

2500 PTE Vocabulary (A B)

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abbreviation: Read (缩写,缩写词) shortening something by omitting parts of it

abnormal: Read (反常的,异常的,变态的) unusual; not typical; not normal

abolish: Read (废除) cancel; put an end to; destroy completely

aboriginal: Read (原来的,土著的) being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native

abort: Read (中止计划(任务)) stop; terminate before completion; terminate a pregnancy

abound: Read (充满,富于) be full of; be plentiful

abrasion: Read (磨(擦)破,擦伤处(尤指皮肤因磨擦等造成者).表面磨损) scratch; friction

abridge: Read (删节,节选) condense; shorten; reduce length of written text

abrupt: Read (突然的,意外的) broken off; very steep; having sudden transitions from one subject to another

absorb: Read (吸收,合并) assimilate or incorporate; suck or drink up; occupy full attention

abstract: Read (抽象的) theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

abundance: Read (丰富,充裕) great or plentiful amount; fullness to overflowing

accelerate: Read (加速) move faster; cause to develop or progress more quickly; occur sooner than expected

accessory: Read (附件) additional object; useful but not essential thing; subordinate or supplementary item

acclaim: Read (赞扬,表扬) applaud; announce with great approval

accommodate: Read (招待,食宿,适应) do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

accommodation: Read (住处,住所,适应,调节,通融) living quarters provided for public convenience; something that meets a need; convenience

accompany: Read (陪伴,伴随,伴奏) travel with; be associated with

accord: Read (一致,协议) settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

accountable: Read (有责任的,应负责做出解释的) liable to being called to account; answerable; responsible; something that can be explained

accumulate: Read (堆积,积聚,积累) pile up; collect; mount up; increase

accuser: Read (原告,起诉人) one who accuses; one who brings a charge of crime or fault

achieve: Read (完成,实现) gain with effort; accomplish; fulfill

acquaint: Read (熟悉) inform about; cause to come to know personally; make familiar

acquire: Read (获取) gain through experience or effort; gain possession of; locate with tracking system

acquisition: Read (获得) act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of something

activate: Read (刺激,使活动) make active or more active; stimulate; make radioactive

acute: Read (精明,敏锐,聪明) quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

adapt: Read (改变) make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

addict: Read (使上瘾,使沉溺) cause someone to become dependent; indulge in; be devoted to

adept: Read (擅长于) expert at; very skilled; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

adequate: Read (足够的,充实的) sufficient; enough to meet a purpose

adhere: Read (黏着) stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with

adjacent: Read (邻近的,毗邻的) adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

adjoin: Read (毗连,临近,贴近) be next to; be contiguous to; border on

administer: Read (管理) govern; supervise; give or apply medications

administrate: Read (管理) administer; supply; supervise or be in charge of

admission: Read (准许进入,准许加入,入场费,会费,承认,招认) act or practice of admitting; power or permission to enter

adolescence: Read (青春期) state of growing up from childhood to manhood or womanhood; transitional period between youth and maturity

advent: Read (到来,出现) coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important

adverse: Read (讨厌,敌意) in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose

advertise: Read (登广告,做广告,广告商) give notice to; inform or apprise; make known; give public notice of

advocate: Read (辩护,推广) speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something

aerial: Read (空气的,空中的) of the air or atmosphere; produced by or found in the air; performed in the air

aesthetic: Read (审美的) elegant or tasteful; of or concerning appreciation of beauty or good taste

affiliate: Read (使隶属,接纳为成员) associate; incorporate

affirm: Read (断言,证实,确认) assert; confirm

affix: Read (增加,附于) fasten; append; add on; secure to something

afflict: Read (折磨,使苦恼) cause pain, suffering or distress

aggregate: Read (收集,聚集) gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to

agitation: Read (焦虑,不安,鼓动,煽动) anxiety; extreme emotional disturbance

agony: Read (极大痛苦) extreme pain of mind or body; anguish; last struggle of life; death struggle

agreeable: Read (使人愉快的,合意的) ready to consent or submit; acceptable

airing: Read (晾干,通风,公开,公开讨论,散步,开汽车兜风) exposure to air for freshening or drying; exposure to public attention; radio or television broadcast

albeit: Read (虽然,纵使) even though; although; notwithstanding

alienate: Read (孤立,树敌) cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally

allege: Read (断言) state without proof; assert to be true

allegiance: Read (忠诚) loyalty to a nation, sovereign, or cause; fidelity to any person or thing; devotion

alleviate: Read (解脱,释放,释然) provide physical relief, as from pain; make easier; remove in part

allocate: Read (分配,制定) assign; distribute according to plan

allot: Read (按份额分配) parcel out in parts or portions; distribute to each individual concerned; assign as a share or lot

allowance: Read (津贴,补助,认同,宽容,份额) approval; act of allowing, granting, or admitting

alloy: Read (混合,减少纯度) combine; mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

alongside: Read (横靠着,沿着,傍着,横靠,傍着) along or by the side; side by side with

alphabetical: Read (字母的,按字母顺序) arranged in customary order of the letters of a language

alter: Read (改变,修改) modify; cause to change; make different; convert

alternate: Read (交替的,轮流) happening or following in turns; succeeding each other continuously; substitute

altitude: Read (高度) elevation especially above sea level; height

amateur: Read (业余的) nonprofessional; lacking the skill of a professional, as in an art

amaze: Read (使吃惊,使惊叹) astonish; affect with wonder

ambiguity: Read (模棱两可) state of being ambiguous; doubtfulness or uncertainty

ambiguous: Read (模棱两可的) unclear or doubtful in meaning

ambitious: Read (有雄心的,渴望成功的) aspiring; having a strong desire for success or achievement

amend: Read (修订,修改,变更) change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

amends: Read (赔偿,补偿) compensation for a loss or injury; recompense; reparation

amid: Read (在...中) in the middle of; among; surrounded by

amidst: Read (在...中) amid; in the middle of; among

ammunition: Read (军火,弹药) military stores or provisions; articles used in weapons, as powder, balls, shot, shells

amphibian: Read (两栖的) able to live both on land and in water

ample: Read (丰富的,富足的) more than enough in size or scope or capacity; fairly large

amplify: Read (放大) broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make larger or more powerful; increase

amuse: Read (使欢乐,逗...笑,娱乐,消遣) occupy in an agreeable, pleasing, or entertaining fashion; cause laughter or be funny; delude or deceive

analogy: Read (类比,相似) similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

analyse: Read (分析) resolve anything complex into its elements; separate into parts for purpose of examination of each separately

analytical: Read (分析法的,善于分析的) of analysis; resolving into elements or parts

ancestor: Read (祖先,祖宗) forefather; forebear; forerunner or predecessor

anchor: Read (固定,锚) secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; narrate or coordinate

anecdote: Read (奇闻轶事) short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

annihilate: Read (毁灭,破坏) destroy completely; reduce to nonexistence

annoy: Read (使恼怒,打扰) disturb, especially by minor irritations; irritate

annuity: Read (年金,养老金) annual payment of allowance or income; periodical payment, amounting to a fixed sum in each year

antagonism: Read (反抗,敌对) active resistance; condition of being an opposing principle, force, or factor

antarctic: Read (南极的) opposite to the northern or arctic pole; relating to the southern pole or to the region near it

anthem: Read (圣歌,赞美诗) song of praise or patriotism; song of devotion or loyalty

anthology: Read (选集) book of literary selections by various authors

anthropology: Read (人类学) social science that studies origins and social relationships of human beings

antibiotic: Read (抗菌的,抗生的) of or relating to chemical substance that kills microorganisms and cures infections

anticipate: Read (预期,预料) act in advance of; deal with ahead of time; predict

anticipation: Read (期望,预料) something expected; pleasurable expectation; wishing with confidence

antonym: Read (反义词) word of opposite meaning; counter term

apologetic: Read (道歉的,歉意的) offering or expressing an apology or excuse; serving as or containing a formal justification or defense

apparatus: Read (器械,设备) a group of parts that work together to perform given function; appliance or device for particular purpose

apparent: Read (明显的,明白的,外表的,表面上的) capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye

append: Read (追加,附上) attach; add as supplement or appendix

appendix: Read (阑尾,附录) something appended or added

applaud: Read (喝彩,欢呼) acclaim; express approval, especially by clapping the hands

appliance: Read (用具,器具) durable goods for home or office use; device or instrument for household use

applicant: Read (申请人) candidate

appraisal: Read (评价,估价) assessment; evaluation; the classification of someone or something with respect to its worth

appreciable: Read (很大的,值得重视的) considerable; perceptible

apprentice: Read (学徒) works for an expert to learn a trade; beginner; learner

approximate: Read (接近,近似) approach; come near

apt: Read (恰当的,贴切的) likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand

aptitude: Read (能力,才能) inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding

aquarium: Read (水族馆) tank or pool or bowl filled with water for keeping live fish and underwater animals

aquatic: Read (与水有关系的) consisting of, relating to, or being in water

arbitrary: Read (反复无常,随机的) randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

arc: Read (弧形,拱形) continuous portion of a circle; something curved in shape

arch: Read (拱,脚弓,使弯成拱,使成拱形) any part of a curved line

archaic: Read (过时的) no longer current or applicable; antiquated

architect: Read (建筑师) one who designs and supervises the construction of buildings or other large structures

archives: Read (档案,档案馆) public records; place where public records are kept

ardent: Read (热心的,热情的) displaying or by strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

arduous: Read (努力,奋发) demanding great effort or labor; difficult

arena: Read (竞技场,舞台) playing field where sports events take place; large structure for open-air sports or entertainments

arise: Read (出现,发生,起来,站起) come up from a lower to a higher position; come above the horizon; spring up; come into action

armour: Read (盔甲,保护层) defensive covering, as of metal, wood, or leather, worn to protect the body against weapons

arouse: Read (刺激,激起,唤醒) excite; stimulate; awaken from or as if from sleep

array: Read (排列,整理) set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement

articulate: Read (有效的,清晰的) expressing oneself easily in clear and effective language

artificial: Read (人造的,人工的) made by humans; produced rather than natural.

artillery: Read (大炮,炮兵) large weapons, such as cannon and missile launchers operated by crews; branch of army in use of large weapons

ascend: Read ((渐渐)上升,升高,攀登) climb; mount

ascent: Read (攀登,上升) upward slope or grade; movement upward

ascertain: Read (确认,确证) find out for certain; discover with certainty; make sure of

ascribe: Read (归因于,指派) inscribe or dedicate; attribute to a specified cause, source, or origin; assign as a quality

aspect: Read ((问题的)方面,(事物的)一部分) distinct feature or element in a problem; a way in which something can be viewed by the mind

aspiration: Read (雄心,抱负) ambition; longing

aspire: Read (热望,热心于) seek to attain; long for; strive toward an end

assassination: Read (暗杀) act of assassinating; killing by treacherous violence; murder of public figure by surprise attack

assemble: Read (集合,装配) put together; bring or call together into a group or whole

assert: Read (断言) declare or state with confidence; put oneself forward boldly

assess: Read (估计,估算,评估,评价) estimate value; judge worth of something

asset: Read (财产,资产) properties; advantage; useful or valuable quality

assign: Read (分配,指定,让与) appoint; allot; make over; point out authoritatively or exactly

assorted: Read (各式各样的,多样混合的) varied; miscellaneous

assumption: Read (假定,设想,采取) something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of

assurance: Read (担保,保证,确定,自信) promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt

astound: Read (使惊异) affect with wonder; surprise; shock

astronomy: Read (天文学) branch of physics that studies celestial bodies and universe as a whole

asylum: Read (庇护所) place of refuge or shelter; protection

athlete: Read (运动员) sports man; one who contended for prize in public games

atlas: Read (地图集) a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables

attach: Read (系, 缚, 附加) fasten; annex; be in contact with

attain: Read (获得, 完成) achieve or accomplish; gain

attendance: Read (出席, 出席的人数) act of being present

attendant: Read (侍者, 护理人员) aide; servant; accompanying; person who participates in a meeting

attribute: Read (属性, 声望) essential quality; reputation; honor

audible: Read (听得见的) perceptible; heard or perceptible by the ear

audit: Read (核算, 稽核) examination of accounts; adjustment or correction of accounts

auditorium: Read (听众席,观众席) area of theater or concert hall where audience sits

augment: Read (增长) make greater, as in size, extent, or quantity

authentic: Read (真的,可靠的,确实的) not counterfeit or copied; valid; trustworthy

author: Read (作者,创作者,创始者) beginner, former, or first mover of anything; creator; originator; one who composes or writes book or composer

authoritative: Read (权威,独裁) having weight of authority; peremptory and dictatorial

authorize: Read (授权,批准) empower; give permission for; sanction

automate: Read (使自动化) replace or enhance human labor with machines

automatic: Read (自动(化)的,无意识的,机械的) mechanized; operating with minimal human intervention; independent of external control

automation: Read (自动化操作) act or process of converting the controlling of a machine or device to a more automatic system, such as computer or electronic controls

automobile: Read (汽车,小汽车) self-propelled vehicle suitable for use on street or roadway

autonomy: Read (自治,自治权) independence; self-government or the right of self-government; self-determination

auxiliary: Read (辅助的) helper, additional or subsidiary

avail: Read (利用,效用,促进) turn to advantage of; be of service to; profit; promote

avalanche: Read (雪崩) great mass of falling snow and ice

avert: Read (转移,防止) prevent; turn or cause to turn off or away

aviation: Read (航空,航空学) art or science of flying; flight; aeronautics

axis: Read (轴,轴心) the center around which something rotates; pivot

backward: Read (向后的,返回的,落后的,没有自信的,羞怯的) directed to the back or rear; unwilling; averse; reluctant; hesitating; undeveloped

bacterium: Read (细菌) single celled organism with no nucleus

badminton: Read (羽毛球运动) game played on a court with light long-handled rackets

baffle: Read (挫败) frustrate as by confusing or perplexing; impede force or movement of

ballot: Read (选票,投票数,投票,表决) printed or written ticket used in voting; act of voting; whole number of votes cast at an election

bamboo: Read (竹,竹茎) plant of the family of grasses, and genus Bambusa, growing in tropical countries

ban: Read (禁止,查禁) official prohibition; decree that prohibits something

bandage: Read (绷带,用绷带包扎) strip of woven material, used in dressing and binding up wounds

banish: Read (放逐,摒弃) drive out; drive away; compel to depart; dispel

bankrupt: Read (破产了的) penniless, without any money; financially ruined

banquet: Read (宴会,出席宴会,参加宴会) feast; entertainment of eating and drinking

bark: Read (树皮,狗叫) sound made by a dog; harsh sound uttered by a dog

barometer: Read (气压计,晴雨表) instrument for determining the weight or pressure of the atmosphere

barren: Read (荒芜的,贫瘠的) desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking

barricade: Read (屏障,障碍物) hastily put together defensive barrier; obstacle

barrier: Read (屏障,障碍,栅栏) obstacle; structure built to bar passage; boundary or limit

barter: Read (物品交换,易货贸易) trade goods or services without the exchange of money

batch: Read (一批,大量) quantity of bread baked at one time; a collection of things or persons to be handled together

bathe: Read (游泳,浸,洗,笼罩) wash by immersion, as in a bath; subject to bath; lave; immerse or cover one's self

batter: Read (接连重击,敲碎,用坏,奶油面糊) beat with successive blows; beat repeatedly and with violence

bead: Read (珠子,(液体)小滴) small piece of material, such as glass, plastic, or wood, that is pierced for stringing

beautician: Read (美容师) one skilled in giving cosmetic treatments; one who does hair styling, manicures, and other beauty treatments

beforehand: Read (预先,过早,匆忙) in state of anticipation; in advance; by way of preparation

beneficial: Read (有用的) helpful; tending to promote physical well-being

berth: Read ((船)停泊) space for ship to dock or anchor; allotted place; place to sleep or stay; appointment or job

beset: Read (困扰) attack from all sides; trouble persistently; hem in

beverage: Read ((除水之外的)饮料) liquids for drinking, usually excluding water; refreshment

bewilder: Read (使迷惑,使昏乱) lead into perplexity or confusion; perplex with mazes

bias: Read (偏见,偏好) preference or inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgment; influence in unfair way

bibliography: Read (文献学) list of works of a specific author or publisher; list of writings relating to a given subject

bilateral: Read (两边的,双边的) two-sided; mutual

bilingual: Read ((能说)两种语言的) using or able to use two languages, especially with equal or nearly equal fluency

bind: Read (缚,绑,装订,使应当,联合) tie, or confine with a cord, band, or chain; make fast; contract; cohere or stick together

biography: Read (传记) an account of the series of events making up a person's life; accounts of people's life

bitumen: Read (沥青) mineral pitch; black, tarry substance, burning with a bright flame

blaze: Read (燃烧,照耀) brilliant burst of fire; destructive fire; flame

bleach: Read (去色,漂白) make white or colorless; blanch

bleak: Read (阴冷的,寒冷的,没有指望的,令人沮丧的) cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable

blend: Read (混合,掺混) combination; mixture; forming uniform mixture

blink: Read (眨眼) shut eyes briefly; wink

bloc: Read (行动一致的集团,政党或国家) a group of nations, parties, or persons united for common action

bloom: Read (花,开花) flower; blossom; best time of youth; period of greatest prosperity or productivity

blossom: Read (花蕾) reproductive organ of plants, especially one having showy or colorful parts

blot: Read (污斑,污迹,污渍,(品行上的)污点) spot or stain, as of ink on paper; blur; weak point or failing

blunder: Read (严重错误) serious mistake typically caused by ignorance or confusion

blunt: Read (钝的,直率的,不客气的,使变钝) having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

blur: Read (模糊不清的事物) something that is hazy and indistinct to the sight or mind; dim, confused appearance; moral stain or blot

blush: Read (脸红,羞愧) become rosy or reddish; turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame

boast: Read (自夸,自豪) show off oneself; speak of with excessive pride

boil: Read (煮沸,煮,使人怒气冲天) be agitated; pass from a liquid to vapor when heated; be excited with passion; heat in water

bookcase: Read (书架) case with shelves for holding books, especially one with glazed doors

bookkeeper: Read (簿记员, 记帐人) one who keeps accounts; one who has charge of keeping books and accounts in an office

bookstall: Read (书摊) stall where books are sold, as on a street; table with enclosed sides, for displaying books for sale

boost: Read (增加, 提高, 促进) raise; advance; push or shove upward

boundary: Read (分界线, 边界) dividing line; border; frontier

bounty: Read (慷慨, 奖金, 补助金) goodness, kindness; virtue; liberality in giving

bouquet: Read (花束) small cluster or arrangement of flowers; an arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present

bowel: Read (肠, 内部) a part or division of intestine; interior of something; any internal organ of the body, as the stomach, liver, brain

boycott: Read (抵制) refrain from buying or using

brace: Read (使稳固, 架稳 支撑物) something which holds anything tightly or supports it firmly, as bandage, cord, or rod;

brake: Read (煞车 减速, 阻止) a piece of mechanism for retarding or stopping motion by friction

brashness: Read (莽撞的, 无礼的) characteristic of being brash; trait of being rash and hasty; tasteless showiness

breach: Read (违约,突破,打破) breaking of contract or duty

breakthrough: Read (突破,冲破防线,突破性的发现) act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction

breed: Read (养育,繁殖) raise; produce offspring; give birth to or hatch; mate

brew: Read (酿造,酝酿,孕育) boil or seethe; cook; be in a state of preparation; be mixing, forming, or gathering

brink: Read ((峭壁的)边沿,边缘) edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

brisk: Read (活泼的,轻快的) marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic; swift; keen or sharp in speech or manner

brochure: Read (小册子) pamphlet; small book usually having paper cover

bronze: Read (青铜,铜像) an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements

brood: Read (闷想) think long and anxiously; be in a state of gloomy, serious thought

browse: Read (吃草,浏览) graze; skim or glance at casually

bruise: Read (伤痕,擦伤,瘀伤,擦伤) injure, as by a blow or collision; contuse; fight with the fists

buckle: Read (皮带扣环,锁扣,扣环) fold or collapse; bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat

buffet: Read (自助餐) table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set out

bulb: Read (球茎,球状物) rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

bulge: Read (膨胀,突出) cause to curve outward; swell up; stick out; protrude

bulk: Read (大批,大部分) majority; main part; volume; mass

bulletin: Read (公告,告示,公报,新闻简报) brief statement of facts; any public notice or announcement; a periodical publication

bumper: Read ((汽车前后的)保险杆) something as bars at edges to absorb shock and prevent serious damage

bundle: Read (捆,束,包) packet; a package of things tied together; a large sum of money

bungalow: Read (小平房) small house or cottage usually having a single story and attic

buoyant: Read (可漂浮的,乐观的) able to float; cheerful and optimistic

bureaucracy: Read (官僚机构) over-regulated administrative system

burgeon: Read (发芽,成长) grow forth; send out buds; grow or develop rapidly

burial: Read (埋葬, 葬礼) grave or tomb; ritual placing of a corpse in a grave; concealing something under the ground

burrow: Read (洞穴, 供居住或躲藏的洞或地道) tunnel; hole in the ground made by an animal for shelter; dig; move through by or as by digging

bustle: Read (喧嚣, 繁忙, 熙熙攘攘) move or cause to move energetically and busily; teem

butcher: Read (屠夫, 肉商, 屠宰, 残杀, 滥杀) one whose job is to kill animals for food; one who kills in large numbers, or with unusual cruelty; vendor, especially on train or in theater

butterfly: Read (蝴蝶) insect typically having a slender body with broad colorful wings

bypass: Read (规避, 绕过) channel used to conduct gas or liquid around another pipe or a fixture; conductor having low resistance in parallel