

# IELTS Writing Vocabulary

## Vocabulary for linking structures and cohesive devices

### **Listening**

Firstly, secondly, thirdly

First, furthermore, finally

To begin with, to conclude

Next, upcoming, following

### **Giving examples**

for example

for instance

as follows

that is

in this case

namely

in other words

in particular

such as

viz

### **Generalising**

in general

generally

on the whole

as a rule

for the most part

in most cases

usually

normally

all in all

overall

basically

substantially

broadly

by and large

### **Reinforcement**

Also

In addition to  
Moreover  
What is more  
Besides  
In spite of  
Despite  
Above all  
As well as  
In the same way  
Into the bargain  
On top of that  
What's more  
Not only .... but also

### **Result/consequence**

so  
therefore  
as a  
result/consequence  
thus  
hence  
for this/that reason  
accordingly  
consequently  
so that  
in that case  
under these circumstances  
that being the case  
on that account  
as a result

### **Highlighting**

emphasise  
in particular  
especially  
mainly spotlight  
underscore  
show up

### **Similarly**

equally  
likewise

correspondingly  
in the same way  
uniformly  
in parallel  
comparably

### **Deduction**

then  
in other words  
in that case  
otherwise  
this implies that  
if so/not  
withdrawal  
removal  
debit

### **Reformulation**

in other words  
rather  
to put it more simply  
quite  
fairly  
slightly  
moderately  
relatively  
comparatively

### **Transition to new point**

now  
later  
as far as X is concerned  
with regards to  
with reference to  
as for  
it follows that  
turning to  
at present  
at the moment  
currently

### **Stating the obvious**

obviously  
clearly  
naturally  
of course  
as can be expected  
surely  
after all  
evidently  
visibly  
noticeably  
undeniably

### **An alternative**

alternatively  
rather  
on the other hand  
but  
nevertheless  
another possibility is  
proxy  
substitute  
replacement

### **Summary**

in conclusion  
to conclude  
in brief  
to summarise  
overall  
therefore  
consequently  
as a consequence  
hence  
on that account  
according to

### **Contrast**

instead  
conversely  
on the contrary  
in contrast  
in comparison

difference  
variation  
contradiction  
dissimilarity

### **Concession (smth unexpected)**

even though  
although  
though  
however  
nevertheless  
still yet  
nonetheless  
anyway  
any how

## Vocabulary for IELTS writing essay

### Expressing personal opinions:

- In my opinion ....
- Personally, I think that ....
- It seems to me that ....
- I must admit that .....
- I believe/suppose that ....
- In my experience ....
- As I see it ....
- I cannot deny that ....
- As far as I'm concerned, .....
- I would argue that .....
- I would like to point out that .....
- I think that ....
- I'd like to say that ....

### Expressing strong opinions:

- I am sure that .....
- I am convinced that .....
- I am certain that ....
- I am clear that .....

Example: I am sure that climate change has started to affect the Earth.

## Providing your arguments:

- To attest .....
- To prove .....
- This (fact) is attested/proven by .....
- This (fact) is evidenced by ....
- This (fact) is testified by ....
- This (fact) is endorsed/supported by ....

Example: It is evident that students get distracted easily by today's technology.

## Expressing general point of view:

- It is (generally) claimed that .....
- It is (generally) said that .....
- It is (generally) thought that .....
- It is (generally) considered that .....
- It is (generally) perceived that .....
- A common purpose is that .....
- A popular belief is that .....

Example: It is generally believed that household chores are meant for women, which is wrong.

## Outlining facts:

- The fact is that .....
- It is obvious that .....
- It is clear that .....
- There is no doubt that .....
- This proves that .....

Example: It is obvious that fashionable clothes are expensive.

It is generally believed that household chores are meant for women, which is wrong.

## Generalising:

- Generally speaking, .....
- On the whole, .....
- Typically, .....
- By and large .....
- Overall .....

Example: Generally speaking, cycling is a good sport.

### Giving examples:

- For example, .....
- For instance, .....
- A good illustration of this is ....
- Evidence for this is provided by .....
- We can see this when .....
- Namely .....
- Such as .....

Example: To learn a new skill you need consistency. For instance, when you read a newspaper everyday, you will learn English quicker.

### Concluding:

To summarise, .....

In conclusion, .....

Overall, .....

On balance, .....

Taking everything into consideration .....

Example: In conclusion, people must save money for their future.

## Vocabulary for IELTS describe graphs

### Introducing the graph

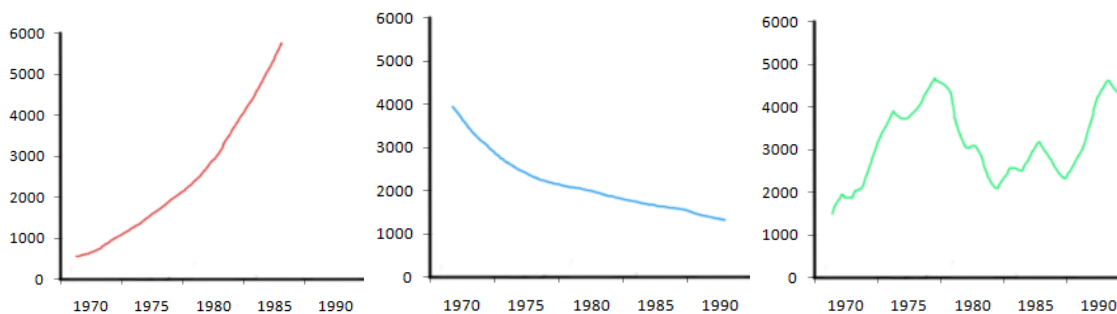
The graph/table/pie chart/bar chart/diagram/map/line graph ....

- gives information about/on ...
- Provides information about/on ...
- Delivers information about/on ...
- Shows .....
- Illustrates .....
- Compare .....
- Explains why .....
- Describes .....
- Draws the conclusion of (a survey) .....

Example: The line graph illustrates the migrated population in the US in the 1990s.

## Types of Changes

### Nouns



A rise (of), A fall (in), A fluctuation (in)

An increase (of), A decrease (in), A variation (in)

A growth (of), A decline (in), A difference (in)

A peak (of), A dip (in)

A surge (of), A downward trend (in)

A leap (of), A downfall (in)

### Verbs

To rise, To fall, To fluctuate

To increase, To decrease, To vary

To surge, To decline, To differentiate

To grow, To diminish, To wave

To get up, To shrink, To shift

To upturn, To lessen, To change

To improve, To devalue

To jump, To dip

To peak, To dive

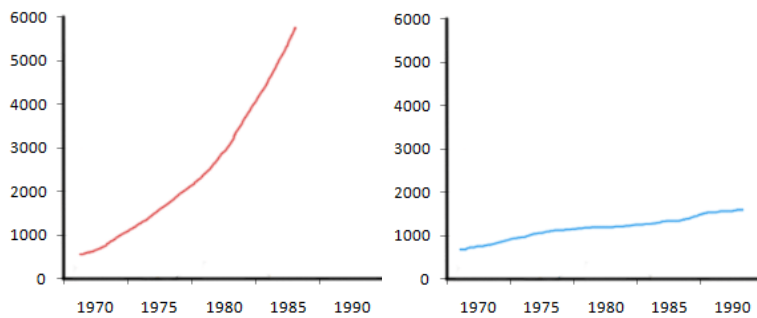
Large rises: To plunge

To rocket, Large falls:

To soar, To plummet

To leap

## Description of changes



### Adverbs

Sharply slightly  
Suddenly gently  
Rapidly gradually  
Abruptly steadily  
Dramatically modestly  
Significantly marginally  
Considerably cautiously  
Markedly slowly  
Wildly moderately  
Clearly  
Strongly  
Distinctly

### Adjectives

Sharp slight  
Sudden gentle  
Rapid gradual  
Abrupt steady  
Instant consistent  
Swift modest  
Rapid marginal  
Immediate moderate  
Dramatic progressive  
Steep adequate  
Significant decent

Considerable  
Marked  
Substantial  
Spectacular

## Useful phrases

A small portion, a small part, a small number, a small fraction

A large portion, a significant amount, a big majority

Almost one-third, nearly 30%, in region of 56%, more than a half, one fourth, a quarter, more or less ten times, exactly one in hundred, approximately 50%

## Vocabulary to write letters (Formal/Informal/Semi-formal)

### Letter Structure

#### **1. Formal letter**

How to start the letter?

If you don't know the receiver's name, then write:

Dear Madam ....

Dear Sir ....

Dear Sir/Madam ....

If you know the receiver's name, then write:

Dear Mr Antony ....

Dear Mrs Antony ....

Dear Miss Antony ....

Dear Ms Antony ....

How to end the letter?

If you don't know the receiver's name, then write:

Yours faithfully

If you know the receiver's name, then write:

Yours sincerely

## **2. Semi-formal letter**

When you write to your friend or colleague:

Dear Sam .... Best wishes/Best regards

Dear Sam .... Many thanks

## **3. Informal letter**

When you are writing to a friend or colleague:

Hello John .... Best wishes

Hi John .... See you/Missing you/Love

When you are writing to someone you love:

Dear Sakshi .... Your always/ Lots of love

## **Letter Openings**

In a letter opening, you must:

- Introduce yourself
- State the purpose

### **Examples of formal letter:**

- I am writing to request ....
- I am writing to explain why ....
- I am writing to complain about ....
- After having received your address from .... , I ....
- In response to your letter of 13 January, ....
- I am writing to enquire about you ....
- I am writing to express interest in ....
- After seeing your advertisement in .... , I would like to ....
- With reference to your email, I am writing this letter ....
- Thank you for your reply regarding/about ....

- Thank you for accepting our invitation ....

### Examples of informal letter:

- Hey! My name is Juan and I'm working as a carpenter ....
- Hello, my name is Manasa and I'm volunteering for social services ....
- Hi there, I hope you're doing well. It's been two years since we met ....
- Hi, thanks for asking me out, I'm glad to come with you this weekend ....

## Letter Closing

In a letter closing you need to offer help, suggest something, request for apology, etc.

### Examples of formal letter:

- I look forward to meeting you.
- I would like to express my gratitude for ....
- Once again, I apologise for the inconvenience.
- I am looking forward to your reply.
- If you require any further information, feel free to contact me.
- Thanks in advance!
- Thank you for your assistance.
- In case you need any support, please let us know.

### Examples of informal letter:

- Anyway I've got to leave now. Just call or text me if you need any more information.
- Well, let me stop here. I am eagerly waiting for your response to this letter.
- Okay then. We will catch up this week hopefully. Don't forget to call me, bye!

## IELTS Academic word list

| S No | Words 1 - 20 | Words 21 - 40 | Words 41 - 60 | Words 61 - 80  |
|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1    | animation    | biotechnology | circus        | determination  |
| 2    | ambulance    | bygone        | closure       | discrimination |
| 3    | affiliate    | bacteria      | calendar      | distinguished  |
| 4    | addiction    | business      | crude         | differentiate  |
| 5    | accompany    | bureaucracy   | central       | disinvestment  |
| 6    | appraisal    | bottomless    | carrier       | deliberate     |

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| 7  | afternoon     | brehtaking    | cottage     | denomination    |
| 8  | advantage     | bewilderness  | capital     | delightfulness  |
| 9  | abandoned     | biodegradable | capture     | detention       |
| 10 | attend        | background    | calamity    | domestic        |
| 11 | adjoining     | bachelor      | capitulate  | drama           |
| 12 | alternative   | brainstorm    | capricious  | draughtsmanship |
| 13 | algorithm     | bookkeeper    | cartography | distribution    |
| 14 | alcoholic     | boil          | cease       | development     |
| 15 | authentic     | benevolent    | chagrin     | destination     |
| 16 | affection     | beneficiary   | charisma    | documentation   |
| 17 | ambitious     | bulletproof   | circuitous  | description     |
| 18 | adventure     | brilliance    | clandestine | distinction     |
| 19 | architecture  | blackboard    | coercion    | discipline      |
| 20 | advertisement | bipartisan    | cognizant   | designation     |

| S No | Words 81 - 100 | Words 101 - 120 | Words 121 - 140 | Words 141 - 160 |
|------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 21   | experiment     | fundamental     | gratification   | hospital        |
| 22   | environment    | friend          | gesture         | homogenous      |
| 23   | electronics    | function        | ground          | historically    |
| 24   | expression     | fraction        | genuine         | hypersensitive  |
| 25   | ecstasy        | frequency       | geography       | habit           |
| 26   | education      | formation       | gravity         | hallucination   |
| 27   | encouragement  | fortnight       | gratefulness    | headquarters    |
| 28   | enlightenment  | fraudulent      | grasshoppers    | hierarchical    |
| 29   | extraordinary  | friction        | gorgeous        | horticulture    |
| 30   | embellishment  | feather         | government      | heatwave        |
| 31   | entertainment  | fragmentation   | gracious        | humanitarian    |
| 32   | enthusiastic   | fertilisation   | garnishment     | hyperactive     |
| 33   | exploitation   | fortification   | generation      | handwriting     |
| 34   | encyclopaedia  | fashion         | generosity      | heavyweight     |
| 35   | entitlement    | fantasy         | gynaecology     | hummingbird     |
| 36   | enchantment    | fermentation    | gymnastics      | hemisphere      |
| 37   | ethnography    | fulfilment      | graduation      | hyphenated      |

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| 38 | excellence | fruitfulness | gregarious | handicraft |
| 39 | exhibition | forensic     | goldsmith  | highlight  |
| 40 | extinction | forgiveness  | grappling  | humankind  |

| S No | Words 161 - 180 | Words 181 - 200 | Words 201 - 220 | Words 221 - 240  |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 41   | industry        | justification   | knowledge       | latitude         |
| 42   | instrumental    | juxtaposition   | keratin         | longitude        |
| 43   | incomplete      | juvenile        | kaleidoscope    | legislature      |
| 44   | intellectualism | judgement       | kitchen         | legitimate       |
| 45   | immunisation    | jurisprudence   | keyboard        | legal            |
| 46   | indigenous      | jingoistic      | kingfisher      | lazy             |
| 47   | introspection   | journalism      | kickboxing      | linguistic       |
| 48   | infrastructure  | judiciary       | knockout        | liberalisation   |
| 49   | intangible      | jettison        | knighthood      | lexical          |
| 50   | intelligent     | jeopardise      | kindness        | licence          |
| 51   | intentional     | jukebox         | kilometre       | leadership       |
| 52   | investigation   | jealousy        | kiwifruit       | lucrative        |
| 53   | international   | jubilant        | kidnapping      | library          |
| 54   | inspirational   | janitor         | keystone        | lengthiness      |
| 55   | individual      | jaggery         | kilogram        | liquidity        |
| 56   | institution     | junior          | kangaroo        | lightheartedness |
| 57   | inconsistency   | joyfulness      | kingwood        | location         |
| 58   | interpersonal   | jail            | kingship        | logarithm        |
| 59   | internship      | jute            | karaoke         | luminescent      |
| 60   | introduction    | job             | knife           | leatherwood      |

| S No | Words 241 - 260 | Words 261 - 280 | Words 281 - 300 | Words 301 - 320 |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 61   | machine         | national        | opportunity     | psychology      |
| 62   | multiprocessing | numeration      | overwhelming    | professionalism |
| 63   | monolithic      | negotiable      | oxygen          | photosynthesis  |
| 64   | magnetic        | notwithstanding | obstruction     | production      |

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| 65 | microscope      | naturalisation | obnoxious      | pharmaceutical |
| 66 | misconception   | nanotechnology | observation    | post mortem    |
| 67 | materialisation | nomenclature   | occasionally   | prevention     |
| 68 | magistrate      | noteworthiness | organic        | participation  |
| 69 | masculine       | nonviolent     | overpopulation | psychotherapy  |
| 70 | meaningfulness  | nullification  | objectionable  | phytoplankton  |
| 71 | mastermind      | northeast      | ornament       | parents        |
| 72 | microprocessor  | notification   | opposition     | president      |
| 73 | mountaineering  | nevertheless   | organisation   | prerequisite   |
| 74 | manifestation   | newspaper      | oceanography   | preparedness   |
| 75 | malnutrition    | nonflammable   | ostentatious   | policyholder   |
| 76 | mediterranean   | neurosurgery   | optimisation   | professional   |
| 77 | merchandise     | neighbourhood  | orientation    | prescription   |
| 78 | miscellaneous   | neuroscience   | outstanding    | peacekeeping   |
| 79 | manipulation    | necessary      | obsolete       | perseverance   |
| 80 | magnificence    | nonetheless    | optimisation   | productivity   |

| S No | Words 321 - 340 | Words 341 - 360 | Words 361 - 380 | Words 381 - 400 |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 81   | quarantine      | revolution      | straightforward | transformation  |
| 82   | qualification   | realisation     | stereotype      | technology      |
| 83   | quicker         | retrospective   | semiconductor   | transnational   |
| 84   | quasi-judicial  | reincarnation   | superficial     | transportation  |
| 85   | quintics        | reconciliation  | sustenance      | troubleshooter  |
| 86   | questionnaires  | reappointment   | stereotype      | telephone       |
| 87   | quintessential  | reinvestigation | substantial     | territory       |
| 88   | quantity        | religion        | superintendent  | traditional     |
| 89   | qualitatively   | responsibility  | sentimental     | transmission    |
| 90   | quadrivalent    | representation  | segregation     | thoughtfulness  |
| 91   | questionable    | respect         | superimpose     | transparent     |
| 92   | queen           | routine         | secularism      | theoretical     |
| 93   | quizmaster      | ruthlessness    | sedimentation   | telemarket      |
| 94   | quotation       | reliability     | sophisticated   | thanksgiving    |
| 95   | qualifier       | round           | significant     | tranquilliser   |

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| 96  | quotient | rejuvenation    | sportsmanship | thermography |
| 97  | quadrant | reinforcement   | satisfaction  | turbocharge  |
| 98  | quantum  | republic        | surveillance  | thunderstorm |
| 99  | quiet    | rationalisation | subcontinent  | testimonial  |
| 100 | quack    | registration    | spokesperson  | trailblazer  |

| S No | Words 401 - 420 | Words 421 - 440 | Words 441 - 460 | Words 461 - 480 |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 101  | understand      | videoconference | weather         | xiphoid         |
| 102  | underprivileged | velocity        | waterproof      | xmas            |
| 103  | uncharted       | vulnerable      | whistleblower   | xography        |
| 104  | universal       | verification    | wonderful       | xenology        |
| 105  | unconventional  | violation       | westward        | xeric           |
| 106  | unimaginative   | valueness       | wolverine       | xerox           |
| 107  | unemployment    | vocabulary      | wristband       | xebec           |
| 108  | usefulness      | vernacularism   | witness         | Xiang           |
| 109  | university      | valedictory     | windshield      | xylem           |
| 110  | undergraduate   | vegetarianism   | withdrawal      | xenotransplants |
| 111  | unproductive    | vertical        | workstation     | yardstick       |
| 112  | unrealistic     | vandalism       | workaholic      | youngsters      |
| 113  | uncertainty     | victimology     | workmanship     | youthfulness    |
| 114  | underground     | volunteerism    | whispering      | yachtsman       |
| 115  | utilitarian     | vaccination     | wallpaper       | yellowish       |
| 116  | unstoppable     | vivification    | wholehearted    | yielding        |
| 117  | ultrasound      | volcanology     | willfulness     | yearbook        |
| 118  | undisputed      | vocational      | worldwide       | yummy           |
| 119  | unexpected      | visualiser      | wasteland       | yacks           |
| 120  | undercover      | vernacular      | whirlpool       | yoga            |

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| 121  | yawmeter        |
| 122  | yardwork        |
| 123  | yardbird        |

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| 124 | yardwands    |
| 125 | yellowfin    |
| 126 | yesterday    |
| 127 | yourselves   |
| 128 | yellowthroat |
| 129 | youngberries |
| 130 | yellowtails  |
| 131 | zodiac       |
| 132 | zombie       |
| 133 | zestfulness  |
| 134 | zealousness  |
| 135 | zooplankton  |
| 136 | zillionaire  |
| 137 | zebrafishes  |
| 138 | zoology      |
| 139 | zoophiles    |
| 140 | zeptosecond  |