

Vocabulary for Describing Evidence (TOEFL IELTS GRE GMAT)

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One way to distinguish your essays from those of other Taiwanese students is to use some of these alternative words in your TOEFL essays. The words listed below are particularly useful when discussing the quality of evidence and qualifying your arguments.

Adjectives	Translation	Sample Sentences
conclusive:	決定性的, 確實的, 最終的	There is no conclusive evidence that the new policy will help students.
convincing:	有論據證實的	The argument that going to college will always increase one's income is not very convincing .
empirical:	以經驗 (或觀察) 為依據的	There is no empirical evidence that smoking is more dangerous than driving.
implausible:	難以置信的	The notion that privatizing government services is beneficial to society seems implausible .
impossible:	不可能的	It is simply impossible to believe that the company will overcome these obstacles.
improbable:	不大可能	It seems rather improbable that this company will ever make money.
inconclusive:	不確定的	The evidence that public education will benefit students seems inconclusive .
incontrovertible:	無疑的	There is no incontrovertible evidence to support his position.
logical:	合邏輯的, 合理的	The company's approach to increasing sales does not seem logical .
plausible:	貌似可信的, 花言巧語的	It does not seem plausible that throwing money at problems is always a good solution.
probable:	可能	It is entirely probable that these students would have failed anyway.
questionable:	不確定的	Public education is of questionable value.
reasonable:	合理的	It is certainly reasonable to expect that an increase in coffee prices will hurt their profits.
theoretical:	理論的, 推理的	There is no theoretical reason to believe that his solution was workable.
unconvincing:	不令人信服的	The professor's arguments were unconvincing .
unlikely:	不太可能的	It is highly unlikely that the newer technologies can solve all our problems.
unscientific:	不科學的	The government's unscientific approach will certainly lead to a waste of money.

Adverbs

absolutely:	絕對地, 完全地, 正是如此	There is absolutely no way that the government's plans would have succeeded.
apparently:	顯然地	Apparently there are not sufficient funds to complete the project.
certainly:	確定地	It is certainly possible that his projections will be off the mark.
clearly:	清楚地	The evidence clearly suggests that the company will soon be bankrupt.
presumably:	推測上, 大概, 假定上	Presumably he will sign the contract next month.
probably:	大概	The country will most probably face years of hardship.
undoubtedly:	毫無疑問地, 肯定地	This event is undoubtedly critical to understanding the bank's financial problems.

Nouns

doubt:	懷疑, 疑惑	There is no doubt that the new policy will fail.
evidence:	證據	There is simply no evidence to suggest any wrongdoing on his part.
methodology:	方法學, 方法論	The validity of the conclusion depends entirely on his methodology .
odds:	機會, 可能性	The odds are that these students will need many hours of remedial classes.
probability:	概率	There is only a small probability that such programs will be effective.
proof:	證據, 物證	There is certainly no proof to show that such programs will be effective.
theory:	理論	Such programs are great in theory , but in the real world they tend to fail.

Phrases

burden of proof:	【律】提供證據之責任	The burden of proof is on those who claim that formal education can benefit everyone.
find out (instead of realized):	找出, 發現, 查明	Every effort must be made to find out what the possible consequences of this plan will be.
solid evidence:	確鑿的證據	There is no solid evidence to prove that global warming is in fact happening.

Verbs

determine:	確定	There is no way to determine if his argument is valid or not.
examine:	審核, 診察	The issue needs to be examined much more closely before a conclusion can be reached.