

## Academic reading and writing

This key vocabulary is a list of words and phrases that you should learn to improve your performance, particularly in the Reading and Writing Modules of the IELTS Academic exam. These words will also help you to understand certain topics in the Listening Module better — you can see that many words and phrases really are typical of the IELTS exam. Some very common words and phrases are not included in the list because you will already know what they mean and how to use them.

Spend some time checking all the words and phrases in the list and check anything you are not sure about in a good dictionary.

<b>A</b>	(v phrase)	arrange (v)
abroad (adv)	aim (v/n)	assess (v)
account for (phrasal verb)	ambitions (n)	atmosphere (n - uncountable)
achieve (v)	ambitious (adj)	attempt (n/v)
achievements (n)	amount (n)	attitude (n-unc)
acquire (v)	annual (adj)	authority (n)
activity (n)	applicant (n)	available (adj)
(in) addition (idiom)	apology (n)	availability (n - unc)
additional (adj)	applicant (n)	average (adj)
adept (adj) ماهر - حاذق	appliance (n)	avoid (v)
adjoined (to) (adj)	application (n)	awareness (n - unc)
advantage (s) (n)	apply (for) (v)	<b>B</b>
affect (v)	appointment (n)	ban (v/n)
(can/cannot) afford	appreciate (v)	basic (adj)
	approach (v/n)	

behave (v)  
behavior (n - unc)  
belong to ( v phrase)  
beneficial (adj)  
benefit (v/n)  
bonus (n)

## C

calculate (v)  
cancel (v)  
capacity (n)  
career (n)  
case (n)  
category (n)  
cause (v/n)  
century (n)  
challenge (v/n)  
choice (n)  
climate (n - unc)  
colleague (n)  
collect (v)  
collection (n)  
combine (v)  
comfort (n)  
communication  
(with)  
(n / n phrase)  
complain (v)  
complaint (n)  
concentrate (v)

concept (n)  
congested (adj)  
congestion (n - unc)  
consist of (v phrase)  
consistency (n)  
construct (v)  
construction (n)  
consume (v)  
consumer (n)  
consumerism (n-  
unc)  
consumption (n -  
unc)  
(be in) contact  
(with)  
(n / v phrase)  
contaminate (v)  
control (v/n)  
convenience (n)  
convenient (adj)  
conventional (adj)  
cope (with) (v)  
courage (n - unc)  
course (n)  
create (v)  
creation (n)  
crime (n)  
criminal (n)  
currently (adv)

## D

(cause) damage  
(n / v phrase)  
danger (n)  
dangerous (adj)  
data (n - unc)  
deal with (v phrase)  
decide (v)  
(make a ) decision  
(about)  
(n / v phrase)  
decline (v/n)  
decompose (v)  
decrease (v)  
degree (n)  
delay (n)  
(be) delayed (v  
phrase)  
demand (v/n)  
despite (prep)  
develop (v)  
(the) developed  
world  
(n phrase)  
(the) developing  
world  
(n phrase)  
development (n)  
difficulty (n)

demonstrate (v)  
demonstration (n)  
design (n/v)  
develop (v)  
development (n)  
device (n)  
diagram (n)  
disagreement (n)  
disadvantage (n)  
disaster (n)  
discover (v)  
discovery (n)  
discuss (v)  
discussion (n)  
disposal (n)  
dispose (of) (phrasal verb)  
distribute (v)  
distribution (n)  
dramatic (adj)  
dramatically (adv)

## **E**

economic (adj)  
(the) economy (of a country)  
(n / n phrase)  
educate (v)  
education (n - unc)  
effect (n)

efficiently (adv)  
element (n)  
employee (n)  
employer (n)  
energy (n - unc)  
(the) environment  
(n - unc)  
equipment (n - unc)  
establishment (n)  
event (n)  
excess (n)  
exhibition (n)  
exist (v)  
expand (v)  
expansion (n)  
experience (v/n)  
exploration (n)  
explore (v)  
export (v)  
extend (v)  
extinct (adj)  
extreme (adj)  
event (n)

## **F**

facilities (n pl)  
fail (v)  
failure (n)  
fear (n)  
finally (adv)

finance (n) (v)  
financial (adj)  
financial support (n phrase)  
first of all (adv phrase)  
flexibility (n - unc)  
fluctuate (v)  
freedom (n)  
frequently (adv)  
function (v)

## **G**

gain (v)  
generate (v)  
generation (n)  
global (adj)  
globalization (n - unc)  
gradual (adj)  
gradually (adv)  
graduate (v)  
graduation (n)  
growth (n)

## **H**

habit (n)  
harmful (adj)  
hazardous (adj)  
historic (adj)

however (adv)  
(have an ) idea  
(about)  
(v phrase)  
**I implement**  
ignore (v)  
illegal (adj)  
(have an / use your)  
imagination  
(n / v phrase)  
Image (n)  
Imagine (v)  
Immediately (adv)  
impact (n)  
import (v/n)  
impressive (adj)  
improve (v)  
improvement (n)  
incident (n)  
income (n)  
inconvenience (n)  
inconvenient (adj)  
increase (n)  
increase (v)  
(on the) increase (n)  
Industrial (adj)  
Industry (n)  
inefficient (adj)  
influence (v/n)

information (n - unc)  
infrastructure (n)  
intelligent (adj)  
intelligence (N)  
invade (v)  
invasion (n)  
invest (in) (v)  
invitation (n)  
involve (v)  
isolated (adj)  
issue (n)  
**J**  
judge (v)  
(make a ) judgment  
(n / v phrase)  
**L**  
layer (n)  
limit (v/n) restrict  
liquid (n/adj)  
(fall to a) low (n)  
luxury / luxuries (n)  
**M**  
magnificent (adj)  
major (adj)  
majority (n)  
market (n)  
matter (n)  
measure (v)  
memorise (v)

memory / memories  
(n)  
method (n)  
minimize (v)  
minority  
mixture (n)  
modern (adj)  
monitor (v)  
motivation (n)  
**N**  
natural environment  
(n phrase)  
necessity /  
necessities (n)  
noticeable (adj)  
noticeably (adv)  
**O**  
obstacle (n)  
occasionally (adv)  
offence (n)  
offend (v)  
operate (v)  
operation (n)  
(be) opposed (to)  
(v phrase)  
overcome (v)  
overseas (adj/adv)  
own (v)  
**P**

past (work)  
experience  
(n phrase)  
(reach a) peak  
(n/v phrase)  
penalty (n)  
percentage (n)  
permanent (adj)  
permanently (adv)  
personal qualities (n  
phrase)  
plenty (of) (n / adj  
phrase)  
(at this) point  
(prep phrase)  
policy (n)  
pollute (v)  
pollution (n)  
pollutants (n pl)  
popularity (n - unc)  
position (n)  
possibility (n)  
poverty (n - unc)  
power (n)  
powerful (adj)  
predict (v)  
(make a ) prediction  
(n / v phrase)  
prefer (v)

pressure (n)  
prevent (v)  
prevention (n - unc)  
process (n)  
produce (v)  
production (n)  
profession (n)  
professional (adj)  
profit (n)  
progress (n - unc)  
project (n)  
property (n)  
protect (v)  
protection (n)  
provide (v)  
punish (v)  
punishment (n)  
(make a) purchase  
(n / v phrase)  
**Q**  
quality (n)  
**R**  
raise (money) (v  
phrase)  
rarely (adv)  
rate (n)  
reach (v)  
react (to) (v)  
reaction (n)

recall (v)  
receive (v)  
record (v)  
recycle (v)  
reduce (v)  
reduction (n)  
reflect (v)  
reflection (n)  
release (v)  
(be) released (from)  
(v phrase)  
relevant (adj)  
rely (on) (v)  
remain (v)  
remote (adj)  
(have a ) reputation  
(n / v phrase)  
(have) reservations  
(n)  
resolve (v)  
respect (v)  
respond (to) (v)  
resources (n pl)  
responsibility (n)  
(as a ) result (of)  
(n / prep phrase)  
result (n)  
revise (v)  
revolution (n)

rise / rose / risen (v)  
risk (v)  
rural (adj)

## **S**

safety (n)  
salary (n)  
separate (v)  
sequence (n)  
settle (v)  
share (n)  
sharp (adj)  
sharply (adv)  
situation (n)  
slight (adj)  
slightly (adv)  
soar (v)  
social issue (n  
phrase)  
solid (adj)  
solution (n)  
solve (v)  
source (n)  
speed (n)  
stage (n)  
stand out (phrasal  
verb)  
statistics (n pl)  
steadily (adv)

steady (adj)  
strategy (n)  
strength (n)  
structure (n)  
(the) suburbs (n / n  
phrase)  
suburban (adj)  
succeed (v)  
success (n)  
successful (adj)  
suffer (from) (v)  
suitable (adj)  
support (v)  
survive (v)  
symptom (n)  
system (n)  
**T**  
technique (n)  
technological (adj)  
technology (n)  
temporarily (adv)  
temporary (adj)  
test (v)  
thought (n)  
thrive (v)  
tourism (n - unc)  
tourist (n)  
tradition (n)  
traffic (n - unc)

transaction (n)  
transfer (v)  
transition (n)  
transport (v)  
treat (v)  
treatment (n)  
trend (n)  
trust (n / v)  
truth (n)

## **U**

unlikely (adj)  
unlimited (adj)  
usage (n)

## **V**

valuable (adj)  
value (n)  
victim (n)  
violence (n - unc)  
violent (adj)  
volume (n)

## **W**

waste (v/n)  
wealth (n)  
whole (adj)  
worldwide (adj)  
(be) worth (v phrase)