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EXPLANATION

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COMMON IELTS ERRORS WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF WORD

IELTS candidates often confuse adverbs and adjectives:

- It is ~~easily~~/easy to see that the number of employees rose during the three-month period.
- It is ~~obviously~~/obvious that our standard of living has shot up.
- There was a ~~dramatically~~/dramatic fall in the number of people applying to study at university.
- It is vital that we take steps to improve the situation ~~immediate~~/immediately.
- It is essential to eat ~~healthy~~/healthily.
- Most students perform very ~~good~~/well in exams if given the right preparation and encouragement.

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COMMON IELTS ERRORS WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF WORD

IELTS candidates often confuse nouns and adjectives:

- There is a massive ~~different~~/difference between the level of sales for 1979 and 1989.
- The government has a great deal of ~~responsible~~/responsibility in this matter.
- The oil industry has been very ~~benefit~~/beneficial for the region.

IELTS candidates often confuse nouns and verb forms:

- There was a dramatic ~~falling~~/fall in the number of people applying to study at university.
- There has been a huge ~~rising~~/rise in sales recently.

COMMON IELTS ERRORS WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF WORD ADVICE

Most errors are connected with verbs nouns adjectives adverbs. It is a good idea to remember that:

Adjectives describe **nouns**:

- There was a **steep** **rise** in admissions to hospital because of sunstroke.
- No **easy** **answers** come to mind.
- We all want a **higher** **standard of living**.
- **Water supplies** will become **more and more important**.
- **Rich people** often have **expensive cars**, **luxury yachts** and **massive houses**.

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Adverbs often describe verbs (though they can describe adjectives and clauses):

- The number of residents increased gradually.
- Sales rose quickly over the period.
- I often go surfing early in the morning.
- I got home just after eight o'clock yesterday evening.
- We made an extremely difficult decision.
- Unfortunately, it has started raining.

COMMON IELTS ERRORS WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF WORD ADVICE

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Sentences are made up of one or more clauses

Generally, clauses have at least a subject and a verb:

- Journalism matters.
- The rain fell.
- Many individuals would like to migrate.
- The cost of living has certainly gone up over the past few years.
- I met him last year.

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The subject in a clause usually includes a noun/noun phrase/pronoun:

- I have decided to become a vegetarian.
- Living in cities is becoming more stressful.
- The water supply for many larger cities in the region is under threat.

The verb in a clause is usually connected to the subject:

- Many individuals have returned to academic study later in life.
- Climate change is an extremely serious issue.
- Hospitals tend to lack necessary funding.

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The noun in a clause might be described by an adjective or determiner:

- Large cities struggle to dispose of all their waste.
- My new teacher is a bit boring.

There might be adverbs connected to the verb, adjective or clause:

- The level rose quickly.
- I am extremely unhappy about the decision.
- It rained all day yesterday.

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Clauses are often (but not always) sentences. Clauses might be connected to other clauses with conjunctions, relative pronouns and other linking words

- Pollution in the city is a serious problem and the government seems unwilling to take action.
- Commuters who come into the city on public transport each day demand a reduction in bus and train fares.
- If I became a politician, I would start by dealing with this issue.

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COMMON IELTS ERRORS WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF WORD ADVICE

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TO DECIDE

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COMMON IELTS ERRORS WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF WORD ADVICE

When you cannot work out the right verbs nouns adjectives adverbs, use words you already know to help you.

For instance:

- If you know important and importance, you can guess that the noun from relevant is relevance.
- If you know rely and unreliable, you can guess that the negative adjective from deny is undeniable.



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THE MOST COMMON WORDS: PART 1

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO BE ABLE

Most of us are **able to** recall at least a couple of memories from early childhood but **unable to** remember anything from before the age of two.

The **ability** to see colours is thought to have helped early humans to develop.

The **inability** to recognise faces is a serious impediment.

Having a **disability** does not need to prevent you from leading a full and active life.

Modifications sometimes need to be made to public buildings to give access to **disabled** people. Occasionally, **able-bodied** people object to the disruption these alterations cause.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO ACCEPT

It can be enormously difficult to **accept** a defeat or a rejection.

Many young people who appear to be behaving badly are in fact only craving the **acceptance** of others.

Thankfully, racism and sexism are **unacceptable** nowadays. It is hard to believe that, only a couple of decades ago, it was considered perfectly **acceptable** to racially abuse someone or tell sexist jokes.

Students who behave **unacceptably** in class may be expelled.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO ACCESS

Our ability to **access** material is now far greater than before the arrival of the internet.

Anyone who does not hold an account with a particular bank is likely to be denied **access** to its website.

If we want disabled people to be fully integrated, we need to improve **accessibility** within our cities.

Information about individual rights needs to be easily **accessible** to the public.

The authorities have made a great deal of relevant information **inaccessible**.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO ACHIEVE

With grit and tenacity, we can all **achieve** our goals.

For someone who has no formal schooling, gaining admission to a top university is a remarkable **achievement**.

It is usually possible for teachers to spot a **high-achiever/over-achiever** at an early age. Those destined for great success usually stand out even at primary school.

We need to do research so that we can help **under-achievers/low achievers** to do better at school.

It is vital to believe that happiness and fulfilment are **achievable**.

Some students may have ambitions which are entirely **unachievable**.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO ADAPT

The ability to **adapt** to circumstances is a sign of intelligence.

As we become older, it is necessary to make **adaptations** to our lives; some things we used to do are no longer possible.

Adaptability is often said to be a key component of success.

Animals who are **adaptable** to changes in their environment are likely to survive. Species which are **unadaptable** are likely to struggle.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO APPEAR

There **appear** to be several reasons why we become addicted to alcohol or drugs.

Many problems and issues connected with the introduction of driverless cars are likely to **appear/disappear** over the coming years.

Unfortunately, we tend to be judged by our physical **appearance** rather than our character or personality.

The **appearance/disappearance** of cash-machines entirely changed the relationship customers have with their bank.

There is no **apparent** reason why some countries are better at football than others.

Apparently, our planet's population is rising faster than ever before.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO BELIEVE

The majority of humans **believe** in some kind of god.

Having a **belief** in human kindness and decency makes life easier.

When individuals claim to have been abducted by aliens, their stories are usually met with incredulity and **disbelief**.

The number of adults who would classify themselves as **believers** in God has gone up over the last few years.

Evidence supporting this finding is extremely **believable**.

I find it almost **unbelievable** that some athletes can run a marathon in only slightly more than two hours.

Unbelievably, life expectancy in European cities just a hundred and fifty years ago was only about twenty-seven.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO BENEFIT

Allowing children to leave school at the age of fourteen and begin an apprenticeship would **benefit** less academically-minded students.

One of the key **benefits** of physical exercise is that it improves mood.

Increasing the wages of the least well-off in society would actually be **beneficial** to everyone.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO CHALLENGE

We need to **challenge** the sexist and racist stereotypes which are often found in advertising.

One of the major **challenges** facing older people is to remain independent.

Space is a tremendously **challenging** environment and travelling to other planets in our solar system would be fraught with danger.

We cannot allow racist or sexist comments to go **unchallenged**.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO COMBINE

Nurses need to **combine** a caring attitude with a great deal of professionalism in order to be successful.

Inner-city rioting is sometimes caused by a **combination** of anger, boredom and hot weather.

Students often decide to take **combined** courses at university - they may not have a clear idea about exactly what they would like to do in the future.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO COMPETE

Athletes who **compete** after taking steroids are disqualified if caught.

Talent **competitions** have become extremely popular on television.

Talent shows on television receive applications from thousands of potential **competitors** each year.

If companies want to be **competitive**, they need to find ways of cutting costs.

Regrettably, **uncompetitive** factories are often closed down with the loss of thousands of jobs.



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**THE MOST COMMON WORDS:
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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO CONNECT

The internet **connects** businesses to potential customers.

If you don't pay your bills, your energy supply could be **disconnected**.

There is a strong **connection** between excessive use of alcohol and violent behaviour.

There is a serious **disconnect** between the young and the old.

Anyone who wants to do well in business needs to be **well-connected** to influential and powerful contacts.

In our globalised world, we are all **inter-connected**.

Some say that extreme weather conditions are entirely **unconnected** to the increased amounts of carbon in the atmosphere.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO CONTRAST

It is useful to **contrast** the attitudes of successful students and those of learners who have little interest in doing well at school.

The **contrast** between capitalism and communism is enormous.

Some claim that prison is an effective deterrent. Others have a **contrasting** view, believing that the threat of incarceration has little effect on would-be criminals.

Life in cities can be hectic and chaotic. **Contrastingly / In contrast**, those living in villages can expect a great deal of peace and quiet.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

A CONTROVERSY

A major **controversy** has been raging over whether those aged over sixty-five should have the right to continue working if they wish.

A decision to increase taxation is usually quite **controversial**.

Although raising the price of petrol might seem quite **uncontroversial**, motorists are often furious that they have been penalised for driving their cars.

Controversially, the authorities have decided to make homework compulsory even for the youngest primary-school pupils.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO COOPERATE

It is sometimes said that humans' ability to **cooperate** with each other is our greatest strength.

Cooperation between colleagues in a company usually makes the business more profitable.

Cooperative children can make teaching a pleasure. However, **uncooperative** children can have a negative effect on the whole class.

Those willing to work **cooperatively** are usually valued by others.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO CRITICISE

Journalists often **criticise** politicians, celebrities and business leaders.

Criticism of teachers is sometimes justified.

Parents should not be too **critical** of their children.

Teachers who are **over-critical** of their students are not usually as successful as those who support and encourage.

It is **critically** important for a country to develop its infrastructure.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO DEBATE

Experts **debate** whether police officers should be allowed to carry guns.

There is a fierce **debate** regarding whether female soldiers should be involved in front-line duties.

The benefits of a high-protein diet are **debatable**.

Capital punishment is **debatably** more expensive than giving prisoners a life sentence.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO DEFINE

It is very difficult to **define** exactly what happiness is.

The **definition** of success varies from one person to another.

It is hard to reach a **definitive** conclusion about whether legalising some drugs would be beneficial.

I feel I can **definitively** state that learning a language has only positive effects on an individual.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO DENY

It is impossible to **deny** the importance of upbringing and family background.

The **denial** of a person's right to free speech or freedom of assembly and association is intolerable and must be challenged.

His **denial** of the accusation was convincing.

It is sometimes joked that the latest species to become extinct as a result of climate change is the **climate-change denier**.

It is **undeniable** that temperatures have risen recently.

Undeniably, having a monarchy gives some citizens a sense of pride in their country.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO DEPEND

We often **depend** on the state for healthcare and education.

As they get older, teenagers begin to crave **independence** from their families.

Regions of countries sometimes demand **independence**, especially when those living there feel they are treated like second-class citizens.

Those with a **dependence** on drugs need expert treatment and support.

Young children are extremely **dependent** on their families. As they grow, they become increasingly **independent**.

When looking for a partner, some of us seek someone who is **dependable**.

I prefer to work **independently**.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO DISPUTE

Some **dispute** the benefits of having parks and gardens in cities.

Territorial **disputes** between neighbouring countries need to be resolved diplomatically rather than by force.

As far as I am concerned, the advantages of getting up early in the morning are **indisputable**.

It is **disputable** whether rich people are happier than those with less money.

Arguments over **disputed** territory can easily lead to war.

In the modern world, money is **indisputably** more important to people than it used to be.



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**THE MOST COMMON WORDS:
PART 3**

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO DISTINGUISH

It is very important to **distinguish** between extremists and terrorists: they are far from being the same thing.

We have to make a clear **distinction** between those who emigrate for economic reasons and those who leave their country as a result of fear of persecution.

Many who speak English as a second language have a **distinctive** accent.

Charities often ask **distinguished** actors and other well-known celebrities to help them to publicise their cause.

Many toy pistols are **indistinguishable** from real ones.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO DOUBT

We cannot **doubt** the bravery and courage of fire-fighters who risk their own lives to tackle blazes and save those in danger.

There is no **doubt** that English is becoming a global super-language and that its spread is threatening the existence of minority languages.

It is **doubtful** whether driverless cars will appear on our roads in the next few years. These vehicles require much more development and testing before being used in the real world.

Claims that battery hens do not suffer as a result of the way in which they are treated are somewhat **dubious** in my opinion.

Undoubtedly, children whose parents encourage them to do well at school are more likely to get good exam results.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO EASE

When border disputes arise, diplomats attempt to **ease** the tensions between countries by holding talks and starting negotiations.

Even five-year-old children should be able to do mental arithmetic with **ease**.

There is **unease** amongst public sector employees at the fact that a pay freeze has been imposed on them by the government.

It is **easy** to see how children who have been bullied at school struggle to concentrate on their studies.

Some experts are **uneasy** about the number of tests which young pupils are expected to pass.

Words with similar meanings can **easily** be confused.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO ECONOMISE

Rising levels of inflation and falling living standards have forced many households to **economise**.

The **economy** contracted over the past three months with productivity falling and exports at an all-time low.

Economists often struggle to make accurate predictions.

Studying **economics** gives students a real insight into how different parts of the global **economy** inter-connect.

From an **economic** perspective, cutting wages makes a lot of sense for a company.

Factories which become **uneconomic/uneconomical** are usually closed.

The new factory is not **economically** viable.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO AFFECT

Satellites have managed to show how weather systems in one part of the planet **affect** climatic conditions elsewhere.

The **effect** of increasing investment in public transport might be to reduce the number of private vehicles on our roads.

The **effectiveness/ineffectiveness** of this approach was unexpected.

We need an **effective** strategy to deal with poor student attendance.

The laws on fraud are largely **ineffective** because they fail to refer to online activity, and this is where most fraud occurs.

The leader of the largest political party **effectively** runs the country.

Unfortunately many teachers teach **ineffectively**: their students are bored and learn little or nothing.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO ENTHUSE

Those who practise yoga **enthuse** about its benefits.

Enthusiasts of horror films regularly hold seminars and conferences where they watch their favourite movies.

Those who can convey **enthusiasm** at job interviews are often hired.

We should all try to be **enthusiastic** about physical exercise; it can improve our quality of life and enable us to live longer.

Many of us are quite **unenthusiastic** about working long hours. We would prefer to be enjoying leisure activities.

We should embrace change **enthusiastically**; it is usually good for us

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO ERR

It is sometimes said that to **err** is human, and to forgive is divine.

Pilots have to endure years of training to ensure that they will not make a catastrophic **error** whilst at the controls of an airliner.

I believe it was an **erroneous** decision not to allow more refugees to enter the country.

Businesses which regularly dismiss members of staff are acting **erroneously** as far as I am concerned.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO ESTABLISH

It is essential to **establish** a strong relationship with work colleagues and neighbours whenever possible.

The **establishment** of a university gives a city a degree of status.

Anyone thinking of applying to a prestigious academic **establishment** will probably need excellent school grades.

People often prefer to stick to **established** traditions during festivities rather than trying something new.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

EVIDENCE

There is a significant amount of **evidence** to suggest that banning smoking would positively affect public health.

Although poverty is not much in **evidence** in city-centres, a significant proportion of the population actually lives below the poverty line.

It is **evident** that as technology develops, there will be fewer and fewer jobs for humans to do.

Evidently, life expectancy has more than doubled over the past century.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO EXCEED (+EXCESSIVE)

The amount of money spent on fashion items this year has **exceeded** the level for last year by approximately five percent.

In some parts of the world, there is actually an **excess** of food, whilst there is a major shortage in other regions.

Campaigners worry that children are exposed to **excessive** amounts of violence on television and online.

It is **exceedingly** difficult to work and bring up children at the same time.

Shoppers who buy **excessively** large amounts of food - which they then have to throw away - should be ashamed of themselves.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO EXPLAIN

The best teachers have the ability to **explain** even the most complex points.

When a company makes a loss, the shareholders often demand an **explanation** for what has happened from the chief executive or managing director.

How life first formed on our planet is virtually **inexplicable**. Although theories abound, a definitive account appears to be beyond us.

Some sightings of UFOs remain **unexplained**. They may have been military aircraft or bright planets or stars. Of course, many believe them to have been spaceships carrying aliens.

Despite the general consensus about the dangers of poor-quality air, governments have quite **inexplicably** failed to legislate to prevent it.



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THE MOST COMMON WORDS: PART 4

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO EXPLOIT

Unfortunately, workers in under-developed countries are often **exploited** by unscrupulous companies.

The **exploitation** of slaves is often thought to have ended decades ago but, in actual fact, it still happens today.

Wealthy countries are often accused of having an **exploitative** relationship with nations in the developing world.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO FALL

The number of residents who moved out of the area **fell** last winter.

There was a **fall** in the number of unemployed adults last year.

Although **falling** prices might seem like a positive thing, deflation is actually tremendously damaging for an economy.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO FLUCTUATE

Prices **fluctuated** wildly in the first quarter of last year.

There were moderate **fluctuations** in oil production between 1990 and 1998.

Fluctuating demand for steel has made it very difficult for producers to know how much to manufacture.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

HAPPINESS

Happiness plainly means different things to different people.

Statistics indicate that levels of **unhappiness** tend to be higher amongst younger adults than in any other age group.

Anyone who has a **happy** childhood is incredibly fortunate.

I believe that divorce is necessary to allow **unhappy** couples to escape their marriage.

Happily, the number of car crashes has fallen year on year since 1978.

Unhappily, there has been a rise in car thefts this year.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

HUMANS

Humans / Human beings are extremely complex, with behaviour which is tricky to comprehend.

Unless we find a solution to some of the major worries confronting us, **humanity / the human race** could face extinction within the next few centuries.

Most plane crashes are the result of **human** error.

Allowing law-enforcement agents to use forms of torture is entirely **inhumane**. They should only be allowed to interrogate suspects using **humane** questioning strategies.

We need to respond **humanely** to asylum-seekers fleeing persecution or conflict. Many countries have acted **inhumanely** in the face of desperate migrants.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO IMAGINE

We should try to **imagine** a future in which humans treat each other with dignity.

Children with a good **imagination** are often thought to be cleverer than those who do not seem to possess as much creativity.

One of the most iconic **images** of the twentieth century is of a man and a woman embracing as they celebrated the end of the war.

Anyone working in advertising needs to be **imaginative**.

Some **unimaginative** children actually dislike fairy tales.

The suffering which soldiers and civilians alike have to endure in war-time is **unimaginable**.

Returning to civilian life after having fought in a war and having seen many colleagues killed must be **unimaginably** difficult.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO INCREASE

During the three years referred to in the data, sales **increased** markedly.

There was a fivefold **increase** in sales of electronic devices over the period.

An **increasing** number of adults have turned to the world's major religions over the past few years.

It is **increasingly** hard to see how we can stop global temperatures from rising over the next century or so.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

IMPORTANCE

The **importance** of tariff-free international trade has never been greater.

It is **important** that we seek to understand the causes of anti-social behaviour.

Although looking at stars billions of light-years away might seem **unimportant** to some, it could reveal fundamental secrets about the universe.

Importantly, medical experts are now beginning to have a deeper understanding of how some viruses work.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO INDICATE

The number of adults who regularly donate blood **indicates** that many of us do care about our fellow-humans.

The fact that many teenagers check social media more than a hundred times a day gives some **indication** how much it has taken over their world.

The fact that more families now possess at least two cars is **indicative** of the fact that public transport is becoming increasingly unpopular.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO INFLUENCE

Lobbyists try to **influence** political leaders and those in power.

Peers have a greater **influence** on teenagers than their family members.

Celebrities and those constantly in the media spotlight need to realise how **influential** they are: singers, sports-stars and actors are role models, especially to the young.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO INNOVATE

All companies need to **innovate** in order to make a profit and survive in the cut-throat business world.

Electric lighting was one of the greatest **innovations** of the late nineteenth century.

We need to encourage children to use their imagination. Some of them may become the great **innovators** who enrich the lives of future generations.

Managers with **innovative** approaches often have more success than their counterparts who never try anything new.



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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO JUSTIFY

It is impossible to **justify** the invasion of a non-aggressive neighbouring country.

There is never any **justification** for treating others without respect.

Lying is sometimes **justifiable**.

I strongly believe that cheating at sport is entirely **unjustifiable**.

The police's decision to arrest protesters is **justified**, but their decision to detain them in prison cells for three days without food or water is completely **unjustified**.

Citizens are **justifiably** proud of their nation's history.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO LIMIT

We need to **limit** the number of vehicles entering city-centres.

It is time to impose a **limit** on the number of children in each primary school.

Governments should place **limitations** on the movements of criminals, even after they have been released from prison.

These days, youngsters have **limited** opportunities to use their imagination.

In the past, many seemed to believe that there was an **unlimited/limitless** supply of oil and gas.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO OPT

Given unlimited funds, most of us would **opt** to send our children to private schools where they might receive better-quality education.

We have no **option** but to cut carbon emissions.

Some schools make the wearing of a uniform **optional** - students do not need to wear one if they do not want to.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

A POLICY

The government needs to introduce a **policy** to support small businesses.

Politicians generally love the oxygen of publicity – they rarely turn down an offer to appear on television.

Policy-makers often fail to understand the impact their decisions have on ordinary people.

Although some graduates want to go straight into **politics**, it would usually be better for them to get some experience in the real world first.

This question has a **political** dimension as well as an economic one.

Politically, the decision to increase the number of public holidays makes sense. Economically, it seems extremely misguided.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

A POSSIBILITY

There is a **possibility** that we could one day discover life forms on other planets.

Even though many believe in the **impossibility** of time travel, it features in dozens of science-fiction movies and novels.

It is **possible** that, one day, humans will colonize other planets.

It will probably be **impossible** to develop flying cars commercially for at least a generation.

Some humans who have already been born will **possibly** live to be more than a hundred and fifty, thanks to medical advances which will be made.

It is likely that sending humans to Mars will prove **impossibly** difficult.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO POWER

There is a debate about whether vehicles in the future should be **powered** by diesel.

Those with **power** can easily become corrupted.

The rich and **powerful** control everything.

Powerful business leaders try to persuade governments to change their policies.

Poorer people tend to be **powerless**; they have fewer rights, poorer living conditions and not as many opportunities as others in society.

After generations of being subjugated and **unempowered**, ethnic minorities now feel far more **empowered**.

Sales rose **powerfully** at the beginning of the period.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO PREDICT

It is usually extremely difficult to **predict** the future.

Predictions about the planet's future population alarm experts.

The **predictability** of economic behaviour allows experts to construct models which make quite reliable future forecasts.

The **unpredictability** of hurricanes makes them even more dangerous.

It is probably **predictable** that as prize-money in sport increases, so does the incentive to cheat.

The behaviour of humans is quite **unpredictable**.

Following elections, the political parties which have not done well quite **predictably** accuse others of corruption and vote-rigging.

Financial markets behave **unpredictably**.

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO PREVENT

It is essential for law-enforcement agencies to **prevent** terrorists from carrying out attacks which kill and injure innocent civilians.

Prevention is often better than cure.

Sadly, large numbers of children die each year from **preventable** diseases.

Although some road accidents may be **unpreventable**, by training motorists, it should be possible to eliminate the vast majority of crashes.

Preventative measures should be taken to ensure that no more accidents occur.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

PROBABILITY

Scientists disagree about the **probability** of a meteorite crashing into the surface of our planet.

Although scientists stress the **improbability** of a pandemic destroying our civilisation, many people still worry about it.

It is quite **probable** that humans will soon live to the age of a hundred and twenty.

Finding a cure for cancer is, in the short-term, rather **improbable**.

Closing down museums and art galleries would **probably** make very little difference to the lives of most of us.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO PROCESS

Air-traffic controllers need to **process** a great deal of information at the same time.

The **process** of constructing a multi-storey building is a long and complicated one.

Processed food has become popular in many parts of the world, largely because of its convenience.



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THE MOST COMMON WORDS: PART 6

EXPLANATION

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VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO PUBLICISE

Celebrities are often keen to **publicise** their latest book.

The number of companies which **publish** print versions of magazines has diminished.

In an attempt to get some good **publicity** for their products, companies often decide to sponsor charity events.

The public / The general public / Members of the public may often be unwilling to take notice of what politicians say.

Investment in **public** transport should be doubled.

You are not allowed to carry a gun in **public** places.

Publicly, those with serious emotional difficulties may seem happy and healthy.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO RELATE

Older people sometimes struggle to **relate** to the younger generation and the difficulties they face.

Relatives sometimes find it very difficult to get on well.

It is important to have an open, honest and frank **relationship** with work colleagues.

The issue of bullying worries and perplexes some in education. The **related** problem of children behaving rudely and aggressively towards staff is equally difficult for some to understand.

Our attitude towards alcohol is probably **unrelated** to our age.

Compared to those in large urban cities, villagers and others living in the countryside are **relatively** poor.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

RELEVANCE

The question of whether those on low wages should be given financial support by the state has great **relevance** for the millions living on or below the poverty-line.

Attempts to reduce global temperatures by distributing free bicycles to workers should be seen as an **irrelevance**.

To those who have borrowed money from banks, changes in the interest rate are extremely **relevant**.

To many, the question of how much it costs to implement the death penalty is **irrelevant**. They are chiefly concerned with the matter of justice.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO RELY

We **rely** on the army to defend our country from the threat of invasion.

Some say that **reliability** is the most important characteristic a friend can have.

The **unreliability** of some modern technology is a cause for concern.

Unfortunately, bus services are not always **reliable**.

In some parts of the city, there is an **unreliable** supply of electricity.

I am **reliably** informed that accommodation is still available on campus.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS

TO RISE

Although inflation **rose** during the period, wages increased by a larger amount.

Over the past few years there has been a tangible **rise** in living standards.

Rising temperatures cause many to believe that we are already experiencing the effects of climate change.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO SIGNIFY

Some believe that the rapid growth of the internet probably **signifies** the end of the newspaper.

Even at the time when it was announced, the **significance** of the mapping of the human genome was evident.

It is **significant** that so many young people express the wish to become a celebrity.

The rise in motorbike sales over the first three months of the year was almost **insignificant**.

Significantly, the number of tigers in the wild rose for the first time last year.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO SPECIFY

Companies are not allowed to **specify** the gender of the person they would like to employ in their advertisements, when recruiting staff.

It is important that teaching staff offer **specific** help to those who are struggling and in danger of falling behind.

The government needs to make sure that small businesses are supported, as they employ a large proportion of the workforce and create wealth. **Specifically**, the authorities need to offer cash grants to any such company facing bankruptcy.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO SUCCEED

School-children who are told that they will **succeed** usually get better exam results than those who are not given such positive comments.

It is very difficult to define **success**, as it means different things to different people.

Successful candidates at job interviews usually convince the interviewers that they are enthusiastic, competent and trustworthy. Anyone who fails to do this will probably be **unsuccessful**.

Many countries have **successfully** moved from an agricultural base through a process of industrialisation to an economy centred on technology and innovation.

The government tried **unsuccessfully** to change the law.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO THEORISE

Although we can **theorise** about the causes of aggression, it is extremely difficult to reach a generally accepted understanding.

Theories can be supported, and sometimes confirmed, through experimentation.

Although a **theoretical** understanding of an issue may be useful, seeing something from a practical perspective is often more beneficial.

Theoretically, it should be possible for humans to harness the power of the sun and live without the need for fossil fuels. However, in practice, this would require a huge amount of investment.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO UNDERSTAND

We will probably never **understand** in full how the universe began.

I think that she deliberately **misunderstood** me.

An **understanding** of mathematics is essential for any engineer.

Misunderstandings between siblings can easily escalate into feuds.

It is **understandable** that students who regularly do badly at school begin to disengage and feel that academic study is irrelevant to them.

Having **understanding** work colleagues makes life far easier.

When local authorities demand that residents move from one area to another, they are **understandably** furious.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO USE

It is now acceptable for students to **use** technology in the classroom.

Those in positions of responsibility should never **abuse** their power.

The **use** of steroids has been banned by the governing bodies of most sports.

The **misuse** of drugs is a serious problem.

Child **abuse** is almost impossible to measure.

It would be **useful** to know why some children find mathematics so difficult.

Giving under-achieving children more school-work is a **useless** strategy. It is extremely unlikely to benefit the children concerned.

VERBS NOUNS ADJECTIVES ADVERBS TO VARY

The graph indicates that computer sales **varied** slightly during the period under consideration.

These days consumers demand a wide **variety** of products in shops.

There are huge **variations** in the speed at which adults can run.

Teachers need to adopt a **varied** approach, including a wide range of different strategies.

As a result of **variable** temperatures in spring, growing plants outdoors can be tricky.

In my view, politicians **invariably** lie.



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PREPARE for IELTS: Grammar Exercises

Complete the following sentences with nouns. Form the nouns from the adjectives at the end of each sentence:

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(**wealthy**)
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5. Most of the major _____ facing our society are caused by our _____.
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4. The immaturity of some undergraduates prevents them from making the most of the opportunities which university life offers them.
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9. The number of main children living in sub-Saharan Africa is disgraceful.
10. Levels of malnutrition amongst children living in sub-Saharan Africa are disgraceful.
11. When migrants are unable to speak the main language in the country they move to, they may find themselves not able to play a full and active role socially or economically.
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