



IELTSTM e-Vocabulary

**TOP 100
IELTS Vocabulary
You must know!**

A

- Aberration** - a state or condition markedly different from the norm
- Abhor** - find repugnant
- Acquiesce** - to agree or express agreement
- Alacrity** - liveliness and eagerness
- Amiable** - diffusing warmth and friendliness
- Appease** - make peace with
- Arcane** - requiring secret or mysterious knowledge
- Avarice** - reprehensible acquisitiveness; insatiable desire for wealth

B

- Brazen** - unrestrained by convention or propriety
- Brusque** - marked by rude or peremptory shortness

C

- Cajole** - influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering
- Callous** - emotionally hardened
- Candor** - the quality of being honest and straightforward
- Chide** - censure severely or angrily
- Circumspect** - heedful of potential consequences
- Clandestine** - conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods
- Coerce** - to cause to do through pressure or necessity
- Coherent** - marked by an orderly and consistent relation of parts
- Complacency** - the feeling you have when you are satisfied with yourself
- Confidant** - someone to whom private matters are told
- Connive** - form intrigues (for) in an underhand manner

Cumulative - increasing by successive addition

D

Debase - make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance

Decry - express strong disapproval of

Deferential - showing courteous regard for people's feelings

Demure - affectedly shy especially in a playful or provocative way

Deride - treat or speak of with contempt

Despot - a cruel and oppressive dictator

Diligent - quietly and steadily persevering in detail or exactness

E

Elated - exultantly proud and joyful; in high spirits

Eloquent - expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively

Embezzle - appropriate fraudulently to one's own use

Empathy - understanding and entering into another's feelings

Enmity - a state of deep-seated illwill

Erudite - having or showing profound knowledge

Extol - praise, glorify, or honor

F

Fabricate - put together out of artificial or natural components

Feral - wild and menacing

Flabbergasted - as if struck dumb with astonishment and surprise

Forsake - leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch

Fractious - easily irritated or annoyed

Furtive - secret and sly or sordid

G

Gluttony - habitual eating to excess

Gratuitous - unnecessary and unwarranted

H

Haughty - having or showing arrogant superiority

Hypocrisy - pretending to have qualities or beliefs that you do not have

I

Impeccable - without fault or error

Impertinent - improperly forward or bold

Implacable - incapable of being appeased or pacified

Impudent - improperly forward or bold

Incisive - demonstrating ability to recognize or draw fine distinctions

Indolent - disinclined to work or exertion

Inept - generally incompetent

Infamy - a state of extreme dishonor

Inhibit - limit the range or extent of

Innate - present at birth but not necessarily hereditary

Insatiable - impossible to satisfy

Insular - relating to or characteristic of or situated on an island

Intrepid - invulnerable to fear or intimidation

Inveterate - habitual

J

Jubilant - full of high spirited delight

K

Knell - the sound of a bell rung slowly to announce a death

L

Lithe - moving and bending with ease

Lurid - glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism

M

Maverick - someone who exhibits independence in thought and action

Meticulous - marked by precise accordance with details

Modicum - a small or moderate or token amount

Morose - showing a brooding ill humor

Myriad - a large indefinite number

N

Nadir - the lowest point of anything

Nominal - relating to or constituting or bearing

Novice - someone new to a field or activity

Nuance - a subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude

O

Oblivious - lacking conscious awareness of

Obsequious - attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery

Obtuse - of an angle, between 90 and 180 degrees

P

Panacea - the goddess of healing

Parody - a composition that imitates or misrepresents a style

Penchant - a strong liking

Perusal - reading carefully with intent to remember

Plethora - extreme excess

Predilection - a predisposition in favor of something

Q

Quaint - attractively old fashioned

R

Rash - imprudently incurring risk

Refurbish - make brighter and prettier

Repudiate - refuse to acknowledge, ratify, or recognize as valid

Rife - excessively abundant

S

Salient - having a quality that thrusts itself into attention

Serendipity - good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries

Staid - characterized by dignity and propriety

Superfluous - more than is needed, desired, or required

Sycophant - a person who tries to please someone to gain an advantage

T

Taciturn - habitually reserved and uncommunicative

Truculent - defiantly aggressive

U

Umbrage - a feeling of anger caused by being offended

V

Venerable - profoundly honored

Vex - disturb, especially by minor irritations

Vociferous - conspicuously and offensively loud

W

Wanton - a lewd or lascivious person

Z

Zenith - the point above the observer directly opposite the nadir

