

IELTS Reading Vocabulary (300–500 Words, Cambridge 10–20)

Section 1

- 1 significant – important
- 2 factor – cause
- 3 process – series of actions
- 4 method – way
- 5 approach – strategy
- 6 evidence – proof
- 7 research – study
- 8 data – information
- 9 analysis – examination
- 10 theory – explanation
- 11 outcome – result
- 12 impact – effect
- 13 development – growth
- 14 structure – arrangement
- 15 increase – rise
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- 31 environment – surroundings
- 32 pollution – contamination
- 33 climate – weather
- 34 ecosystem – system
- 35 biodiversity – variety of life
- 36 conservation – protection
- 37 sustainable – long-lasting
- 38 resource – supply
- 39 emission – release
- 40 habitat – natural home

Section 2

- 1 species – type of organism
- 2 extinction – dying out
- 3 deforestation – forest loss

- 4 renewable – reusable
- 5 non-renewable – limited
- 6 global warming – temperature rise
- 7 experiment – test
- 8 hypothesis – assumption
- 9 chemical – substance-related
- 10 molecular – tiny particle level
- 11 innovation – new idea
- 12 technology – applied science
- 13 device – machine
- 14 mechanism – system
- 15 theoretical – abstract
- 16 practical – useful
- 17 academic – educational
- 18 curriculum – course content
- 19 institution – organization
- 20 discipline – field
- 21 knowledge – understanding
- 22 skill – ability
- 23 lecture – talk
- 24 assignment – task
- 25 assessment – evaluation
- 26 performance – result
- 27 economy – financial system
- 28 policy – rule
- 29 government – authority
- 30 population – people
- 31 industry – business
- 32 employment – jobs
- 33 income – earnings
- 34 expenditure – spending
- 35 budget – financial plan
- 36 market – place of trade
- 37 consumer – buyer
- 38 producer – maker
- 39 distribution – delivery
- 40 transport – movement

Section 3

- 1 urban – city
- 2 rural – countryside
- 3 trend – general direction
- 4 pattern – repeated form
- 5 proportion – percentage
- 6 ratio – comparison
- 7 majority – most
- 8 minority – few
- 9 decline – decrease
- 10 growth – increase
- 11 accurate – exact
- 12 approximate – not exact
- 13 gradual – slow
- 14 rapid – fast
- 15 emerging – developing

- 16 declining – falling
- 17 stable – steady
- 18 variable – changeable
- 19 complex – complicated
- 20 simple – easy
- 21 efficient – productive
- 22 inefficient – wasteful
- 23 reliable – dependable
- 24 valid – correct
- 25 relevant – related
- 26 irrelevant – unrelated
- 27 contrast – difference
- 28 comparison – similarity
- 29 advantage – benefit
- 30 disadvantage – drawback
- 31 cause – reason
- 32 effect – result
- 33 issue – problem
- 34 solution – answer
- 35 challenge – difficulty
- 36 opportunity – chance
- 37 risk – danger
- 38 benefit – advantage
- 39 role – function
- 40 function – purpose

Section 4

- 1 purpose – aim
- 2 goal – target
- 3 strategy – plan
- 4 policy – rule
- 5 measure – action
- 6 approach – method
- 7 evidence-based – supported by proof
- 8 data-driven – based on data
- 9 long-term – over time
- 10 short-term – brief
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- 12 consist of – be made of
- 13 depend on – rely on
- 14 lead to – cause
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- 24 break down – analyze
- 25 bring about – cause
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- 39 structure – arrangement
- 40 increase – rise

Section 5

- 1 decrease – fall
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