for one meal

metallic: of or pertaining to metal; of metal nature; resembling metal

method: orderly procedure or process; regular manner of doing anything

methodology: system of methods followed in a particular discipline

meticulous: excessively careful; marked by extreme care in treatment of details

metric: relating to measurement; involving, or proceeding by measurement.

metropolitan: city center; one who lives in a city center

microscope: magnifier of the image of small objects

microwave: a short electromagnetic wave; cook or heat in a microwave oven

mighty: having or showing great strength or force or intensity

migrant: habitually moving from place to place especially in search of seasonal work; wandering

migrate: move from one country or region to another and settle there

migration: movement of persons from one country or locality to another

milestone: landmark; significant development

military: pertaining to soldiers, to arms, or to war; of whole body of soldiers

milk: white fluid secreted by the mammary glands of female mammals for the nourishment of their



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young

millers: one who keeps or attends a flour mill or gristmill; milling machine

millionaire: one whose material wealth is valued at more than a million dollars

mince: cut into very small pieces; chop fine; suppress or weaken the force of

mingle: be all mixed up or jumbled together;

miniature: very small; model that represents something in a greatly reduced size

minimize: diminish; belittle; make small or insignificant

minimum: the smallest possible quantity

minister: one who performs service for another; officer of justice; executive head of a government department

ministry: act of serving; government department, at the administrative level normally headed by a minister

minor: of lesser importance or stature or rank; not of legal age; limited in size or scope

minority: a group of people who differ racially or politically from a larger group

minus: less; requiring to be subtracted; negative

minute: extremely small; short note

miracle: wonderful thing; something that excites admiration or astonishment

miraculous: astonishing; amazing

miscarriage: failure of administration or management; failure to attain a desired result or reach a destination

mischievous: behavior that causes discomfiture or annoyance in another; tendency to play pranks or cause embarrassment

miserable: very unhappy; full of misery; wretched



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misery: great unhappiness; extreme pain of body or mind

misfortune: bad fortune or ill luck; bad luck

misgiving: feeling of doubt, distrust, or apprehension

mishap: unfortunate accident; bad luck

mislead: deceive; misguide

missile: weapon that is thrown or projected; rocket carrying instruments or warhead

mission: assignment that is given to a person or group; operation that is assigned by a higher headquarters; job; task

mist: visible watery vapor suspended in atmosphere, at or near the surface of the earth; fog

moan: a low prolonged sound of grief or pain, whether articulate or not; groan softly and continuously

mobile: movable; not fixed; fluid; unstable

mobilize: assemble, prepare, or put into operation for or as if for war; make mobile or capable of movement

mock: treat with ridicule or contempt; mimic; frustrate hopes of

mode: prevailing style; manner; way of doing something; fashion or style

moderate: temperate; gentle; mild; make less fast or intense; preside over

modest: humble; less ambitious; moderate

modification: act of modifying, or state of being modified; modified form or condition; a change

modify: alter; change

modulate: tone down in intensity; regulate; change from one key to another

module: standard or unit of measurement; self-contained component of a system; unit of education covering a single topic



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moist: slightly wet; damp or humid

moisture: wetness caused by water

molecular: of molecules; relating to simple or basic structure or form

molecule: the smallest particle of substance, having all the properties of that substance

momentary: done in a moment; continuing only a moment; lasting a very short time

momentous: very important; of outstanding significance or consequence

monarch: king; sole and absolute ruler; sovereign, such as a king or empress

monastery: house of religious retirement, or of seclusion from ordinary temporal concerns, especially for monks

monetary: of or relating to money; nation's currency; financial

monitor: observe; watch; keep an eye on

monopolize: dominate; occupy; have and control fully and exclusively

monopoly: exclusive control or possession of something; domination

monotonous: boring; dull; tediously repetitious or lacking in variety

monotony: uniformity or lack of variation; continual increase, or continual decrease; tedium as a result of repetition

monster: beast; ugly creature; someone or something that is abnormally large and powerful

monstrous: marvelous; strange; extraordinary on account of ugliness, viciousness, or wickedness

monument: structure erected to commemorate persons or events; memorial

monumental: massive; taking a great amount of time and effort to complete; in manner of a monument

moor: dark-colored person generally; broad area of open land, often high but poorly drained



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morale: confidence; mood or spirit of a group that makes the members want the group to succeed

morality: set of social rules, customs, traditions, beliefs, or practices which specify proper, acceptable forms of conduct

moreover: beyond what has been said; further; besides; in addition; furthermore; also; likewise

mortal: man, human being; liable or subject to death; accompanying death

motel: motor hotel; lodging rooms adjacent to a parking lot

motion: movement; act of changing location; ability or power to move

motionless: at rest, stationary, immobile, not moving

motivate: stimulate; impel; provide with an incentive; move to action

motivation: incentive; psychological feature that arouses an organism to action toward a desired goal

motive: emotion, desire, physiological need; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior

motto: short, suggestive expression of a guiding principle; maxim

mould: crumbling, soft, friable earth; soil

mount: go up or advance; fix onto a backing; put up or launch

mourn: express or to feel grief or sorrow; grieve; be sorrowful

mournful: feeling or expressing sorrow or grief; sad; gloomy

mourning: expression of deep sorrow because someone has died

moustache: hair growing on the human upper lip, especially when cultivated and groomed

mouth: opening through which an animal receives food; aperture between jaws or between lips

movement: act of moving; change of place or posture; transference, by any means, from one situation to another

muffle: bare end of nose between nostrils



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muffler: heavy scarf worn around the neck for warmth; anything used in muffling; part of the exhaust pipe of a car that dampens the noise

multiple: having, or consisting of more than one part; many

multiply: proliferate; increase; combine by multiplication

multitude: a great number; many

municipal: metropolitan; civic; having local self-government

murmur: make low, confused, and indistinct sound, like that of running water

muscular: having or suggesting great physical power; of or relating to or consisting of muscle

muse: be absorbed in one's thoughts; consider or say thoughtfully

mushroom: multiply, grow, or expand rapidly

mute: refraining from producing speech or vocal sound; unable to speak; expressed without speech; unspoken

mutton: sheep; flesh of a sheep; loose woman; prostitute

mutual: common to or shared by two or more parties; shared

myriad: of very large or indefinite number; of ten thousand

mysterious: beyond ordinary understanding

myth: legend; fable; a traditional story accepted as history

mythology: study of myths; collection of myths



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naked: bare and pure; completely unclothed

namely: by name; by particular mention; expressly; that is to say

nap: a period of time spent sleeping

narrator: someone who tells a story

nasty: very dirty, foul; disgusting; nauseous

native: being as origin; as found in nature in the elemental form

nausea: feeling of sickness in stomach by an urge to vomit; strong aversion; disgust

naval: relating to, or adjacent to the sea; relating to marine shipping or navigation

navigable: wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; able to be steered

navigation: guidance of ships or airplanes from place to place

neat: clean or orderly

necessitate: make necessary or indispensable; render unavoidable

needle: long, thin, sharp implement usually for piercing such as sewing, or knitting

needy: poor; indigent; being in need; impoverished

negate: cancel out; make ineffective or invalid; deny

negation: act of denying; assertion of the nonrealistic or untruthfulness of anything

negative: adverse; involving disadvantage or harm; pessimistic



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neglect: disregard; ignore; pay little or no attention to

negligence: neglect; failure to take reasonable care; state or quality of being negligent

negligent: careless; inattentive

negligible: so small, trifling, or unimportant that it may be easily disregarded

negotiable: capable of being negotiated; transferable by assignment or endorsement to another person

negotiation: discussion intended to produce an agreement

nervous: agitated; anxious

network: any system of lines or channels crossing like the fabric of a net; complex, interconnected group or system

neutral: impartial; not supporting one side over another

neutron: elementary particle with 0 charge and mass about equal to a proton

nevertheless: not the less; notwithstanding; in spite of that; yet

nickel: coin worth one twentieth of a dollar

nightmare: dream arousing feelings of intense fear, horror, and distress; event or experience that is intensely distressing

nitrogen: colorless nonmetallic element, tasteless and odorless, comprising four fifths of the atmosphere by volume

nobility: quality or state of being noble; superiority of mind or of character; commanding excellence; eminence

noisy: full of loud and nonmusical sounds; clamorous

nominal: in name only; insignificantly small

nominate: designate; appoint



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nomination: act of naming or nominating; designation of a person as a candidate for office

nonsense: silliness; words or signs having no intelligible meaning

norm: convention; standard; rule

normally: usually; as a rule; regularly; according to a rule

notable: worthy of note or notice; remarkable; important

notably: especially; in a notable manner; remarkably; particularly

note: observe carefully; notice; show; indicate

notify: make known; give notice to; inform by notice

notion: general or universal conception; belief or opinion

notorious: disreputable; known widely and usually unfavorably; infamous

notwithstanding: nevertheless; in spite of

nought: nonexistence; nothingness; zero

nourish: provide with nourishment; provide with food or other substances necessary for life and growth

nourishment: a source of materials to nourish the body

novel: previously unknown; strikingly new, unusual, or different; young

novelty: quality of being novel; newness; something new and unusual

nowadays: during current time; presently

nowhere: not anywhere; not in any place or state

nuclear: of, relating to, or forming a nucleus of an atom; pertaining to, or using nuclear weapons

nucleus: central or essential part around which other parts are gathered or grouped; core



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nuisance: something that annoys or gives trouble and vexation; something that is offensive or noxious

null: invalid; void; nullified; having no legal force; invalid

nullify: make invalid; make null; invalidate; counteract force or effectiveness of

numerical: belonging to number; denoting number; consisting in numbers; expressed by numbers, and not letters

numerous: many; various; amounting to a large indefinite number

nursery: room for baby; area in a household set apart for the use of children

nylon: any of a family of high-strength, resilient synthetic polymers

oak: any tree or shrub of the genus *Quercus*; durable wood of any of these trees or shrubs

oar: long, thin, usually wooden pole with a blade at one end, used to row or steer a boat

oath: solemn promise; commitment to tell the truth

obedient: subject in will or act to authority; willing to obey; submissive to restraint, control, or command

object: be averse to or express disapproval of

objection: act of expressing earnest opposition or protest

objective: not influenced by emotions; having actual existence or reality

obligation: act of binding oneself by a social, legal, or moral tie; written promise to repay a debt

oblige: force; bind by an obligation; cause to be indebted; do a service or favor for

obliterate: destroy completely; do away with completely so as to leave no trace

oblong: having greater length than breadth, especially when rectangular

obscure: darken; make dim or indistinct; conceal in obscurity

observance: act or practice of observing or noticing with attention; an act, ceremony, or rite, as of



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worship or respect

observe: be on the watch respecting; pay attention to; notice with care; see; perceive

obstacle: one that opposes, stands in the way of, or holds up progress

obstinate: stubbornly adhering to an attitude or opinion; hard to control or treat

obstruction: act of obstructing; any structure that makes progress difficult

obtain: get hold of; gain possession of; acquire, in any way

obtainable: available; capable of being obtained

obvious: exposed; easily discovered; plain

occasion: significant event that occurs at a critical time; opportunity to do something; event or happening

occasional: random; occurring from time to time; infrequent

occasionally: now and then; from time to time; infrequently; irregularly

occupation: act of occupying or taking possession; control of a country by military forces of a foreign power

occupy: inhabit; live in a certain place; be present in; be inside of

occur: take place; be found to exist; come to one's mind

occurrence: an event that happens

odd: not easily explained; beyond from the usual or expected; not divisible by two

odour: any smell, whether fragrant or offensive; scent; perfume

offence: act of causing anger, resentment, displeasure, or affront; violation or infraction of moral or social code

offend: strike against; attack; assail; make angry; affront



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offensive: causing anger, displeasure, resentment, or affront

offer: act of presenting; something, such as a suggestion, proposal, bid, or recommendation

offset: counterbalance, counteract, or compensate for; balance

offspring: descendant

omen: any indication or action regarded as a foreshowing; phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil

ominous: threatening; foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

omission: act of omitting; neglect or failure to do something required by propriety or duty

omit: leave undone or leave out ; bypass; neglect; fail to include or mention

onset: beginning or early stages; offensive against enemy

opaque: impenetrable by light; not transparent; not reflecting light; having no luster

opera: a drama set to music and consists of singing

operative: having power of acting; exerting force, physical or moral; active in the production of effects

opinion: notion or conviction founded on probable evidence; belief stronger than impression; favorable estimation

opponent: contestant; someone who offers opposition ; adverse; hostile; opposing

opportune: timely; just in time; suited or right for a particular purpose

opportunity: favorable or advantageous circumstance; chance for progress or advancement

oppose: place in front of, or over against; set opposite; exhibit; confront; resist; withstand

opposite: two words that express opposing concepts; contrariwise; directly facing each other

opposition: condition of being in conflict; act of opposing something

optical: of or relating to or involving light or optics



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optimal: most advantageous; optimum; ideal

optimism: tendency to expect the best possible outcome; belief that the universe is improving and good will win over evil

optimistic: hopeful; positive; expecting the best in all possible ways

optimum: most favorable or advantageous

option: act of choosing; power or freedom to choose

optional: not obligatory; left to choice; not compulsory or automatic

oral: spoken; unwritten; relating to the mouth

orbit: path; circle; move in an orbit; encircle

orchard: garden; area of land devoted to the cultivation of fruit or nut trees

orchestra: band

orderly: conformed to order; in order; regular; well-regulated

ore: mineral that contains metal that is valuable enough to be mined

organ: natural part or structure in animal or plant, capable of performing some special action

organic: simple and healthful and close to nature

organism: living being; system considered analogous in structure or function to a living body

orient: focus toward; determine position with reference to another point; locate to face the east

oriental: of or relating to the countries of the orient or their peoples or cultures; eastern

orientation: act of finding oneself position; position or alignment relative to points of directions; course introducing new situation

origin: the first existence or beginning of anything; birth; fountain



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original: not second hand; not copied or translated from something else

originality: novelty; creativity; capacity to act or think independently

originate: initiate; invent; bring into being; create

ornament: decoration; something used to beautify

ornamental: decorative; any plant grown for its beauty or ornamental value

ounce: unit of weight equal to one sixteenth of a pound

outbreak: beginning; eruption; explosion

outcome: result; end or consequence; result of a random trial

outdoors: out of house; out of doors

outermost: far most; utmost; outmost; most distant from the center or inside

outlandish: unconventional; strikingly unfamiliar; located far from civilized areas

outlaw: person excluded from the benefit of the law, or deprived of its protection; fugitive from the law; habitual criminal

outlet: an opening that permits escape or release; activity that releases creative energy or emotion

outline: line that appears to bound an object

outlook: prospect; view; belief about the future; act of looking out

output: act or process of producing; production; amount produced during a certain time

outrage: act of extreme violence or viciousness; offense

outrageous: of the nature of an outrage; exceeding the limits of right, reason

outright: altogether; entirely; without reservation or exception

outset: beginning; start; origin; time at which something is supposed to begin



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outstanding: distinguished from others in excellence

oval: elliptic; rounded like an egg

overall: general; comprehensive; from one end to the other; including everything

overcast: covered or obscured, as with clouds or mist; gloomy; melancholy

overcharge: overprice; a price that is too high

overcome: defeat another in competition or conflict; conquer; prevail over

overestimate: make too high an estimate of

overflow: flow over; cover with, or as with, water or other fluid; spread over; flow over the brim of

overhear: hear more of anything than was intended to be heard; hear again

overlap: representation of common ground between two things; extend over and cover a part of

overlapping: covering with a design in which one element covers a part of another

overload: place too much a load on

overlook: ignore; disregard; fail to notice; watch over

overseas: beyond or across the sea; abroad

oversight: unintentional omission or mistake; watchful care or management; supervision

overtake: come up with in a course, pursuit, progress, or motion; catch up with; come upon from behind; capture; overcome

overthrow: throw over; overturn; upset; turn upside down; cause to fall or to fail

overtime: beyond the regular time

overwhelm: defeat; cover completely or make imperceptible; overcome by superior force; charge someone with too many tasks

overwhelming: overpowering in effect or strength; very great or intense; extreme



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owe: be in debt; be obliged to pay or repay

owl: any species of raptorial birds of the family Strigidae

own: belonging to oneself or itself; not foreign; domestic

ownership: having and controlling property

oxide: binary compound of oxygen with an atom or radical, or a compound which is regarded as binary

oxygen: a nonmetallic bivalent element that is normally a colorless odorless tasteless nonflammable diatomic gas

oyster: marine mollusks having a rough irregular shell

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (13)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

pace: single movement from one foot to the other in walking; slow gait; step

pack: pact or bundle made up and prepared to be carried; a number of similar things; a full set of playing cards

packaging: putting something into boxes

pad: soft or small cushion; a kind of cushion for writing upon, or for blotting

painting: drawing; picture or design in paint; action of applying paint to a surface

pair: two people or things considered as a unit; two items of the same kind; couple

pale: not ruddy; dusky white; pallid; not bright or brilliant



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palm: inner surface of the hand between bases of fingers and wrist; tropical evergreen trees of the family Palmae

pamphlet: brochure; leaflet; a small book usually having a paper cover

pan: criticize harshly; wash in pan; cook in pan

pane: framed section of window or door that is filled with a sheet of glass or others; panel in a wall or door

panel: a group of people gathered for a special purpose; small board or pad

panic: sudden mass fear and anxiety

panorama: complete view in every direction.

panoramic: related to unobstructed and comprehensive view; with a wide view

pant: breathe quickly or in a labored manner; respire with heaving of the breast; sigh

pantry: apartment or closet in which bread and other provisions are kept

pants: trousers; underwear; garment extending from waist to knee or ankle

par: amount or level considered to be average; standard; equality of status, level, or value

parachute: rescue equipment consisting of a device that fills with air and retards your fall

parade: march in a procession; ceremonial procession; visible display

paradise: garden of Eden; any place of complete delight and peace

paragraph: distinct division of written or printed matter that begins on a new, usually indented line

parallel: make or place something to another's side; of or relating to multiple operations at same time; not intersecting

paralyse: make unable to move or act; impair the progress or functioning of

parameter: characteristic or feature that distinguishes something from others



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parasite: animal or plant living on another

parliament: discussion; formal conference on public affairs; general council, especially an assembly of representatives of a nation

partial: incomplete; fragmentary; favoring one person or side over another or others

participant: people who take part in

participate: take part in something; share in something

particle: a tiny piece of anything

partition: divide into parts, pieces, or sections

partner: person who is a member of a partnership; associate who works with others toward a common goal

passion: strong feeling or emotion ; fervor

passionate: zealous; enthusiastic; filled with or motivated by zeal

passive: lacking in energy or will; peacefully resistant in response to injustice

passport: legal document identifying the bearer as citizen of a country and allowing to travel abroad

pastime: something which amuses, and serves to make time pass agreeably; sport; amusement

pasture: field covered with grass; meadow

patch: a piece of cloth; small area of ground covered by specific vegetation

patent: open for the public to read; obvious; plain

path: way; footway; course or track; route; passage

pathetic: causing sadness, compassion, or pity

patriot: one who loves and defends his or her country

patriotic: inspired by love for one's country



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patriotism: love of country; devotion to welfare of one's country; virtues and actions of patriot

patrol: activity of going on an area at regular intervals for security purposes

patron: benefactor; regular customer

patronage: sponsorship; support; state of being a sponsor

pave: coat; cover

pavement: floor or covering of solid material, laid so as to make hard and convenient surface for travel

pawn: something given as security for loan; pledge or guaranty; article deposited as security

peach: small tree in *Prunus persica* widely cultivated at temperate regions, having pink flowers and edible fruit

peak: summit; apex; maximum; prime

pebble: small smooth rounded rock

peck: pick; hit lightly with a picking motion; eat like a bird

peculiar: special; characteristic; unusual; odd; bizarre

peculiarity: eccentricity; oddness; an odd or unusual characteristic; private ownership; proprietorship

pedal: foot-operated lever used for actuating or controlling a mechanism

pedestrian: lacking wit or imagination; ordinary

peel: come off in flakes or thin small pieces; strip the skin off; get undressed

peer: gaze; stare; look searchingly; company with

penalty: punishment established by law or authority for a crime or offense; fine

pending: not yet decided or settled; awaiting conclusion or confirmation

penetrate: pierce; go through; permeate



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penetration: act or process of penetrating, piercing, or entering

pension: something paid or given; payment to a person in consideration of past services

perceive: become aware of through the senses; detect

percent: out of each hundred; per hundred; one part in a hundred

perception: understanding; feeling; effect or product of perceiving

perch: a place high up; an elevated place serving as a seat

perfect: completed; not defective nor redundant; having all the properties or qualities; without flaw, fault, or blemish; without error

perfection: flawlessness; excellence; state of being without flaw or defect

perform: carry through; bring to completion; achieve; accomplish; execute

performance: act of performing; dramatic or musical entertainment; process or manner

performer: entertainer; who performs or takes part in a play or performance of any kind

perfume: pleasing, agreeable scent or odor

peril: danger; risk; hazard; jeopardy; exposure of person or property to injury, loss, or destruction

perimeter: outer boundary length; closed curve bounding a plane area

period: duration, continuance, term; end of something

periodic: repeated; recurring at intervals of time

periodical: publication that appears at fixed intervals

peripheral: located in outer boundary; unimportant; auxiliary

perish: be destroyed; pass away; become nothing

permanent: remaining without essential change



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permission: consent; approval to do something

permissive: approving; tolerant; granting; not strict in discipline

permit: consent to; give permission

perpendicular: vertical; upright; intersecting at or forming right angles; extremely steep

perpetual: everlasting; continuing without interruption

perplex: baffle; confuse

persecute: pursue in a manner to injure, grieve, or afflict; beset with cruelty or malignity; harass; annoy

persecution: act or practice of persecuting on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or beliefs that differ from those of the persecutor

perseverance: endurance; steady persistence in adhering to a course of action

persevere: endure; be persistent, refuse to stop

persist: continue; insist; persevere

persistence: endurance; tenacity; state or quality of being persistent; persistency

personal: particular to a given individual; concerning or affecting a particular person

personality: complex of all the attributes of a person; totality of qualities and traits of a person

personnel: group of people willing to obey orders

perspective: appearance of things; view, outlook, or vista

persuade: advise; counsel; urge the acceptance or practice of; convince

pertain: belong; have connection with, or dependence on

pertinent: having precise or logical relevance; pertaining or relating

perturb: disturb greatly; make uneasy or anxious; throw into great confusion



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peruse: read or examine, typically with great care

pest: persistently annoying person; organism that injures livestock or crops

pet: animal kept for amusement or companionship

petition: plea; formal message requesting something

petroleum: dark oil consisting mainly of hydrocarbons

petty: trivial; of small importance; very small

phase: any distinct time period in a sequence of events; stage

phenomenon: appearance; anything visible, in matter or spirit; extraordinary or very remarkable person, thing, or occurrence

philosophy: body of highest truth; investigation of nature, causes, or principles of reality, knowledge, or values, based on logical reasoning

phonetics: branch of acoustics concerned with speech processes including its production and perception and acoustic analysis

photograph: picture or likeness obtained by photography

phrase: brief expression, sometimes a single word, but usually two or more words forming an expression

physical: relating to the body as distinguished from the mind or spirit

physician: person skilled in physic, or the art of healing; one duly authorized to treat diseases; doctor of medicine

piano: stringed instrument that is played by depressing keys

pick: remove something with the fingers, or with the teeth; separate as choice or desirable

picnic: eat in the open air; have informal meal eaten outside or on an excursion

picturesque: scenic; striking or interesting in an unusual way



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pier: landing place; platform built out from shore into water and supported by piles; provides access to ships

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pigment: substance used as coloring; dry coloring matter

pile: large timber or post; heap; hair; fiber of wool, cotton; head of an arrow or spear

pilgrim: traveler; one who travels far, or in strange lands, to visit some holy place or shrine as a devotee

pill: a dose of medicine in the form of a small pellet; something that is unpleasant or offensive

pillar: column; post

pillow: a cushion to support the head of a sleeping person

pilot: one who guides a course of action for others; one who operates or is licensed to operate an aircraft in flight

pin: a piece of wood, metal, generally cylindrical, used for fastening separate articles together

pinch: clutch; squeeze between the thumb and a finger, the jaws of a tool, or other edges

pine: have desire for something or someone; yearn; grieve or mourn for

pineapple: large sweet fleshy tropical fruit with a terminal tuft of stiff leaves

pioneer: originator; explorer

pioneering: initial; groundbreaking; originating; serving to pioneer

pious: devout; religious; exhibiting strict, traditional sense of virtue and morality

pirate: robber on seas; one who by open violence takes the property of another on seas

pistol: the smallest firearm used, intended to be fired from one hand

piston: sliding piece which either is moved by, or moves against

pit: confront; set into opposition or rivalry

pitch: action or manner of throwing something



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pitcher: container for liquids, having a handle and a lip or spout for pouring; player who throws the ball from the mound to the batter

plague: epidemic disease with a high death rate; annoyance

plain: without elevations or depressions; flat; smooth; not rich; simple; without beauty; not handsome

plane: flat or level surface; level of development, existence, or achievement

planet: celestial bodies that revolve around the sun

plantation: farm; an area under cultivation; a group of cultivated trees or plants

plaster: cover conspicuously, as by pasting something on; adhesive tape used in dressing wounds; a hardened surface as on a wall or ceiling

plastic: capable of being molded; capable of being shaped or formed; easily influenced

plate: flat piece of metal; thick sheet of metal; small, usually circular, vessel of metal or wood for food table

plateau: highland; upland; relatively flat highland

platform: stage; a raised horizontal surface

playwright: someone who writes plays

plea: request for help; excuse or pretext

plead: appeal or request earnestly; enter a plea; offer as an excuse

pleasure: agreeable sensations or emotions; excitement, relish, or happiness produced by the expectation or the enjoyment of something good, delightful, or satisfying

pledge: promise solemnly and formally; binding commitment to do something

plight: condition or state, especially a bad state or condition

plot: small extent of ground; secret scheme or strategy



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plough: plow

pluck: pull or draw, especially, to pull with sudden force or effort, or to pull off or out from something

plug: something, such as a cork or a wad of cloth, used to fill a hole tightly; stopper

plumb: checking perpendicularity; exactly vertical

plumber: craftsman who installs and repairs pipes and fixtures and appliances

plume: feather, especially a soft, downy feather, or a long, conspicuous, or handsome feather; an ornamental tuft of feathers; token of honor or achievement

plump: sound of a sudden heavy fall; well-rounded and full in form

plunder: take goods of by force, or without right; spoil; sack; strip; rob

plunge: dive; submerge; become suddenly lower; decrease dramatically; throw oneself into a substance or place

plus: involving advantage or good; on the positive side or higher end of a scale

ply: bend; lay on closely, or in folds; work upon steadily, or with repeated acts; press upon

pneumonia: inflammation of the lungs

poke: push at, as with a finger or an arm; search or look curiously; proceed in slow or lazy manner; thrust forward

polar: pertaining to one of the poles of the earth; of the poles

pole: a long rod; one of two divergent or mutually exclusive opinions

policy: settled method of government to administer; system of public or official administration

polish: remove flaws from; perfect or complete

politics: profession devoted to governing and political affairs; study of government of states and other political units

poll: voting; survey; number of votes cast or recorded



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pollute: make impure; make unfit for or harmful to living things, especially by the addition of waste matter

pollution: contamination; undesirable state of the natural environment being contaminated

ponder: weigh; weigh in the mind; view with deliberation; examine carefully; consider attentively

pony: small horse; small glass of beer; word for word translation of a foreign language text

popcorn: small kernels of corn exploded by heat

popular: of common people; suitable to common people; easy to be comprehended; not abstruse; familiar; plain

popularity: quality of being widely admired or accepted or sought after

porcelain: ceramic ware made of a more or less translucent ceramic

porch: covered and enclosed entrance to building; covered passage

pore: gaze intently; stare; scrutinize; read or study carefully and attentively

port: place on waterway with facilities for loading and unloading ships

portable: mobile; easily or conveniently transported

portion: section or quantity within a larger thing; a part of a whole

portrait: portraiture; picture; likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

portray: depict; describe; draw

pose: pretend to be someone you are not; assume a posture as for artistic purposes

positive: involving advantage or good ; greater than zero; very sure; confident

possess: occupy in person; hold or actually have in one's own keeping; have and hold; have the legal title to

possession: act of having and controlling property; belongings



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post: display announcement in a place of public view; publish on a list

postage: token that postal fee has been paid; charge for mailing something

postal: of or relating to the system for delivering mail

postcard: card for sending messages by post without an envelope

posterity: descendants; future generations

postpone: hold back to a later time; delay; defer

postulate: essential premise; underlying assumption

pot: metallic or earthen vessel for boiling meat or vegetables, for holding liquids, or for plant

potent: powerful; having power to influence or convince; having great control or authority

potential: existing in possibility; expected to become or be

potentiality: inherent capacity for coming into being; an aptitude that may be developed

poultry: domestic fowls reared for eating, or for their eggs or feathers, such as cocks and hens, capons, turkeys, ducks, and geese

pound: unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

pour: flow in a spurt; rain heavily; supply in large amounts

poverty: lack of money; state of being poor; lack of the means of providing material needs or comforts

practicable: feasible; capable of being effected, done, or put into practice

practical: based on experience; useful

practically: virtually; actually; for all practical purpose

prairie: treeless grassy plain; extensive area of flat or rolling

preach: advocate; speak, plead; argue in favor of



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precaution: prevention; measure taken beforehand; act of foresight

precede: come before; antecede

precedence: fact, state, or right of preceding; priority; previous occurrence, or existence before; preceding act or speech

precedent: act or instance that may be used as example in subsequent similar cases

preceding: ahead; prior to

precious: of high worth or cost

precise: exact; clearly expressed; accurate or correct

precision: exactness; accuracy; number of significant digits to which a value has been reliably measured

predecessor: former occupant of post; ancestor or forefather

predict: state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of special knowledge

prediction: something foretold or predicted; prophecy

predominant: most frequent or common; having superior power and influence

preface: something spoken as introductory to a discourse, or written as introductory to a book or essay

preferable: favored; better; more desirable or worthy than another; preferred

preference: a strong liking; favorite

pregnancy: condition of being pregnant; fruitfulness; fertility

pregnant: expecting a baby; carrying within the body or being about to produce new life

prejudice: opinion formed without due examination; leaning toward one side of a question

preliminary: prior to or preparing for the main matter; introductory



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prelude: introduction; forerunner; preliminary or preface

premature: too soon; too early; occurring before a state of readiness

premium: having or reflecting superior quality or value

prescribe: dictate; guide; advise the use of; assert a right; claim

prescribed: set down as a rule or guide; certain; stated

prescription: written instructions from doctor; written order; act of establishing official rules, laws, or directions

presence: state of being present; current existence

present: being in existence; something presented as a gift; period of time that is happening now

presentation: show or display; act of presenting something to sight or view

preservation: conservation; protection

preserve: uphold; retain; maintain in safety from injury, peril, or harm

preside: be set, or to sit, in the place of authority; to occupy the place of president, chairman, moderator, director; direct, control, and regulate, as chief officer

press: machines or devices that apply pressure or print; collecting and publishing of news; journalism in general

pressure: stress; tension; condition of being pressed

prestige: impression produced by achievements or reputation; recognized distinction or importance

presumably: assumedly; supposedly

presume: take for granted as true in absence of proof; venture without authority

pretense: act of giving a false appearance; imaginative intellectual play

pretentious: intended to attract notice and impress others; making unjustified claims; overly ambitious



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prevail: induce; be greater in strength or influence; triumph; win out

prevailing: most frequent; widespread; predominant

prevalent: widespread; widely or commonly occurring, existing, accepted

previous: existing or occurring before something else

prey: target of a hunt; animal hunted or caught for food

prick: penetrate or puncture by a sharp and slender thing

primary: of first rank or importance or value; essential or basic

prime: first in excellence, quality, or value; at the best stage; peak; first in degree or rank; chief

primitive: belonging to an early stage; simple or naive in style; primeval

principal: highest in rank, authority, character, importance, or degree

principle: basic truth or law or assumption; rule or law of nature; rule of personal conduct

prior: preceding in the order of time; former; previous

priority: preceding in time, importance, or urgency

privacy: quality of being secluded from view of others; condition of being hidden

privilege: special advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all; right reserved exclusively

probe: explore with tools; investigate; search

problematic: open to doubt; unsettled; questionable; difficult to solve

procedure: act or manner of moving forward; act performed; steps taken in an action

proceed: follow a certain course; move ahead; travel onward

proceeding: a sequence of steps by which legal judgments are invoked

proceeds: profit, money made from selling something; income arising from land or other property



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process: act of proceeding; continued forward movement; a series of actions

procession: act of proceeding, moving on, advancing, or issuing; regular, orderly, or ceremonious progress; continuous course

proclaim: declare; announce

procure: bring into possession; cause to accrue to, or to come into possession of; cause to come; bring

produce: bring forward; lead forth; offer to view or notice; exhibit; cause to be or to happen

productive: having quality or power of producing; yielding or furnishing results; causing to exist

productivity: quality or state of being productive; productiveness.

profession: occupation requiring special education

professional: engaged in, or suitable for a profession

proficiency: skillfulness in command of fundamentals deriving from practice and familiarity; expertise

proficient: skilled; expert; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

profile: outline; biographical sketch

profit: advantageous gain or return; income received from investments or property

profound: deep; not superficial; far-reaching

progress: moving or going forward; proceeding onward; advance

progressive: forward-looking; advancing; incremental

prohibit: ban; taboo; forbid

prohibitive: tending to discourage; prohibiting; forbidding

project: any piece of work that is undertaken or attempted; program; plan; scheme



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projection: plan for anticipated course of action; thing that extends outward beyond a prevailing line or surface

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projector: optical device for projecting a beam of light

proletarian: member of working class; blue collar person

prolong: make longer; draw out; lengthen

prominence: relative importance; property of being prominent; a standing out from the surface of something

prominent: conspicuous; immediately noticeable; sticking out; widely known

promise: declaration assuring that one will or will not do something; indication of something favorable to come

promising: likely to develop in a desirable manner; affording hope

promote: help to flourish; advance in rank; publicize

prompt: move to act; incite; give rise to; assist with a reminder

prone: inclined; lying face downward; having a tendency

proof: evidence; demonstration; statement or argument used in such a validation

propaganda: organization or plan for spreading a particular doctrine or a system of principles

propagate: cause something to multiply or breed; cause to extend to broader area or larger number

propel: drive forward; cause to move forward or onward; push

propeller: machine for propelling an aircraft or boat; one who propels

proper: belonging to one; one's own; individual; belonging to natural or essential constitution; peculiar; not common; particular

property: any tangible or intangible possession that is owned by someone

prophet: one who speaks by divine inspiration or as the interpreter through whom the will of a god is



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proportion: percentage; quotient obtained when a part is divided by the whole; part considered in relation to the whole

proposal: something proposed; act of making a proposal; an offer of marriage

propose: make a proposal, declare a plan for something

proposition: plan suggested for acceptance; a matter to be dealt with; subject for discussion or analysis

proprietor: one who has legal title to something; owner

proprietorship: an unincorporated business owned by a single person who is responsible for its liabilities and entitled to its profits

prose: essay; ordinary speech or writing; commonplace expression or quality

prosecute: seek to obtain or enforce by legal action; carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in

prosecutor: one who carries out legal action, especially criminal proceedings; one who prosecutes any purpose, plan, or business

prospect: possibility of future success; belief about future

prosperity: good fortune; financial success; physical well-being

prosperous: successful; thriving; having or characterized by financial success or good fortune

protein: any of a large group of nitrogenous organic compounds that are essential constituents of living cells

protest: expression of disagreement and disapproval; complain against

protocol: code of correct conduct ; rules governing socially acceptable behavior; record of transaction

prototype: original work used as a model; original type

provincial: relating to a province; limited in outlook; unsophisticated



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provision: stipulated condition; act of supplying or fitting out; something provided

provisional: temporary; provided for present need only

provocation: unfriendly behavior that causes anger or resentment; aggravation

provoke: stir to anger; give rise to; stir to action or feeling

prudence: quality or state of being prudent; wisdom in the way of caution and provision; good judgment

prudent: cautious; careful in regard to one's own interests

psychology: science that deals with mental processes and behavior

publication: act or process of publishing printed matter; communication of information to public

publicity: state of being public; information to attract public notice

publish: make public; make known to mankind, or to people in general

pull: steer or move into a certain direction; take away; remove from a fixed position; extract

pulse: beat; rhythm; rate at which heart beats;

pump: draw fluid or gas by pressure or suction; supply in great quantities

pumpkin: usually large pulpy deep-yellow round fruit of the squash family

punch: blow; drive forcibly; pierce; hit with a sharp blow of the fist

punctual: consisting in a point; limited to a point; unexpended; precise

pupil: a learner who is enrolled in an educational institution

puppy: young dog; pup; doll; puppet

purchase: act or an instance of buying; something bought

purify: refine; make pure or free from sin or guilt; become clean



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purity: condition of being pure; freedom from foreign admixture or deleterious matter; cleanness

purple: chromatic color between red and blue; belonging to or befitting a supreme ruler

purse: gather or contract into wrinkles or folds; contract one's lips into a rounded shape

pursue: follow in; go in search of or hunt for

pursuit: follow after; follow with a view to obtain; endeavor to attain

puzzle: difficult question or problem

pyramid: a massive memorial with a square base and four triangular sides; built as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (14)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

qualification: an attribute that must be met

qualified: restricted; having the appropriate qualifications for an office, position, or task

qualify: make such as is required; give added or requisite qualities to; make legally capable

qualitative: relating to quality; having the character of quality

quantitative: expressed or expressible as a quantity; relating to measurement of quantity

quarter: one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

quarterly: every three months; in three month intervals

quartz: a hard glossy mineral consisting of silicon dioxide in crystal form

quay: dock; landing place; reinforced bank where ships are loaded or unloaded



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queer: odd or unconventional, as in behavior; eccentric; mysterious; suspicious; questionable

quench: put out a fire; extinguish; put an end to; destroy

query: inquiry; doubt in the mind; mental reservation

quest: act of searching for something

questionnaire: form containing a set of questions; submitted to people to gain statistical information

quilt: bedding made of two layers of cloth filled with stuffing

quiver: shake with slight, rapid, tremulous movement

quota: limitation on imports; ration; prescribed number

quotation: passage or expression that is quoted or cited; practice of quoting from books

quote: cite or repeat a passage from; repeat or copy the words of another

rack: framework for holding objects

racket: thin strip of wood, having the ends brought together, forming elliptical hoop, across which a network of catgut or cord is stretched; broad wooden shoe or pattern for a man or horse, to enable him to step on marshy or soft ground

radar: measuring instrument to detect distant objects by microwave

radiant: brilliant; delighted

radiate: spread out; effuse; issue or emerge in rays or waves

radiation: very small particles of a radioactive substance that can cause illness or death

radical: drastic; extreme; arising from or going to a root or source; basic

radius: right line drawn or extending from the center of a circle to the periphery

rage: something that is desired intensely; state of extreme anger



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raid: search without warning; surprise attack by a small armed force

rail: scold; express objections or criticisms in bitter, harsh, or abusive language

rainbow: arc of colored light in sky caused by refraction of the sun's rays by rain

rally: call up or summon; call together for a common purpose

ramble: wander aimlessly; move about aimlessly; walk about casually or for pleasure

ranch: farm consisting of a large tract of land

random: without definite purpose, plan, or aim; having no specific pattern

range: limits within which something can be effective; variety of different things or activities

rank: hold a particular position in a social hierarchy; form or stand in a row or rows

rapture: seizing by violence; hurrying along; rapidity with violence; state or condition of being rapt, or carried away from one's self by agreeable excitement

rare: scarce; infrequently occurring; uncommon

rarely: not often; in an unusual degree; exceptionally

rat: any of various long tailed rodents, similar to but larger than mouse

ratify: approve formally; confirm; verify

ratio: relation which one quantity or magnitude has to another of the same kind; rate; proportion

ration: allotment; allowance; portion; allot; distribute in rations

rational: consistent with; based on; using reason

rattle: a rapid series of short loud sounds; loosely connected horny sections

ravage: bring heavy destruction on; devastate

raw: in the natural unprocessed condition; cruel and unfair; uncooked; untrained and inexperienced



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ray: one of a number of lines diverging from a point; a line of light or heat proceeding from a point

razor: sharp-edged cutting instrument used especially for shaving the face or other body parts

react: act against or in opposition to; show a response or a reaction

reactionary: opposition to progress or liberalism; extremely conservative

readily: easily; quickly; in a prompt, timely manner; promptly

realization: fulfillment; awareness; coming to understand something clearly and distinctly

realm: kingdom; domain ruled by a king or queen

reap: gain; harvest a crop from; get or derive; obtain as a result of effort

rear: side of an object that is opposite its front; hind part; point or area farthest from the front

reasonable: showing reason or sound judgment; capable of reasoning; rational; being within bounds of common sense

reassure: give or restore confidence in; cause to feel sure or certain

rebel: one who takes part in an armed group against the constituted authority; revolt;

rebellion: organized opposition to authority

rebuke: scold harshly; criticize severely

recall: remember; call back; cause to be returned

recede: move back; retreat; withdraw a claim or pretension

receipt: act of receiving; acknowledgment of goods delivered or money paid

reception: act of receiving; manner in which something is greeted

receptionist: secretary whose main duty is to answer the telephone and receive visitors

recession: withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity



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recipe: medical prescription; a set of directions for making or preparing something, especially food

recipient: receiver; one that receives or is receptive

reciprocal: concerning each of two or more persons or things; exchangeable; interacting

recite: repeat, as something already prepared, written down, committed to memory; rehearse, as a lesson to an instructor

reckless: headstrong; rash; indifferent to or disregarding consequences

reckon: compute; take account of; have faith or confidence in

reclaim: bring into or return to a suitable condition for use; claim back; make useful again

recognition: acceptance; appreciation; approval

recognize: perceive the identity of; consent or admit with a formal acknowledgment; show appreciation of

recollection: memory; remembrance; power of recalling ideas to the mind

recommend: suggest; bestow commendation on; represent favorably

recommendation: making attractive or acceptable; pushing for something

recompense: render an equivalent to, for service, loss; requite; remunerate; compensate; give in return; pay back

reconcile: correct inconsistencies; become friendly after a quarrel; become compatible or consistent

reconnaissance: gain information about enemy; inspection or exploration of an area

recourse: one that is turned or applied to for aid or security; resort for help or protection; access or admittance

recover: get or find back; regain a former condition

recreation: amusement; entertainment

recruit: enlist; register formally as a participant; engage for military service



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rectangle: a parallelogram with four right angles

rectify: set right; correct by calculation or adjustment

recur: reappear; happen or occur again

recurrence: act of recurring, or state of being recurrent; return

redeem: purchase back; regain possession of by payment; ransom or rescue from captivity; pay penalty; make amends for

reed: tall woody perennial grasses with hollow slender stems

reef: chain or range of rocks lying at or near the surface of the water

reel: frame with radial arms, or a kind of spool, turning on axis, on which threads or lines are wound

referee: someone to investigate and report on a case or to ensure fair play

reference: act of referring or consulting; remark that calls attention to something or someone

refine: purify; make more precise; improve

refined: cultured; purified; made pure

refinement: result of improving something; process of removing impurities

reflect: throw or bend back light from a surface; give back or show an image of; mirror

reflection: image of something as reflected by mirror; remark expressing careful consideration

refrain: abstain from; resist; hold oneself back

refreshment: activity that refreshes and recreates; snacks and drinks served as a light meal

refrigerator: machines in which food can be stored at low temperatures

refugee: one who flees to shelter, or place of safety

refund: repayment of fund; an amount repaid



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refusal: act of refusing; denial of anything demanded

refute: disprove; prove to be false or incorrect

regarding: with respect to; by concerning

regardless: without consideration; in spite of everything; anyway

regime: form of government; government in power; administration; prevailing social system or pattern

regiment: government; mode of ruling; rule; authority

region: province; district; tract; neighborhood; the upper air; sky or heavens; inhabitants of a district

register: give outward signs of; express; record in writing; enroll as a student

regulate: bring into conformity with rules or principles or usage; impose regulations; fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of

regulation: act of controlling or directing according to rule; prescribed by or according to rule

rehearsal: act of rehearsing; exercise or practice to prepare for a public performance

rehearse: practice; drill; engage in preparation for a public performance

reign: sovereignty; rule; dominance or widespread influence

reimburse: pay back for some expense incurred

rein: strap or rope attached to the bridle or bit, used to control a horse or other animal; instrument or means of curbing, restraining, or governing

reinforce: give more force or effectiveness to; strengthen; enhance

reiterate: say, state, or perform again or repeatedly

reject: turn down; refuse to accept; dismiss from consideration

rejection: act of rejecting something



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rejoice: feel joy; experience gladness in a high degree; have pleasurable satisfaction; be delighted; enjoy

relax: make less severe or strict; become less tense

relaxation: state of refreshing tranquility; act of making less strict

relay: act of passing something along from one person, group, or station to another

release: give off; liberate; grant freedom to; make something available

relevant: pertinent; having connection with matter at hand

reliability: trait of being dependable or reliable

reliable: worthy of being depended on; trustworthy

reliance: dependence; certainty based on past experience

relief: easing of burden or distress, such as pain or anxiety; release from post or duty; pleasant or amusing change

relieve: free from a burden; alleviate; save from ruin

religion: belief in supernatural power regarded as creator and governor of the universe

religious: of religion; concerned with religion; having or showing belief in and reverence for God or a deity

relinquish: give up something with reluctance; retire from; give up or abandon

relish: take keen or zestful pleasure in; enjoy the flavor of; give spice or flavor to

reluctance: state of being reluctant; unwillingness; hesitancy in taking some action

reluctant: not wanting to take some action; averse

rely: rest with confidence; have confidence; depend

remainder: remnant; something left after other parts have been taken away



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remains: all that is left after other parts have been taken away, used up, or destroyed; corpse; ancient ruins or fossils

remark: expression, in speech or writing, of something remarked or noticed

remarkable: worthy of notice; extraordinary

remedy: a medicine or therapy; ; cure; fix; repair; provide relief for

remind: recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection

reminiscence: recollection; process of remembering

remit: send back; give up; surrender; resign; restore; transmit or send, especially as money in payment of a demand

remittance: transmitting money, bills, especially to a distant place, as in satisfaction of a demand, or in discharge of an obligation

remnant: remainder; small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists

remove: move away from the position occupied; cause to change place; take away

renaissance: revival; renewal; revival of learning and culture

render: deliver; give or make available; provide; represent in a drawing or painting

renew: renovate; make new or as if new again; restore

renewable: capable of being renewed or extended

renewal: act of renewing; filling again by supplying what has been used up

rent: payment, usually of an amount fixed by contract

rental: amount paid or collected as rent; act of renting

repeal: revoke or annul, especially by official or formal act

repel: force or drive back; disgust; offer resistance to; fight against



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repent: cause to feel remorse or regret; feel regret or self-reproach for

repetition: act of doing or performing again

replace: substitute; put in the place of another; switch seemingly equivalent items

replacement: act of replacing; substitution; person or thing that takes the place of another

replenish: fill or make complete again; add a new stock or supply to

represent: stand for; describe or present; play a role or part

representation: act of representing; standing in for someone or some group and speaking with authority in their behalf

representative: one that represents anything; that which exhibits a likeness or similitude; agent

reproach: express disapproval or disappointment; bring shame upon; disgrace

reproduce: have offspring or young; duplicate; make a copy

reproduction: act of making copies

reptile: cold-blooded vertebrate including tortoises turtles snakes lizards alligators crocodiles

repudiate: disown; refuse to acknowledge; reject validity or authority of

reputable: having a good reputation; honorable

reputation: state of being held in high esteem; general estimation in which a person is held by the public

repute: ascribe a particular fact or characteristic to; consider; suppose

request: express the need or desire for; ask for

require: insist upon having; request and expect

requisite: necessary requirement; indispensable item

rescind: cancel; make void; repeal or annul



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rescue: free from harm or evil; take from legal custody by force

research: inquire into; attempt to find out in scientific manner

resemblance: likeness; similarity in appearance or external or superficial details

resemble: be similar to; take after; look like

resent: feel bitter; consider as injury or affront; be in angry

resentment: indignation; deep sense of injury; strong displeasure

reserve: lack of enthusiasm; skeptical caution; something saved for future use; self-restraint in expression

reservoir: tank used for collecting and storing a liquid; holding pond; lake used to store water for community use

reside: dwell; live in a place permanently or for an extended period

residence: official house; large house; act of dwelling in a place

resident: one who resides in a place permanently or for an extended period; dweller

residual: remaining as a residue; surplus

resign: sign back; return by a formal act; yield to another; abandon

resignation: act of resigning or giving up, as a claim, possession, or office; surrender

resist: stand up or offer resistance; refuse to comply; withstand the force of something

resistance: action of opposing something that you disapprove or disagree with

resistant: unaffected; incapable of being affected

resolute: firm, unyielding, or determined; having decided purpose

resolution: determination; resolving to do something; formal statement of a decision



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resolve: determination; formal expression by a meeting; agreed to by a vote

resort: vacation spot; act of turning to for assistance

resource: materials; abilities; available source

respect: honor or esteem; admire; aspect; detail or point

respective: individual; relating to particular persons or things, each to each; particular; respectful; regardful

respectively: separately; individually; in the order given

respond: show a reaction to something favorably or as hoped

responsibility: duties; obligation; state of being responsible, accountable, or answerable

responsible: accountable; held accountable

restless: never resting; unquiet; uneasy; continually moving; eager for change; discontented

restore: give or bring back; return to its original condition

restrain: keep under control; hold back; place limits on

restraint: moderation or limitation; controlling force; loss of freedom; control of feelings

restrict: keep or confine within limits

restriction: act of keeping something within specified bounds; a principle that limits the extent of something

restrictive: tending or serving to restrict; limiting; confining

resume: give a summary; return to a previous location or condition

retail: selling of goods to consumers

retailer: company which sells goods

retain: keep; maintain possession of; hire by payment of a fee; keep in mind; remember



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retire: move back and away from; stop performing one's work or withdraw from one's position

retirement: period of your life after you have stopped work at a certain age

retort: reply, especially to answer in a quick, caustic, or witty manner

retreat: receding; pull back or move away or backward; withdrawal of troops to a more favorable position

retroactive: extending in scope or effect to a prior time or to prior conditions

reveal: make known; disclose or show

revenge: do punishment in return for injury or insult; avenge

revenue: money which returns from an investment; annual income; reward

reverence: profound respect and esteem mingled with fear and affection, as for a holy being or place; disposition to revere; act of revering

reverse: overturn; turn inside out or upside down; turning in the opposite direction

revert: return to a former condition, practice, subject, or belief; backslide; turn back to

review: summary of a longer discussion; formal examination; practice to refresh memory

revise: amend; change

revision: modification; correction; act of altering

revival: bringing again into activity and prominence

revive: restore from a depressed; renew

revoke: void or annul by recalling, withdrawing, or reversing; cancel; retract

revolt: organize opposition to authority; make revolution

revolution: act of revolving; motion of body round a fixed point or line; rotation; total or radical change; fundamental change in political organization



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revolutionary: marked by new or introducing radical change

revolve: turn or roll round on, or as on, an axis, like a wheel; rotate; move in curved path round a center; pass in cycles

reward: satisfying return or result; profit, return for performance of a desired behavior; positive reinforcement.

rhythm: pattern; beat; recurring at regular intervals

rib: one of the curved bones attached to the vertebral column and supporting the lateral walls of the thorax

ribbon: fillet or narrow woven fabric, commonly of silk; narrow strip of fine material used for trimming

riddle: pierce with numerous holes; perforate; permeate or spread throughout

ridge: long, narrow upper section or crest; chain of hills or mountains

ridicule: words or actions intended to evoke contemptuous laughter; make fun of

ridiculous: completely lacking of wisdom or good sense

rifle: shoulder firearm with a long barrel

righteous: morally justified; equitable; free from wrong, guilt, or sin

rigid: stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and unbending; not flexible

rigidity: stiffness; physical property of being stiff and resisting bending

rigor: strictness or severity, as in temperament, action, or judgment; something hard to endure

rigorous: full of rigors; harsh; rigidly accurate; precise

rim: border, edge, or margin of a thing, usually of something circular or curving

rinse: cleanse with water; flush; wash lightly without soap

riot: state of disorder involving group violence; rebellion



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rip: tear or be torn violently; criticize or abuse strongly and violently

ripe: ready; fully developed; mature

ripen: grow ripe; cause to ripen or develop fully

ripple: form or display little undulations or waves on the surface, as disturbed water does

rise: move from a lower position to a higher; mount up; move upward; reach a higher level

risky: involving risk or danger; hazardous

rival: compete; be equal to in quality or ability; match

rivalry: competition; the act of competing as for profit or a prize

roam: wander; ramble; stroll

roar: bellow; rumble; make a loud noise

roast: cook with dry heat, usually in an oven; subject to laughter or ridicule

robe: outer garment; dress of rich, flowing, and elegant style or make; dress of state, rank, office

robust: vigorous; full of health and strength; vigorous

rod: stick; a long thin implement made of metal or wood

role: normal activity of a person in particular social setting; part played by a performer

roll: a list of names

rooster: adult male chicken

rot: become decomposed by a natural process; perish slowly; become corrupt

rotary: turning, as a wheel on its axis; pertaining to, or resembling, the motion of a wheel on its axis

rotate: plant or grow in a fixed cyclic order of succession; swirl; revolve; turn on or around an axis or a center



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rotation: revolution; act of rotating as if on an axis

rough: not perfected; having or caused by an irregular surface

roughly: approximately; more or less

round: by moving in or forming a circle; from beginning to end; throughout; to a specific place or person

roundabout: circuitous; going round; indirect; encircling; enveloping; comprehensive

rouse: pull or haul strongly and all together, as upon a rope, without the assistance of mechanical appliances

route: way for travel or transportation

routine: unvarying or habitual method of procedure; occurring at fixed times or predictable intervals

royalty: being royal; quality of royal person; kingship; sovereignty; share of product, as a percentage paid to owner of copyright

rub: move over the surface with pressure and friction; spread a substance thinly over

ruin: fall or tumble down; destroy; devastate; exterminate

ruinous: causing, or tending to cause, ruin; destructive; baneful; pernicious

rule: governing direction for a specific purpose; regulation; systematic method

rural: country; relating to rural areas

rust: become destroyed by water, air, or an etching chemical such as an acid

ruthless: pitiless; cruel; having no compassion or pity; merciless



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IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (15)

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sack: bag made of paper or plastic for holding customer's purchases; enclosed space

sacred: concerned with religion; worthy of respect or dedication

sacrifice: offering of something to god; victim offered to god; surrender or loss of profit for higher object

saddle: load or burden; put harness onto animal's back to ride

sag: sink, in the middle, by its weight or under applied pressure, below a horizontal line or plane

sake: purpose; reason for wanting something done

salmon: several species of fish of the Salmonidae family; reddish yellow or orange color, like the flesh of the salmon

salute: give a sign of good will; compliment by an act or ceremony, as a kiss, a bow; honor

sample: small part of something intended as representative of the whole

sandy: loose and large-grained in consistency

sanitary: relating to health or the protection of health

sarcasm: cutting, often ironic remark intended to wound; stinging rebuke; form of humor by mocking with irony

sarcastic: ironic; expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds

satellite: small body revolving around a larger one; subordinate

satire: form of literature in which irony and ridicule are used to attack human vice and folly

satisfaction: fulfillment or gratification of a desire, need, or appetite; source or means of gratification



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satisfactory: acceptable; passable

sauce: stewed fruit served with other foods; appetizing ingredients for meat, fish or puddings

saucer: dish; small shallow dish having a slight circular depression in the center for holding a cup

savage: in a state of nature; wild; untamed; uncultivated; inhuman; brutal; not civilized; lacking polish; rude

save: rescue; preserve; make unnecessary; set aside for future use

savings: resources; money saved

scale: climb up or over; alter according to a standard; estimate or measure; remove in layers

scan: make a wide, sweeping search of; examine

scandal: publicized incident that brings about disgrace; damage to reputation by disclosure of improper behavior

scar: mark of damage; mark left on the skin after injury

scarce: hard to find; absent or rare; limited

scarcely: hardly; barely; only just

scare: frighten; alarm; strike with sudden fear

scarf: long piece of cloth worn about the head, neck, or shoulders

scarlet: bright red

scatter: sprinkle; disseminate; cause to separate and go in different directions

scene: structure on which something is shown; part of theater where the acting is done; place, time, or circumstance in which anything occurs

scenery: landscape; view; view or views of natural features, especially in open country

scenic: constituting or affording pleasing views of natural features; beautiful



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scent: distinctive odor that is pleasant; fragrance; perfume

schedule: plan for an activity or event; arrange

scheme: elaborate and systematic plan of action; chart or outline of a system or object

scholar: professor; a learned person

scholarship: knowledge resulting from study and research; grant of financial aid awarded to student

scissors: edge tool having two crossed pivoting blades

scoff: mock; ridicule; show or express scorn; eat quickly and greedily

scold: find fault or rail with rude clamor; utter harsh, rude, boisterous rebuke

scope: range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions; extent; bound

scorch: burn superficially; parch, or shrivel, the surface of, by heat; affect painfully with heat; burn

score: act of getting point in a game or sport; facts about an actual situation

scorn: extreme and lofty contempt; haughty disregard

scotch: put an abrupt end to; block to prevent rolling or slipping

scout: find paths through unexplored territory

scramble: uncereemonious and disorganized struggle; rushing about hastily in an undignified way

scrap: small piece or bit; fragment; fragment; leftover bits of food; remnant

scrape: gather something together over time; scratch repeatedly

scratch: cut the surface of; cause friction

screen: surface where pictures can be projected for viewing ; examine; test

screw: cause to penetrate with a circular motion; fastener with shank and slotted head



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screwdriver: a hand tool for driving screws

script: prepare text for filming or broadcasting

scrub: rub hard; wash with rubbing

scrutiny: close examination; minute inspection; critical observation.

sculptor: artist who creates sculptures

sculpture: statue; creating figures or designs in three dimensions

seal: middle size aquatic mammal; stamp used for authentication or security

seam: line of junction formed by sewing together two pieces; line across a surface, as a crack; scar

seaport: sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

seashore: coast; beach; the shore of a sea or ocean

seasonal: occurring at or dependent on a particular season

secondary: not of major importance; of second rank or importance or value; not direct or immediate

secret: something studiously concealed; a thing kept from general knowledge

section: one of several parts; pieces that fit with others to constitute a whole object

sector: particular aspect of life or activity; body of people who form part of society or economy

secure: free from fear, care, or anxiety; not have reason to doubt

security: freedom from risk or danger; safety

seek: make an effort to; try to get; try to discover

seemingly: apparently; supposedly

segment: sector; portion; any of the parts into which something can be divided

select: taken from a number by preference; picked out as more valuable or excellent than others; of



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special value or excellence

selection: choice; variety; collection

senator: a member of a senate; a member of the king's council; a king's councilor

sensation: feeling; perception associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition

sensational: arousing or intended to arouse strong curiosity, interest, or reaction

sense: faculty through which to know external world; feeling produced by stimulus

sensible: able to feel or perceive; perceivable; wise; showing reason or sound judgment

sensitive: able to feel; responsive to external conditions; susceptible to attitudes of others

sensitivity: sense; acuteness; capacity of an organ or organism to respond to stimulation

sentence: final judgment of guilty in criminal case and punishment that is imposed

sentiment: thought prompted by passion or feeling; feeling toward or respecting some person or thing; disposition prompting to action or expression

sentimental: emotional; Resulting from emotion rather than reason or realism

separate: set or keep apart; disunite; divide; disconnect

sequence: serial arrangement in which things follow in logical order or a recurrent pattern

serene: completely clear and fine

serenity: calmness of mind; quietness; stillness; peace

series: a number of things or events standing or succeeding in order; sequence

serious: grave in manner or disposition; earnest; thoughtful; solemn; really intending what is said

seriously: in a serious or literal manner; gravely; solemnly; in earnest; without levity

session: meeting devoted to a particular activity; time for school to hold classes



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setting: context and environment in which something is set

settle: take up residence; form a community; come to rest; bring to an end; fix firmly

severe: serious in feeling or manner; not light, lively, or cheerful

shabby: torn or worn to rage; poor; mean; ragged

shade: a slight amount or degree of difference; shadow; protective covering that protects something from direct sunlight

shaft: axes; vertical passage into a mine; long narrow stem or body of a spear or arrow

shallow: lacking physical depth; not deep or strong

sham: pretend; put on false appearance of; feign

sharpen: make pointed; make sharp or sharper

sharply: steeply; changing suddenly in direction and degree; acutely

shatter: destroy; break up; break into many pieces

shave: act of removing hair with a razor; thin slice or scraping

shear: cut or clip hair; strip of something; remove by cutting or clipping

shed: get rid of; cast off; cause to pour forth

sheer: very thin or transparent; very steep; absolute or pure

sheet: bed linen consisting of a large rectangular piece; any broad thin surface

shell: ammunition consisting of a cylindrical metal casing containing an explosive charge; usually hard outer covering that encases certain organism

shelter: structure that provides privacy and protection from danger

shepherd: a herder of sheep; someone who keeps the sheep together in a flock



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sheriff: chief officer of a shire or county, to whom is entrusted the execution of the laws

shield: protective covering or structure; protect; guard

shift: moving from one setting or context to another; moving very slightly

shine: emit rays of light; give light; beam with steady radiance; exhibit brightness or splendor

shiny: reflecting light; radiant; bright from reflected light

shipment: sending of cargo; act of sending off something

shipwreck: destruction of a ship, as by storm or collision; complete failure or ruin

shiver: shake with or as if with cold; tremble; break into fragments or splinters

shock: unpleasant or disappointing surprise; surprise greatly; effect of such a collision or blow

short: not long; unwilling to endure; inadequate or insufficient; most direct; lasting a brief time

shortcut: a direct route; a route shorter than the usual one

shot: photographic view or exposure

shove: drive along by the direct and continuous application of strength; push along, aside, or away, in a careless manner

shovel: tool consisting of a broad scoop, or hollow blade, with a handle, used for lifting and throwing loose substances

shower: one who shows or exhibits; brief fall of precipitation, such as rain, hail; bath in which the water is sprayed

shrewd: clever; characterized by keen awareness, sharp intelligence

shriek: sharp, shrill outcry or scream; shrill wild cry such as is caused by sudden or extreme terror, pain, or the like

shrill: acute; sharp; piercing; having or emitting a sharp, piercing tone or sound

shrine: case or box, especially one in which are deposited sacred relics, as the bones of a saint; sacred



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place, as altar or tomb

shrink: become smaller or draw together; compress

shroud: hide from view; wrap for burial; shut off from sight; shelter

shrub: bush

shrug: draw up or contract the shoulders, especially by way of expressing dislike, dread, doubt, or the like

shuffle: disorder; move back and forth; mix so as to make a random order or arrangement

shun: avoid deliberately; keep away from

shutter: a hinged blind for a window

shuttle: public transport that consists of a bus or train or airplane that run between two points; spacecraft

shy: timid; bashful; easily startled; distrustful

sick: affected with disease of any kind; ill; indisposed; not in health

sickness: state that precedes vomiting; disease

sideways: with the side forward; to or from a side

siege: seat, especially a royal seat; throne; rank; grade; sitting before a fortified place; surrounding or investing of a place by army

sieve: a utensil for separating the finer and coarser parts; a kind of coarse basket

sift: separate with a sieve, as the fine part of a substance from the course; examine critically or minutely; scrutinize

sigh: inhale a larger quantity of air than usual, and immediately expel it; make a deep single audible respiration, especially to express fatigue, exhaustion, grief, or sorrow

sightseeing: act or pastime of visiting sights of interest



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sign: public display of message; visible mark or indication

signal: a sign made for the purpose of giving notice to a person

signature: name written in own handwriting

significance: message that is intended or expressed or signified; meaning

significant: fairly large; important in effect or meaning

signify: denote; mean; indicate

silly: exhibiting a lack of wisdom or good sense; foolish; stupid

similar: nearly corresponding; somewhat like; having a general likeness

simplicity: easiness; plainness; absence of luxury or showiness; lack of good sense or intelligence; foolishness

simplify: make simple; make less complex; make clear by giving the explanation for

simulate: make a pretence of; reproduce someone's behavior or looks

simultaneous: existing, happening, or done at the same time

sincere: open and genuine; not deceitful; pure; unmixed

single: one only; consisting of one alone; alone; having no companion

singular: unique; extraordinary; being only one

sink: fall by, force of gravity; descend lower; decline gradually; enter deeply

siren: electronic device producing a similar sound as a signal or warning; something insidious or deceptive; mermaid

site: physical position in relation to the surroundings; position; location

skeleton: framework; internal supporting structure that gives an artifact its shape

sketch: draw or describe briefly; give the main points; summary of



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skim: pass near surface of; brush surface of; glide swiftly along surface of; read or examine superficially and rapidly, in order to cull the principal facts or thoughts

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skip: jump lightly; hop; bypass

skirmish: minor battle in war; minor or preliminary conflict or dispute

skull: bony skeleton of the head of vertebrates

skyrocket: increase rapidly; rise quickly; soar

skyscraper: very tall building with many stories

slack: area of still water; lack of tension; cord, rope, or cable that is hanging loosely; unused capacity; casual trousers

slam: shut with force and a loud noise; strike with force

slander: defamation; false and malicious statement or report about someone

slap: sharp blow from a flat object as an open hand; smack; sharp insult

slaughter: act of killing; extensive, violent, bloody, or wanton destruction of life; carnage

slay: put to death with a weapon, or by violence; kill; put an end to; destroy; overwhelm, as with laughter or love

slender: having little width in proportion to height or length; long and thin

slice: a serving that has been cut from a larger portion; piece; a share of something

slide: slip; move usually in an uncontrolled manner; move smoothly along a surface

slight: almost no; very little; deliberate discourtesy

slightly: a little; a bit

slim: small in quantity; being of delicate or slender build

slip: move smoothly and easily; move out of position; move stealthily



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slipper: low footwear that can be on and off easily; one who slips or slides because of loss of traction

slippery: smooth; being such as to cause things to slip or slide

slit: long, straight, narrow cut or opening; slot; pocket

slogan: phrase used repeatedly, as in advertising or promotion

slope: be at an angle; incline; gradient

slum: a district of a city marked by poverty and inferior living conditions

slumber: sleep; state of inactivity or dormancy

slump: sudden falling off or decline, as in activity, prices, or business; gross amount; mass

smart: clever; intelligent; showing mental alertness and calculation

smash: break in pieces by violence; dash to pieces; crush

smog: air pollution by a mixture of smoke and fog

smooth: free from obstructions; make surface shine

smoothly: in a smooth manner; successfully; easily

smuggle: import or export without paying customs duties

snack: eat light informal meal; eat lightly

snap: make a sharp sound; break suddenly as under tension; utter in angry or sharp tone

snatch: grasp or seize hastily, eagerly, or suddenly

sneak: creep or steal privately; come or go meanly, as a person afraid or ashamed to be seen

sneer: show contempt by turning up the nose, or by a particular facial expression; speak derisively; show mirth awkwardly

snob: vulgar person who affects to be better, richer, or more fashionable, than he really is; one who



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apes his superiors.

snobbish: of or pertaining to a snob; vulgarly pretentious

soak: cause or suffer to lie in a fluid; absorb; drain; drink intemperately or gluttonously

soar: fly aloft, as a bird; mount upward on wings; rise in thought, spirits, or imagination

sober: not extreme; marked by seriousness or gravity; not affected by use of drugs; self-restraint

sociable: gregarious; friendly; inclined to or conducive to companionship with others

sociology: branch of philosophy which treats of the constitution, phenomena, and development of human society; social science

sock: plowshare; short stocking reaching a point between ankle and knee; hard blow or punch; comic drama

soil: material in the surface of the earth

solar: of or relating to the sun

soldier: one who is engaged in military service as an officer or a private; one who serves in an army

sole: bottom; underside of foot or shoe or boot; bottom surface of a plow

solely: alone; only; without another

solemn: serious; somber; deeply earnest, serious, and sober

solicitor: petitioner who seeks contributions or trade or votes; chief law officer of a city, town, or government department

solidarity: union of interests, purposes, or sympathies among members of a group; accord

solitary: isolated; existing, living, or going without others; alone; unaccompanied

solitude: state of being alone; seclusion; lonely or secluded place

solo: composed or performed by a single voice or instrument; unaccompanied; single



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solution: method for solving a problem; successful action of solving a problem

solvent: able to pay all debts; capable of meeting financial obligations

somehow: in one way or another; in some way not yet known; by some means

somewhat: to some extent or degree; rather; a bit; slightly

soothe: cause to feel better; give moral or emotional strength to

sophisticated: wide-ranging knowledge; complex; intellectually appealing

sophistication: being expert or having knowledge of some technical subject

sore: skin infection; hurting; inflamed and painful; source of pain, distress, or irritation

sort: kind or species; a class of;

sound: sensation perceived by the ear; distinctive noise; long narrow inlet

sour: taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice; showing ill humor

source: point of origin, such as spring, of stream or river; one that causes, creates, or initiates

souvenir: token of remembrance; memento; something of sentimental value

sovereign: having supreme rank or power; self governing; excellent; independent

sovereignty: autonomy; independence

sow: plant; place seeds in or on

soy: soybean; most highly protein vegetable

spacecraft: a vehicle for travelling in space

spaceship: spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

spacious: wide; generous or large in area or extent; sizable

span: duration; distance; cover; extent or measure of space between two points



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spare: give up what is not strictly needed; hold back from; withhold or avoid; save or relieve from action

spark: flash; sparkle; emit or produce sparks

sparkle: be brilliant in performance; give off or reflect flashes of light; glitter

sparrow: any of several small dull-colored singing birds feeding on seeds or insects

spatial: relating to space; existing in or connected with space

spear: a long, pointed weapon, used in war and hunting, by thrusting or throwing

specialize: mention specially; particularize; apply to some specialty or limited object

specialized: developed or designed for a special activity or function

species: a specific kind of something

specific: stated explicitly or in detail; definite

specification: instruction; description; act of specifying, or making a detailed statement

specify: detail; designate

specimen: model; sample; an example regarded as typical of its class

spectacle: demonstration; show

spectacular: impressive or sensational; lavishly produced performance; grand

spectator: observer; audience; one who looks on

spectrum: colored band produced when beam of light passes through a prism; a range of values

speculate: assume to be true without conclusive evidence; engage in buying or selling of a commodity for profit

speculation: speculating; examination by eye; intellectual check; business venture in unusual risks, with a chance for large profits



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speedy: fast; rapid; accomplished or arrived at without delay; prompt

spell: name or write in order the letters constituting; add up to; signify

sphere: ball; globe; a particular aspect of life or activity

spill: pour; sudden drop from an upright position; flow or run out

spin: turn round rapidly; move round rapidly; move swiftly

spiral: rotary; curled; moving in a zigzag course; moving in shape of a coil

spiritual: not tangible or material; belonging to religion; sacred; supernatural

spit: expel or eject from the mouth; rain gently

spite: ill-will or hatred toward another, accompanied with the disposition to irritate, annoy, or thwart

splash: cause fluid to scatter in flying masses; strike and dash about, as water, mud

splendid: shining; very bright; magnificent; brilliant

split: break apart; cut; divide

spoil: go bad; rot; decay; become unfit for consumption or use

spokesman: one who speaks for another

sponge: soaking up; small absorbent contraceptive pad, used for bathing or cleaning

sponsor: one who binds himself to answer for another, and is responsible for his default; godfather or godmother

spontaneous: arising without external cause; growing without cultivation or human labor

spoon: a piece of cutlery with a shallow bowl-shaped container and a handle

sport: activity that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often engaged in competitively

spot: location; place; site; pinpoint; mark to allow easy recognition



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sprain: violent wrenching of the soft parts surrounding a joint; injury caused by pushing or pressing; painful injury to a joint caused by a sudden wrenching of its ligaments

spray: a quantity of small objects flying through air

spring: develop suddenly; jump; move forward by leaps and bounds

sprout: have new growth of a plant such as a new branch or a bud; shoot up

spur: urge a horse; incite or stimulate; ride quickly by spurring a horse; proceed in haste

square: be compatible with; cause to match; cut to rectangular shape; bring into agreement or balance; settle

squash: a game played in an enclosed court by two or four players who strike the ball with long-handled rackets; crush; press; depress

squat: stocky; short and thick; low and broad

squeeze: force something into or through a restricted space; compress with violence

squirrel: a kind of arboreal rodent having a long bushy tail

stab: pierce with a pointed weapon; wound or kill by pointed instrument

stability: balance; constancy

stable: not easily moved or disturbed

stack: an orderly pile; heap; a large number ; arrange in pile

stadium: large, usually open structure for sports events with tiered seating for spectators

staff: personnel who assist superior to carry out assigned task

stagger: sway; walk as if unable to control one's movements

stain: soiled or discolored; symbol of disgrace or infamy; natural spot of a color different from the ground



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staircase: a way of access consisting of a set of steps

stake: money risked on gamble; pole set up to mark something; right or legal share of something

stale: having lost freshness; lacking originality or spontaneity

stalk: go through an area in search of prey; pursue; walk with a stiff or angry gait; move threateningly

stall: small area set off by walls for special use; booth

stammer: make involuntary stops in uttering syllables or words; hesitate or falter in speaking; speak with stops and difficulty

standard: criteria; basis for comparison

standardize: normalize; cause to conform to a standard

standing: high reputation; esteem; maintaining an erect position

standpoint: a mental position from which things are viewed

staple: necessary foods or commodities; basic elements; secure or fasten; a short U-shaped wire nail for securing cables

stapler: one who deals in staple goods or staple fibers; device used to bind material together by means of staples

startle: move suddenly, or be excited; excite by sudden alarm, surprise

starvation: act of depriving of food or subjecting to famine

starve: hunger; deprive of food

statesman: one occupied with the affairs of government, and influential in shaping policy

static: having no motion; being at rest; fixed; stationary

stationary: fixed; immobile; static; not capable of being moved

stationery: paper cut to right size for writing letters; writing materials and office supplies



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statistics: a branch of applied mathematics concerned with the collection and interpretation of quantitative data

statue: sculpture representing a human or animal

status: position relative to others; standing

statute: law enacted by legislature; decree or edict, as of a ruler

steady: securely in position; not shaky; not easily excited

steak: slice of meat, typically beef, usually cut thick

steamer: vessel propelled by steam; steamship or steamboat; road locomotive for use on common roads

steep: soak; make thoroughly wet

steer: drive; direct; guide by means of a device such as a rudder, paddle, or wheel

stem: stop flow of a liquid; make headway against

stereo: stereophonic sound-reproduction system

sterling: any English coin of standard value; coined money

stern: hard, harsh, or severe in manner or character; firm or unyielding

steward: man employed in a large family, a large estate, a hotel, a club, or on board a ship to manage service

stick: fasten into place by fixing an end; be a follower or supporter

sticky: glutinous; adhesive; covered with an adhesive agent; humid; stiff

stiff: not moving or operating freely; lacking ease in bending; resistant

stimulate: encourage; motivate; arouse; spur; excite or invigorate with a stimulant

stimulation: arousing an organism to action

sting: pierce painfully with sharp pointed structure or organ; cause to suffer keenly in the mind or



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feelings

stink: strong, offensive smell; disgusting odor; stench

stipulate: specify or arrange in agreement; express demand in agreement; promise in agreement

stipulation: provision; an agreement made by parties in a judicial proceeding

stitch: sew; knit; fasten or join with or as if with thread

stock: certificate for shareholder of corporation; total amount of goods in a shop

stomach: principal organ of digestion; abdomen or belly; appetite for food; desire, especially for something difficult

stoop: bend forward and down from the waist or the middle of the back

storey: story

stout: dependable; stocky; euphemisms for fat

straightforward: proceeding in a straight course or manner; not deviating; honest; frank.

strain: group of organisms within a species; tension; pressure

strait: difficult; stressful; narrow; not broad; tight; close; closely fitting

strand: complex of fibers that twisted together to form a cable, rope, thread; land bordering a body of water; single filament

strap: belt; band that goes over the shoulder and supports a garment or bag

strategic: important or essential in relation to a plan of action; essential to the effective conduct of war; highly important to an intended objective

strategy: elaborate and systematic plan; plan of action intended to accomplish a specific goal

streak: a line or long mark of a different color from the ground; stripe; vein

strengthen: reinforce; fortify; make strong or increase the strength of



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stress: put special emphasis on; utter with an accent; state of extreme difficulty, pressure, or strain

stretch: extend; pull in opposite directions; lie down comfortably

stride: step; pace; significant progress

strife: act of striving; earnest endeavor; exertion or contention for superiority; contest of emulation, either by intellectual or physical efforts

strike: a group's refusal to work in protest against low pay or bad work conditions

striking: dramatic; outstanding; arresting attention and producing a vivid impression

string: lightweight cord; a collection of objects threaded on a single strand; plant fiber

strip: remove the surface from

stripe: a kind or category; band; ribbon

strive: endeavor; struggle or fight forcefully; exert much effort or energy

stroke: blow; light touch; sudden loss of consciousness for brain blood vessel lacking oxygen

stroll: wander on foot; ramble idly or leisurely

structural: of structure; affecting structure; constructional

structure: complex construction or entity; complex composition of knowledge

stubborn: unreasonably, often perversely unyielding; persistent; difficult to treat

studio: workplace for the teaching or practice of an art

stuff: unspecified objects; tangible substance

stuffy: stout; lacking sufficient ventilation; close; dull and boring

stumble: miss a step and fall or nearly fall; walk unsteadily

sturdy: robust; strong; substantially made or constructed



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style: particular kind; a way of expressing something

subdue: quiet or bring under control by physical force or persuasion; make less intense; tone down

subject: something to be treated; course or area of study

subjective: occurring or taking place in person's mind rather than external world; unreal

submarine: submersible warship; move forward or under in a sliding motion; underwater

submerge: sink; immerse; put under water

submit: refer for judgment or consideration; hand in; present

subordinate: occupying lower rank; inferior; submissive

subscribe: write underneath, as one's name; sign to a document; give consent to; promise to give, by writing one's name with the amount

subsequent: following in time or order; succeeding; later

subsequently: in a subsequent manner; at a later time; accordingly; therefore

subsidiary: subordinate; secondary; serving to assist or supplement

substantial: fairly large; in essentials; material; true or real; not imaginary; solidly built

substantiate: establish by evidence; make firm or solid; support

substitute: exchange; put in the place of another

subtle: slight; be difficult to detect or grasp by the mind

subtract: remove a part from the whole

subtraction: reduction; deduction; removing a part from the whole

suburb: outskirts; usually residential area or community outlying a city

succession: act of succeeding, or following after; following of things in order of time or place, or a series of things so following; sequence



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successive: consecutive

successor: one who or that which succeeds or follows; one who takes the place which another has left

suck: draw liquid into mouth; take in; draw something by vacuum

suffice: be enough, or sufficient; meet the need; be equal to the end proposed; be adequate; satisfy

sufficient: adequate; enough; being as much as is needed

suit: meet the requirements of; fit; please; satisfy

suitable: appropriate to a purpose or an occasion

suitcase: portable rectangular traveling bag for carrying clothes

suite: apartment consisting of a series of connected rooms; a matching set of furniture

sullen: lonely; solitary; desolate; gloomy; dismal; affected with ill humor

sultry: burning hot; extremely and unpleasantly hot

sum: mount or whole of any number of individuals or particulars added together; principal points or thoughts when viewed together; amount

summary: brief statement that presents the main points

summit: utmost height; highest point of a mountain

summon: call, bid, or cite; notify to come to appear; call upon to surrender

sunburn: redness of the skin caused by exposure to the rays of the sun

sunflower: plant having large flower heads with dark disk florets and showy yellow rays

sunlight: rays of the sun

sunrise: daily event of the sun rising above the horizon

sunset: daily event of the sun sinking below the horizon



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sunshine: moderate weather; suitable for outdoor activities; the rays of the sun

superb: of unusually high quality; excellent; wonderful

superficial: trivial; of little substance; involving a surface only

superintendent: director; person who has the authority to supervise or direct; janitor or custodian in a building

superior: greater rank or station or quality; excellent

supersede: be placed in or take the room of; replace; make obsolete; make void or useless by superior power

supersonic: having, caused by, or relating to speed greater than the speed of sound

superstition: excessive reverence for, or fear of, that which is unknown or mysterious; worship of a false god; false religion

supervise: administer; direct

supervision: management by overseeing the performance

supervisor: director; overseer; one who is in charge of a particular unit, as in government or school system

supplement: add as something seems insufficient; complement; extension; addition

supplementary: added to complete or make up a deficiency

suppose: imagine or admit to exist; assume to be true; believe; receive as true

suppress: put down by force or authority; overwhelm; keep from being revealed

supreme: most outstanding; highest; superior

surcharge: an additional charge; charge an extra fee

surface: exterior part of anything that has length and breadth; outside; outward or external appearance



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surge: outburst; roll or be tossed about on waves, as a boat

surgeon: one who performs manual operations on a patient

surgery: medical treatment that involves cutting open a person's body

surmise: guess; infer something without sufficiently conclusive evidence

surpass: be or go beyond, as in degree or quality; exceed

surplus: remainder; more than is needed; quantity much larger than is needed; remaining

surrender: hand over, give up, give something into another's control

survey: poll; detailed critical inspection

survival: existence; remaining alive

survive: continue to live; endure or last

survivor: one who outlives another; one who lives through affliction

suspect: have doubts about; distrust

suspend: hang freely; postpone; delay

suspense: uncertain cognitive state; uncertainty

suspicion: mistrust; act of suspecting something, especially something wrong, on little evidence or without proof

suspicious: openly distrustful and unwilling to confide; questionable

sustain: admit as valid; keep in existence; lengthen or extend in duration or space

swallow: take back what one has said; enclose or envelop completely

swamp: low land that is seasonally flooded; low land region saturated with water

swarm: dense moving crowd; large group of honeybees



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sway: swing; move back and forth or sideways; win approval or support for; convince

swear: affirm or utter a solemn declaration; make promise or resolve on oath

sweater: knitted garment covering the upper part of the body

sweep: movement in an arc; clean with a broom; wide scope; winning all

swell: bulge; expand abnormally; increase in size; become filled with pride or anger

swift: quick; moving or capable of moving with great speed

swing: sway or move from one side to another; turn round by wind or tide; be hanged

syllable: a unit of spoken language larger than a phoneme

symbol: sign; something visible to represent something else invisible

symbolize: represent; signify; stand for

symmetry: arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity

sympathetic: expressing compassion or friendly fellow feelings; approving; having similar disposition and tastes

sympathize: be understanding of; feel or express sympathy or compassion

sympathy: compassion; pity; concern

symphony: large orchestra; harmony, especially of sound or color

symposium: collection of writings on a particular topic, as in a magazine; meeting or conference for discussion of a topic; drinking together; merry feast

symptom: sign; indication; any sensation or change in bodily function that is experienced by a patient

synonym: two words that can be interchanged in a context

synthesis: combining parts into a coherent whole; putting of two or more things together



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synthetic: artificial; involving or of the nature of synthesis as opposed to analysis

system: organized structure for arranging or classifying

systematic: ordered; methodical; carried on using step-by-step procedures

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IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (16)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

table: set resolution or proposal for future consideration; hold back to a later time

tablet: a small flat compressed cake of some substance; a dose of medicine

tack: small, short, sharp-pointed nail, usually having a broad, flat head

tackle: apparatus for raising or lowering heavy weights, consisting of a rope and pulley blocks; act of stopping an opposing player carrying the ball

tact: sense of touch; feeling; stroke in beating time; sensitive mental touch; peculiar skill or faculty

tactics: strategy; policy; plan for attaining a particular goal

tag: attach; append; provide with a name or nickname; label

tailor: one whose occupation is making garments; create clothes with cloth

talent: skill; gift; marked innate ability, as for artistic accomplishment

tally: record by making a mark; reckon or count; keep score

tame: domesticated; very restrained or quiet; make less strong or intense; soften

tan: yellowish-brown color; brown color imparted to the skin by exposure to the sun

tangle: uniting or knitting together confusedly; knot of threads, or other thing, united confusedly, or so



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interwoven as not to be easily disengaged

tap: draw upon; strike lightly; make good use of

tape: long thin piece of cloth or paper; measuring instrument for length by narrow strip

tar: sailor or seaman; thick, black, viscous liquid obtained by the distillation of wood, coal

target: reference point to shoot at; goal intended to be attained

tariff: tax on goods coming into a country

task: labor or study imposed by another; undertake; labor

taste: have experience or enjoyment; take a sample of; have flavor

taxation: laying a tax, or imposing taxes, as on the subjects of a state, by authority; raising of revenue

team: a number of persons associated together in any work; a flock of wild ducks

teapot: pot for brewing tea; usually has a spout and handle

tear: separate or be separated by force; divide or disrupt; fill with tears or shed tears

tease: tear into pieces; raise the fibers of

technical: having special skill or knowledge; according to principle; formal rather than practical; relating to technique

technician: one skilled particularly in the technical details of work

technique: practical method or art applied to some particular task; skillfulness

technology: application of science, especially to industrial or commercial objectives

tedious: tiresome by reason of length, slowness, or dullness; progressing very slowly

telegraph: apparatus used to communicate at a distance over a wire

telescope: a magnifier of images of distant objects



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telex: communications system consisting of teletypewriters connected to a telephonic network to send and receive signals

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temper: moderate; tone down or restrain; bring to a desired consistency; adjust finely

temperature: degree of any quality; condition with respect to heat or cold; degree of heat or cold

temple: church; place of worship

temporary: not permanent; not lasting

tempt: give rise to a desire by being attractive

temptation: act of tempting, or enticing to evil; seduction

tenant: occupant; one that pays rent to use land or building

tend: make a tender of; be disposed or inclined; move or extend in a certain direction

tendency: trend; a general direction in which something tends to move

tender: offer formally; extend; propose a payment

tenor: general, usual, or prevailing course or direction; settled or prevailing or habitual course of a person's life

tense: stretch or force to the limit; tight

tension: action of stretching something tight; anxiety; feelings of hostility

tentative: hesitant; not fully worked out or developed; experimental; not definite or positive

term: limited period of time; point in time at which something ends; termination; deadline

terminal: causing or ending in or approaching death; station

terminate: stop; bring to an end or halt

termination: end of something in time or space; result or outcome; conclusion

terminology: vocabulary of technical terms used in a particular field, subject, science, or art



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terrace: row of houses built in a similar style; level shelf of land with steep slopes

terribly: dreadfully; frightfully; to a great extent; very much

terrific: causing extreme terror; very great; extraordinarily good

terrify: frighten; fill with terror

territory: large extent of land; organized portion of country

terror: extreme fear; violent dread; fright

testify: give testimony in a court of law; provide evidence for

testimony: solemn declaration or affirmation; something that serves as evidence

text: written words; book prepared for use in schools or colleges

textile: cloth; fabric

theatrical: of or pertaining to theater, or to scenic representations; resembling manner of dramatic performers; histrionic; artificial

theft: act of taking something from someone unlawfully; stealing

theme: subject of conversation or discussion; topic; essay

theoretical: not practical or applied; hypothetical; of or based on theory

theory: doctrine or scheme of things; general or abstract principles of any science

thereby: thus; accordingly; by that means; because of that

therefore: consequently; hence

thermometer: instrument for measuring temperature

thesis: paper; dissertation; an unproved statement put forward as a premise in an argument

thigh: part of the leg between the hip and the knee



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thirst: sensation of dryness in the throat

thorn: something that causes irritation; a sharp-pointed tip on a stem or leaf

thorough: accurate or careful; complete

thoughtful: considerate; having intellectual depth; giving close attention

thrash: beat severely; discuss or examine repeatedly; use a machine or flail to separate grain or seeds from straw

thread: a very small twist of flax, wool, cotton, silk, or other fibrous substance; filament, as of a flower, or of any fibrous substance

threaten: pose a threat to; present a danger to

threshold: entrance; starting point for a new state or experience

thrifty: careful about money; economical

thrill: feel sudden intense sensation or emotion; tremble as from fear or excitement

thrive: make steady progress; prosper; flourish

throat: part of neck in front of; passage to stomach and lung

throng: large group of people gathered or crowded closely together

throughout: in every part; in or through all parts; everywhere; during the entire time or extent

thrust: push; force used in pushing; activity or idea is the main or essential thing it expresses

thumb: short, thick first digit of human hand

thunder: sound which follows flash of lightning; discharge of electricity; loud noise

thunderstorm: storm resulting from strong rising air currents; heavy rain or hail along with thunder and lightning

tick: emit recurring clicking sounds; do well or as designed



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tide: periodic rise and fall of the sea level

tidy: being in proper time; timely; arranged in good order; orderly; appropriate; neat; kept in proper

tighten: draw tighter; straiten; make closer in any manner.

tile: flat thin rectangular slab used to cover surfaces; short length of pipe made of clay or concrete, used in sewers and drains

tilt: slight but noticeable partiality; line or surface that departs from the vertical

timber: wood; lumber; trees or wooded land considered as a source of wood

timely: being or occurring in good time; sufficiently early; seasonable

timid: shy; craven; lacking self-confidence; shy

tip: piece or attachment; end of a pointed or projecting object; a V shape; indication of potential opportunity

tissue: groups of cells that make particular parts of the body; soft thin paper

title: right or claim to possession; mark of rank; name of a book or film

toast: dry and brown by heat of fire; warm thoroughly; drink to the health or in honor

toe: one of digits of the foot; forepart of a foot or hoof

toil: exhausting labor or effort; any thread, web, or string spread for taking prey

token: something intended or supposed to represent or indicate another thing or an event; sign or symbol; memorial of friendship

tolerable: capable of being borne or endured; supportable, either physically or mentally.

tolerance: capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others; capacity to endure hardship or pain

tolerant: showing respect for the rights of others; open-minded; showing capacity for endurance



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tolerate: endure; withstand; allow without prohibiting or opposing; permit

toll: take away; vacate; annul; entice; allure; cause to sound, as a bell, with strokes slowly and uniformly repeated; call, summon, or notify

tongue: organ situated in floor of mouth; speech; language; clapper of bell

topic: subject of a speech, essay, thesis, discussion, or conversation

torch: large candle or lamp giving flaring flame; flashlight

torrent: rushing stream; flood; heavy downpour

torture: extreme pain; anguish of body or mind

toss: throw carelessly; throw to see which side comes up; move or stir about violently

tough: hard; difficult; feeling physical discomfort or pain; hard to bear

tourism: practice of traveling for pleasure; business of providing tours and services for tourists

tow: draw or pull behind by a chain or line

towel: rectangular cloth or paper for drying or wiping

tower: building or part of a building that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and length; tall, slender structure used for observation, signaling, or pumping

trace: follow, discover; make a mark or lines on a surface

track: road or path affording passage; line or route along which something moves

tractor: a truck that has a cab but no body

tradition: thought or behavior followed from generation to generation; heritage

tragedy: disaster; event resulting in great loss and misfortune

trail: path or track roughly through wild or hilly country; overland route

traitor: one who violates his allegiance and betrays his country



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tramp: travel or wander through; cleanse clothes in water

trample: destroy; step on

tranquil: free from disturbance; pacific

transaction: deal; communication involving two or more people that affects all those involved

transfer: shifting; conveyance or removal of something from one place, person, or thing to another

transform: change in outward structure or looks; convert

transformation: change in form, appearance, nature, disposition, condition, or the like

transistor: small electronic device containing a semiconductor and having at least three electrical contacts

transit: act of passing; passage through or over; line or route of passage

transition: going from one state of action to another

transmission: act of transmitting; automotive assembly of gears; sending of a signal

transmit: forward; send from one person or place to another

transparent: easily detected; permitting light to pass through freely

transplant: act of uprooting and moving a plant to a new location

transport: carry from one place to another; carry away; deport

trap: catch; hold or catch as if in a hole

traverse: go through or across, often under difficult conditions

tray: an open receptacle for holding or displaying or serving articles or food

tread: step on; mate with; place the foot

treason: disloyalty; betrayal of trust or confidence



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treatment: handling; care that are intended to relieve illness or injury

treaty: act of treating for the adjustment of differences; negotiation

tremble: shake involuntarily, as with fear, cold, or weakness; quake; quiver; shiver; shudder

tremendous: huge; capable of making one tremble; terrible

trench: canal; deep furrow or ditch; long, steep-sided valley on the ocean floor

trend: popular taste; general direction in which something tends to move

trial: experiment; act of testing; examination of evidence to determine the charges or claims

tribe: family, race, or series of generations, descending from the same direct ancestor, and kept distinct

tribute: payment in money made by one ruler or nation; tax; mark of respect; praiseworthy quality

trick: cunning or deceitful activity; attempt to get others to do something foolish

trickle: flow in drops; run or flow slowly; drip

trifle: a thing of very little value or importance

trigger: cause something happen; set off

trim: clip; cut down to the desired size or shape

triple: consisting of three united; multiplied by three; threefold; three times repeated

triumph: victory; win; expressing great joy

trivial: unimportant; of little significance or value; ordinary; commonplace

tropic: one of the two small circles of the celestial sphere, situated on each side of the equator, and parallel to it, which the sun just reaches at its greatest declination north or south; region lying between these parallels of latitude

tropical: relating to region on either side of the equator; hot and humid



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troublesome: annoying; bothersome

trumpet: brass musical instrument with brilliant tone

trunk: stem, or body, of a tree; main stem, without the branches; body of animal apart from the head and limbs

tub: a large open vessel for holding or storing liquids

tube: hollow cylindrical shape; underground railway

tuck: make one or more folds in; store in a safe spot; put in a snug spot

tug: pull or draw with great effort; draw along with continued exertion; haul along; tow

tuition: teaching pupils individually; fee for instruction, especially at a formal institution of learning

tumble: fall down, as if collapsing

tumult: noise, as made by a crowd; riot or uprising

tunnel: passageway through or under something, usually underground

turbulent: characterized by unrest or disorder

turnover: act or result of turning over; upset; abrupt change; number of workers hired by an establishment to replace those who have left in a given period of time

tutor: guide; give individual instruction

twig: small branch or division of a branch

twilight: light perceived before the rising, and after the setting, of the sun; faint light; dubious or uncertain medium through which anything is viewed

twinkle: open and shut the eye rapidly; blink; wink

twist: turn in the opposite direction; form into a spiral shape

typhoon: tropical cyclone occurring in the western Pacific; violent whirlwind



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typical: conforming to a type; representative

tyranny: oppression; cruel government; office or authority of an absolute ruler; absolute power

tyrant: absolute ruler; sovereign unrestrained by law or constitution

tyre: tire; covering for a wheel, usually made of rubber reinforced with cords of nylon

IELTS 4000 Academic Word List (17)

This academic word list is a must-have resource for IELTS test takers, especially who are working for high scores. The 4000+ words reflect the essential vocabulary level of IELTS academic test. We remind you this list is based on general word list. For IELTS academic test takers, you need general words as well. This list is maintained by Pacific Lava School.

ugly: offensive to the sight; contrary to beauty; disagreeable aspect; unsightly

ultimate: final; being the last or concluding; fundamental; elemental; extreme

ultimately: as final consequence; at last; in the end

ultrasonic: supersonic; higher in frequency than the range of sound perceptible to the human ear

ultraviolet: wave lengths shorter than light but longer than X rays

unanimous: uniform; in complete agreement

unbearable: unendurable; so unpleasant, distasteful, or painful as to be intolerable

unconscious: lacking awareness; senseless; unaware

uncover: remove the cover from; expose; disclose

underestimate: make too low an estimate of the quantity; undervalue

undergo: experience; suffer; pass through

undergraduate: university student who has not yet received a first degree



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underground: under the level of the ground; buried

underline: mark a line below, as words; underscore.

underlying: lying under or beneath something; basic; implicit; taking precedence; prior

undermine: weaken by wearing away base or foundation; injure or impair; dig a mine or tunnel beneath

underneath: under or below an object or a surface; lower down on the page

undertake: take on; embark on; assume

undertaking: task or assignment undertaken; career

undo: release; cause the ruin or downfall of; cancel or reverse an action

undoubtedly: unquestionably; without doubt; certainly

undue: not due; not yet owing; not just, proper, or legal; ; excessive

uneasy: not easy; difficult; restless; disturbed by pain, anxiety

unfair: unjust; contrary to laws or conventions, especially in commerce

unfold: extend or stretch out to a greater or the full length; happen

unfortunately: unluckily; by bad luck

uniform: consistent; standardized; clothing of a particular group

unique: without an equal; being the only one of its kind

unity: cohesion; harmony; quality of being united into one

universal: affecting all; general; present everywhere; relating to the entire world or all within the world; worldwide

universe: cosmos; everything that exists anywhere

unlikely: improbable; has little chance of being the case or coming about



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unload: take something off a container

unprecedented: having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

unsatisfactory: not giving satisfaction; inadequate

unstable: inconstant; variable; lacking control of one's emotions; constantly changing

unwarranted: having no justification; groundless; not guaranteed to be good, sound, or of a certain quality

uphold: support; preserve; hold aloft; raise

upright: in an erect position or posture; perpendicular; vertical, or nearly vertical; pointing upward

upset: concerned by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief

urban: metropolitan; of, relating to, or located in a city

urge: force in an indicated direction; stimulate; excite

urgent: pressing; compelling immediate action or attention

utensil: instrument, implement, or container for practical use, especially in kitchen or laboratory

utility: something useful; public service

utilization: state of having been made use of; the act of using

utilize: put into service; take advantage of

utmost: farthest point or extremity; most distant; extreme

utter: speak; express; send forth with the voice

utterance: vocal expression; power of speaking; last or utmost extremity

vacancy: absence; emptiness

vacant: void of thought or knowledge; without an occupant or incumbent



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vacation: leisure time away from work; act of making something legally void

vaccinate: perform or produce immunity

vacuum: empty area or space; electrical home appliance that cleans by suction

vague: imprecise; indistinct; not clearly expressed; inexplicit

vain: having no real substance, value, or importance; empty; void; worthless; unsatisfying

valid: logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; well grounded

validity: quality of having legal force or effectiveness

valley: space between ranges of mountains; area drained or irrigated by a river system; internal angle formed by intersection

valve: device or structure for controlling the flow of a fluid

vanish: disappear; pass out of sight, especially quickly; die out

vanity: quality or state of being vain; emptiness; feelings of excessive pride; conceit

vapor: gas; steam; barely visible or cloudy diffused matter, such as mist or smoke

variable: factor; something that is likely to vary; changeable; inconstant

variance: an event that departs from expectations; the expected value of the square of the deviations of a random variable from its mean value

variant: varying in from, character, or the like; variable; different; diverse.

variation: act of changing or altering

varied: differed; diversified; various

variety: diversity; quality or condition of being various or varied

various: different; diverse; several; manifold; changeable; uncertain



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varnish: deceptively attractive external appearance; paint to coat a surface with a hard, glossy, transparent film

vary: change aspect of; alter in form, appearance, substance, position; make different by a partial change; modify

vast: large; broad; extensive; very great in size, number, amount, or quantity

vault: arched brick or stone ceiling or roof; burial chamber usually underground

vegetable: any of numerous herbaceous plants to eat in meal

vehicle: automobile; means of conveying; medium

veil: a length of cloth worn by women over the head, shoulders, and often the face; cover; hide

vein: blood vessel that carries blood

velocity: rapidity or speed of motion; swiftness

vengeance: punishment inflicted in return for an injury or an offense; retribution

ventilate: freshen; circulate through and freshen

ventilation: act of supplying fresh air and getting rid of foul air

venture: put at risk; adventure

verbal: expressed in spoken rather than written words; consisting of words alone without action

verge: extreme edge or margin; border; enclosing boundary; space enclosed by such a boundary

verify: confirm; prove the truth of by presentation of evidence or testimony

versatile: having many talents; capable of working in many fields

verse: a piece of poetry

version: written work in a new form; edition; interpretation of a particular viewpoint

vertical: upright in position or posture; oriented vertically



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vessel: craft; ship; container for liquids

veteran: someone who has given long service

veto: rejection; vote that blocks a decision; deny; prohibit; command against

vex: annoy; disturb, especially by minor irritations; be a mystery or bewildering to

via: by the way of

vibrate: shake, quiver; move or swing from side to side regularly

vibration: act of vibrating; a shaky motion

vice: moral fault or failing; evil, degrading, or immoral practice or habit; physical defect or weakness

vicinity: state of being near in space or relationship; proximity

vicious: by vice or defects; defective; imperfect; having the nature of vice; evil, immoral, or depraved

victorious: successful; being the winner in a contest or struggle

victory: successful ending of struggle or contest; defeat of an enemy or opponent

vigor: active strength of body or mind; imaginative lively style, especially style of writing; exertion of force

vigorous: robust; strong; energetic, and active in mind or body

vine: weak-stemmed plant that derives support from climbing

violate: treat in a violent manner; abuse; do violence to; disturb; interrupt

violence: physical force exerted for the purpose of violating, damaging, or abusing

violent: turbulent; intensely vivid or loud; by violence or bloodshed

violin: small instrument with four strings, played with a bow; a fiddle

virtual: existing or resulting in essence or effect though not in actual fact; existing in mind, especially



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as a product of imagination

virtually: almost completely; practically; essentially

virtue: goodness, moral excellence; good quality

virus: disease communicator; something that poisons one's soul or mind; program for unwanted actions in computer

viscous: sticky; gluey; having high resistance to flow

visible: being often in public eye; obvious to the eye

vision: ability to see; sight; vivid mental image

visual: seen or able to be seen by the eye; visible; optical

vital: full of life; animated; necessary to continued existence; living or breathing

vivid: bright; lively; graphic; having striking color

vocation: career; profession

vogue: popular fashion; current state or style of general acceptance and use

void: emptiness; containing nothing; clear or empty a place

volcano: fissure in the earth's crust through which molten lava and gases erupt

volley: flight of missiles; round of gunshots; tennis return made by hitting the ball before it bounces

voltage: difference in electrical charge between two points

volume: capacity; amount of space occupied by an object

voluntary: done or undertaken of one's own free will; unforced

volunteer: person who performs or offers to perform a service voluntarily

vote: formal expression of preference for a candidate; number of cast in election; result of election or referendum



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voter: a citizen who has a legal right to vote

voucher: a piece of substantiating evidence; proof; written authorization or certificate

vow: solemn promise made to God; promise of fidelity; pledge of love or affection

vowel: speech sound made with the vocal tract open

voyage: long journey to a foreign or distant place, especially by sea; aviation

vulgar: common; low; coarse; belonging or relating to the common people, as distinguished from the cultivated or educated; lacking cultivation or refinement

vulnerable: susceptible to wounds; capable of being wounded or hurt

wade: paddle; walk through relatively shallow water

wag: move one way and the other with quick turns; shake to and fro; move in vibrating; cause to vibrate

wage: hazard on the event of a contest; stake; engage in, as a contest; adventure, or lay out, for hire or reward; hire; employ

wagon: any of various kinds of wheeled vehicles drawn by a horse or tractor

waist: narrowing of the body between the ribs and hips

waive: give up temporarily; yield; give up voluntarily; defer

wake: trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before

walnut: tree with 10 - 40 meters tall; hard, dark brown wood of any of these trees

wander: move about without a definite destination or purpose; range about; stroll; go away; depart

ward: guard; defender; protector; state under guard; division of a county; division of a hospital

wardrobe: tall cabinet, closet, or small room built to hold clothes

ware: articles of merchandise; style or class of manufactures; especially, in the plural, goods;



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commodities; merchandise

warehouse: depot; storehouse for goods and merchandise

warfare: military service; military life; contest carried on by enemies

warrant: guarantee; assurance by seller; authorization or certification

warrior: fighter; combatant; one who is engaged in or experienced in battle

waterproof: tight; unaffected by water; made of or covered with material that doesn't allow water in

waver: play or move to and fro; move one way and the other; swing; be unsettled in opinion

wax: increase gradually in size, number, strength, or intensity; show a progressively larger illuminated area

weapon: arms

weary: tired; exhausted; physically or mentally fatigued

weather: endure the effects of weather or other forces; come through safely; survive

weave: pattern or structure by weaving; knit; interlace

weaver: craftsman who weaves cloth

web: textile fabric; complex, interconnected structure or arrangement; the World Wide Web; radio or television network

wedding: marriage ceremony; act of marrying; anniversary of a marriage

wedge: a piece of metal, or other hard material, thick at one end, and tapering to a thin edge at the other, used in splitting wood, rocks

weed: undesirable or troublesome plant, especially growing where it is not wanted as in a garden.

weld: unite closely or intimately; join together by heating

welfare: benefit; something that aids health or happiness



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whereas: considering that; it being the case that; since

whereby: by which; by what; how

whilst: while

whip: overlay with other cords going round and round it; take or move by a sudden motion; clean completely

whirl: act of rotating or revolving rapidly; state of confusion; tumult

whisper: speaking in a quiet voice; soft speech produced without full voice; secretly expressed belief, rumor, or hint

whistle: make a kind of musical sound by lips; emit a similar sound from mouth as birds

wholesale: selling or related to selling goods in large quantities; large-scale; on a large scale without careful discrimination

wholesaler: someone who buys large quantities of goods and resells to merchants

wholesome: conducive to sound health or well-being; beneficial

wicked: evil in principle or practice; contrary to moral or divine law; addicted to vice or sin

widespread: spread or scattered over a considerable extent; occurring or accepted widely

width: extent of something from side to side

wield: handle (a weapon or tool, for example) with skill and ease. exercise effectively; handle; have power over; rule; manage

wilderness: a tract of land, or a region, uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings, whether a forest or a wide, barren plain; wild or desert

willow: trees having usually narrow leaves

winding: twisting or turning; spiral

wisdom: quality of being wise; knowledge ; results of wise judgments



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wit: intellect; mental ability; natural ability to perceive and understand

withdraw: remove from; pull back; break from gathering; retreat; depart

withdrawal: secession; retreat or retirement

wither: shrivel; decay; lose freshness, vigor, or vitality; loss of moisture

withhold: refuse to give; refrain from giving, granting, or permitting; deduct from employee's salary

withstand: stand up against; successfully resist; oppose with force or resolution

witness: someone who sees an event and reports what happened; observe; watch

woe: deep, inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; deep distress or misery, as from grief

woods: small forest; woodland; dense collection of trees covering a relatively small area

wool: dense, soft, often curly hair forming the coat of sheep and certain other mammals

wording: act or style of expressing in words; expression, or power of expression

worldwide: global; universal; throughout the world

worst: be better than; defeat; gain the advantage over

worthwhile: sufficiently valuable

wrap: enclose; arrange or fold as a cover or protection

wrath: forceful, often vindictive anger; fury; just punishment of an offense or crime

wreck: destruction; destroy; smash or break forcefully

wrench: twist or turn suddenly and forcibly; move, extract, or force free by pulling violently

wrestle: contend by grappling with, and striving to trip or throw down an opponent; struggle or strive earnestly

wretched: very miserable; sunk in, or accompanied by deep affliction or distress; calamitous; woeful; worthless



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wring: twist; squeeze; compress, especially so as to extract liquid

wrinkle: a minor difficulty; a slight depression in the smoothness of a surface

wrist: joint between the hand and the forearm

yacht: light ship used for private pleasure trips

yard: rod; stick; branch; long piece of timber; measure of length, equaling three feet

yawn: open the mouth wide with a deep inhalation, usually involuntarily from drowsiness, fatigue, or boredom

yearn: pain; grieve; vex; be pained or distressed; feel deep pity, sympathy, or tenderness

yeast: foam, or troth (top yeast), or the sediment (bottom yeast), of beer or other in fermentation

yield: give in; surrender; give forth a natural product; be productive

yoke: join together, unite; harness a draft animal to; join securely; force into heavy labor

yolk: nutritive material; greasy substance found in unprocessed sheep's wool; yellow part of an egg

zeal: intense interest; eagerness to accomplish some object

zealous: enthusiastic; filled with or motivated by zeal

zone: region; portion of the surface of a sphere;

zoology: part of biology which relates to the animal kingdom

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