

500 IELTS Vocabulary 3

evident

/ˈeɪdɪənt/ a. Syn. obvious; apparent; clear
easily seen or understood; obvious; apparent; clear
He was lying on his left side at the time, and in evident pain.

evolve

/ɪˈvɒlv/ v. Syn. develop; grow
develop; grow
They want to evolve a joint strategy for the next round of WTO related trade negotiations scheduled to be held in Geneva in mid December.

exceed

/ɪkˈsi:d/ v.
go beyond; be or do something to a greater degree
This will exceed all my expectations.

exclude

/ɪkˈsklu:d/ v.
leave out of; keep out of; reject
A decision to exclude a third of the countries on that initial list would be controversial, as debt cancellation is a key element to alleviate global poverty.

exhibit

/ɪgˈzɪbɪt/ v. Syn. display; show
show, make visible or apparent
The Metropolitan Museum plans to exhibit Goya's works this month.

expand

/ɪkˈspænd/ v. Syn. dilate; extend
become larger in size or volume; grow stronger; add details
China wants to learn from India's success in IT and expand international outsourcing, such as call centers, a booming sector in India.

expert

/ˈɛkspɜrt/ n.
person with a high degree of skill in or knowledge of a certain subject
If this expert is as good as Foote says, he can tie up the process for a long time.

explicit

/ɪk'splɪsɪt/ a. Syn. definite; outspoken
precisely and clearly expressed; definite; outspoken
Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied: be explicit about what's bugging you.

exploit

/ɛk'splɔɪt/ v.
make use of, sometimes unjustly
Cesar Chavez fought attempts to exploit migrant farm workers in California.

export

/ɪk'spɔ:t/ v.
sell or transfer abroad
They impose limits on how much developing nations can export to rich countries.

expose

/ɪk'spəʊz/; /ɛkspə'zeɪ/ v. Syn. exhibit; show; display
set forth; set out to public view
It will once again expose their intent to prevent an agenda that people clearly want.

external

/ɛk'stɜ:n(ə)/ a. Syn. exterior; outer
exterior; outer; suitable for application to the outside
There is, said the external relations commissioner, a lot of broken crockery on the floor, and we're going to have to work hard to put the pieces together again.

extract

/ɪk'strækt/ v. Syn. derive; remove; squeeze
draw or pull out, usually with some force or effort; remove; get despite difficulties or obstacles
He is not planning to expel foreign companies as he needs their expertise and technology to extract and upgrade Venezuela's heavy crude.

facilitate

/fə'sɪlɪteɪt/ v. Syn. promote; expedite
help bring about; make less difficult
Rest and proper nourishment should facilitate the patient's recovery.

factor

/fæktə(r)/ n. Syn. variable; element; component
anything that contributes causally to a result; element; variable
The Federation warns that unless the world's population acts now to eat a healthier diet and to take more exercise, obesity will rapidly overtake smoking as the leading lifestyle risk factor for heart disease and strokes.

feature

/'fi:tʃə(r)/ n.

prominent aspect of something

No feature in the scene was extraordinary, but all was pleasing.

federal

/'fɛdərə(ə)l/ a.

of or relating to central government; national

The new president has to face current and long term federal deficits.

fee

/fi:/ v.

give a tip beyond the agreed-on compensation

Please remember to fee the steward.

file

/faɪl/ v.

line; proceed in line

The students file into the classroom.

final

/'faɪn(ə)l/ a. Syn. last

forming or occurring at the end; terminating; ultimate; conclusive

The game is now in its final stages, I can see its result already.

finance

/'fɑːnæns/ n. Syn. fund

management of money and credit and banking and investments; subsidizing; fund

Mr. Brown's views on economic matters are pretty well established and internationally he's known among finance ministers for his grasp of detail.

finite

/'faɪnaɪt/ a.

having a limit; limited in quantity, degree, or capacity; bounded

By the way, it's wrong to think a single individual can overtake a population of size infinity in finite time.

flexible

/'fleksɪb(ə)l/ a. Syn. pliant; elastic; docile

pliant; elastic; capable of being bent or flexed; pliable

The way of life is very beautiful for those people, who work from home, enjoys having less pressure and they can work in flexible hours at their own convenience.

fluctuate

/ˈflʌktʃʊət/ v. Syn. waver; shift
rise and fall in or as if in waves; shift; vary irregularly
The water pressure in our shower does fluctuate wildly.

focus

/ˈfʊkəs/ n.
most important thing; a fixed reference point; center of interest or activity
Who is responsible and who coordinates the attack is now the focus of discussion.

format

/ˈfɔːmæt/ v. Syn. pattern; design
pattern; design; set into a specific pattern
Please format this letter so it can be printed out.

formula

/ˈfɔːmjʊlə/ n.
plan; directions for making something; a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement
He gave us a general formula for attacking polynomials.

forthcoming

/fɔːθˈkʌmɪŋ/ a.
ready or about to appear; making appearance
The forthcoming talks hold out the hope of real arms reductions.

foundation

/faʊnˈdeɪʃ(ə)n/ n.
basis on which something is grounded
There is little foundation for his objections, nobody follow him.

framework

/ˈfreɪmwɜːrk/ n. Syn. structure; skeleton
fundamental structure, as for a written work; skeleton
If they're given a draft framework for such a body, the rebels say they are willing to resume negotiations.

function

/ˈfʌŋkʃən/ n.
act of executing or performing any duty; assigned duty or activity
The function of an adjective is to describe or add to the meaning of a noun.

fund

/fʌnd/ n. Syn. money; capital

money; capital; a reserve of money set aside for some purpose; finance; subsidize

An activist from Burundi lambasted the world's richer nations for not putting money into the global fund to fight AIDS.

fundamental

/fʌndə'ment(ə)/ a. Syn. primary; essential

relating to foundation or base; elementary; primary; essential

El Niao is a natural phenomenon, but some are worried that climate change could now be altering the cycle in fundamental ways.

furthermore

/fɜːrðə'mɔː(r)/ ad.

in addition; moreover; still further

The guy was about forty, Reacher guessed, and furthermore Reacher guessed he had gotten to be about forty by staying relentlessly aware of everything.

gender

/'dʒɛndə(r)/ n.

sexual identity, especially in relation to society or culture; category

New reforms are largely uncontroversial, such as gender equality measures and improved rights of privacy.

generate

/'dʒɛnəreɪt/ v. Syn. cause; produce; create

bring into being; give rise to; produce

Their primary concern is not the health of the American people it is to maximize the revenue they can generate from the American people.

generation

/dʒɛnə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ n.

all offspring at same stage from common ancestor; interval of time between the birth of parents and their offspring

They lived a long time, their generation is 100 years to us.

globe

/gləʊb/ n.

body with the shape of a sphere, especially a representation of the earth in the form of a hollow ball

The average temperature of the globe is well below the optimal for humans and their crops.

goal

/gəʊl/ n. Syn. end; objective; aim

end; objective; final purpose or aim

My goal, said one, is to share this knowledge with other Afghans, especially Afghan women.

grade

/greɪd/ n. Syn. rank

step or degree in any series, rank, quality, order; relative position or standing

He's not in the first grade as a musician, why do you want to learn piano from him?

grant

/grɑːnt/ v.

allow to have; give on the basis of merit; be willing to concede

I grant the genius of your plan, but you still will not find backers.

guarantee

/gærən'ti:/ n. Syn. assure; ensure

pledge that something will happen or that something is true

If it has decided to build a stockpile of nuclear weapons as the best guarantee of its security, then a more dangerous confrontation will be unavoidable.

guideline

/'gaɪdɪlaɪ/ n.

statement or other indication of policy; light line, used in lettering, to help align the text

A good guideline is to post enough to keep your page fresh.

hence

/hens/ ad.

from this place; from this time; from this reason; as an inference or deduction

She presents herself in public and hence is an object of positive or negative regard, as the case may be.

hierarchy

/'haɪərɑːki/ n. Syn. class; order

arrangement by rank or standing; series in which each element is graded or ranked

To be low man on the totem pole is to have an inferior place in the hierarchy.

highlight

/'haɪlaɪt/ v. Syn. emphasize; stress

make prominent; emphasize; stress

He said it was time to highlight the danger of the possibility of smaller radioactive sources falling into the hands of terrorists.

hypothesis

/'haɪpəθəsis/ n. Syn. assumption; theory

assumption; theory

A hypothesis is a tentative statement that proposes a possible.

identical

/aɪ'dentɪk(ə)l/ a. Syn. duplicate; alike

duplicate; alike; being the exact same one

This is the identical room we stayed in before.

identify

/aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. detect; spot; find out; discover

detect; find out; discover

Together they intercept millions of telephone calls, emails and faxes, and with special software, searching for key words and numbers, attempt to identify threats from terrorists, arms proliferators and so on.

ideology

/aɪdɪ'ɒlədʒɪ/ n. Syn. belief; idea; philosophy

study of origin and nature of ideas

For people who had grown up believing in the communist ideology, it was hard to adjust to capitalism.

ignorant

/'ɪgnərənt/ a. Syn. unlearned; uneducated; unaware

lacking education or knowledge; unaware

And what an ignorant little girl she'll think me for asking!

illustrate

/'ɪləstreɪt/ v. Syn. represent; demonstrate; depict

represent; demonstrate; depict; clarify, as by use of examples or comparisons

The editor will illustrate the definition with an example sentence.

image

/'ɪmɪdʒ/ n. Syn. picture; figure

visual representation; representation of a person

The emperor's tomb had his image carved in stone.

immigrate

/'ɪmɪɡreɪt/ v.

move into another country to stay there permanently

The cost to immigrate legally needs to be lowered, or we will see more border accidents.

impact

/'ɪmpækt/ n. Syn. influence; effect

forceful consequence; strong effect; influencing strongly

It's hard to characterize the cultural effects, although easier to the vital economic impact on China's neighbors.

implement

/ˈɪmplɪmənt/ v. Syn. execute; perform

put into effect; supply with tools

The mayor was unwilling to implement the plan until she was sure it had the governor's backing.

implicate

/ˈɪmplɪkeɪt/ v. Syn. incriminate

incriminate; involve or imply as necessary accompaniment or result

The suspicions again implicate high government officials to the point where 911 could well have been an inside job.

implicit

/ɪmˈplɪsɪt/ a. Syn. implied; suggested

implied or understood though not directly expressed

Jack never told Jill he adored her; he believed his love was implicit in his actions.

imply

/ɪmˈplaɪ/ v. Syn. signify

express or indicate indirectly; signify

Why does the word imply male siblings and not female as well?

impose

/ɪmˈpəʊz/ v. Syn. demand; force; inflict

demand; force; compel to behave in a certain way

In the past the courts have treated similar cases with great leniency but there's been growing pressure from the government and the public to impose stiffer penalties.

incentive

/ɪnˈsɛntɪv/ n. Syn. spur; motive

something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward

Another incentive is the tax and duty-free importation of raw materials to be used for book publishing.

incidence

/ˈɪnsɪd(ə)ns/ n. Syn. occurrence

rate of occurrence; particular occurrence

The highest incidence is found in Britain, Australia and Belgium: 30 per 1,000,000 per year.

incline

/ɪn'klaɪn/ n. Syn. slope; slant

cause to lean, slant, or slope; deviate from the horizontal or vertical

The architect recommended that the nursing home's ramp be rebuilt because its incline was too steep for wheelchairs.

income

/'ɪnkʌm/ n.

gain from labor, business, property, or capital

I can never do that again, two-thirds of my income goes in paying the interest of mortgages.

incorporate

/ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt/ v. Syn. combine; unite

combine something into a larger whole; unite

I will provide the template for the website but will need someone to incorporate the matrix along with the members area and a few other aspects to go along with the members area.

index

/'ɪndeks/ n.

anything which shows, indicates, manifests, or discloses; prologue indicating what follows; second digit

Do you know the price index in the city?

indicate

/'ɪndɪkeɪt/ v. Syn. show; reflect; evidence; imply; suggest

point out; direct to a knowledge of

Researchers indicate that men find it easier to give up smoking than women.

individual

/ɪndɪ'vɪdʒʊəl/ n.

single person or thing; human regarded as a unique personality

If this individual is to be the leader of this country, she will lead us to total defeat.

induce

/ɪn'dju:s/; /ɪn'du:s/ v. Syn. persuade

persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction

He was as a dog that had been terribly scorched, and nothing would again induce him to go near the fire.

inevitable

/ɪn'evɪtəb(ə)l/ a. Syn. unavoidable

unavoidable; incapable of being avoided or prevented

Though taxes are supposedly inevitable, some people avoid paying taxes for years.

infer

/ɪn'fɜːr(r)/ v. Syn. deduce; conclude

deduce; conclude from evidence or premises; lead to as a consequence or conclusion

From the students' glazed looks, it was easy for me to infer that they were bored out of their minds.

infrastructure

/'ɪnfɹəstrʌktʃə(r)/ n.

underlying base or foundation especially for an organization or system

Mexican federal aviation officials have indicated a substantial investment in infrastructure is needed for the airline to comply.

inherent

/ɪn'hɪərənt/ a. Syn. intrinsic; natural

firmly established by nature or habit

Each branch of the federal government has certain inherent powers.

inhibit

/ɪn'hɪbɪt/ v. Syn. restrain; prevent

restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back

Only two things inhibit him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson: Tyson's left hook, and Tyson's right jab.

initial

/'ɪnɪʃ(ə)l/ a. Syn. preliminary

early; preliminary; occurring at the beginning

An initial study will look at the terrorist threat to peace-keeping forces in the Balkans.

initiate

/'ɪnɪʃieɪt/ v. Syn. begin; originate

begin; originate; admit into membership

The college is about to initiate a program in reducing math anxiety among students.

injure

/'ɪndʒə(r)/ v.

do harm to; inflict damage; do injustice to

Generally people who injure limbs have bad arthritis as they mature.

innovate

/'ɪnəveɪt/ v.

change or alter by bringing in something new

For many in our industry, the capacity to innovate is closely tied to developing human resources.

insert

/ɪn'sɜrt/ v. Syn. input; enter

input; enter; put or set into, between, or among

The proposal for genetic modification involves to insert a fluorescent protein into the virus.

insight

/'ɪnsaɪt/ n. Syn. understanding

understanding; grasping the inner nature of things intuitively

This insight is then applied to three prominent proposals.

inspect

/ɪn'spekt/ v. Syn. examine

look over; examine carefully and critically, especially for flaws

Please inspect your father's letter carefully.

instance

/'ɪnstəns/ n. Syn. example

example that is cited to prove a contention or illustrate a point; case or occurrence

The framework applies equally to all ecosystems and in this instance is adapted for wetlands.

institute

/'ɪnstɪtju:t/;/'ɪnstətu:t/ n.

advance or set forth in court; association organized to promote art or science or education

The institute for biomedical research is a non-profit, independent research and educational organization known as a world leader in its field.

instruct

/ɪn'strʌkt/ v. Syn. teach

teach; make aware of

She had to instruct the students to work on their pronunciation.

integral

/'ɪntɪgr(ə)l/ a. Syn. complete; entire

essential or necessary for completeness; entire

Despite the ratings agencies' spectacular failures during the recent crisis, their assessments remain integral to the structure of the financial system.

integrate

/'ɪntɪgreɪt/ v. Syn. combine

make whole; combine; make into one unit

She tried to integrate all their activities into one program.

integrity

/ɪn'tɛgrɪti/ n. Syn. uprightness; wholeness
quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness
Protecting global supply chain integrity is of the utmost importance for manufacturers.

intelligence

/ɪn'tɛlɪdʒəns/ n.
ability to comprehend; understand and profit from experience; intellect; power of cognition
More than half the variance between people in intelligence is also genetic, Mr. Shane reports, adding that smarter people "tend to be less satisfied with their jobs."

intense

/ɪn'tɛns/ a. Syn. extreme; acute
extreme; acute; in an extreme degree
The Israeli and Palestinian girls engage in intense discussions and heated arguments.

interact

/ɪntər'ækt/ v. Syn. interplay
interplay; act together or towards others or with
Only two months ago, there was much criticism of the founders who organized the floatation and continued to interact with Wall Street.

intermediate

/ɪntə'mi:diət/ a.
middle; lying between two extremes
They are all from sitting to standing without intermediate pushes with the hands.

internal

/ɪn'tɜrn(ə)/ a. Syn. inside; interior
inside; interior; located within the limits or surface
An internal audit led to Julie Wall's downfall and her vast collection has now been auctioned to pay back some of what she owes.

interpret

/ɪn'tɜrprɪt/ v.
explain or tell the meaning of; translate orally; decipher
When data is kept under lock and key, as mysterious as a temple secret, only the priests can read and interpret it.

interpretation

/ɪntɜrprɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ n. Syn. explanation
explanation; performer's distinctive personal version of a song, dance, piece of music
General Kazantsev said the interpretation of the leaflets air-dropped on Grozny on Monday, telling civilians to leave or face destruction, was all wrong.

interval

/ˈɪntəv(ə)l/ n. Syn. pause; break

pause; break; space between two objects, points, or units

The first week, it spouted every five hours, but recently the interval is eight hours.

intervene

/ɪntəˈvi:n/ v.

get involved; come, appear, or lie between two things

The place to intervene is to slow down the number of children who begin smoking.

intrinsic

/ɪnˈtrɪnsɪk/ a. Syn. essential; inherent

relating to essential nature of a thing; inherent; built-in

Although my grandmother's china has little intrinsic value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.

invest

/ɪnˈvest/ v.

put clothe on, as with office or authority; place in possession of rank, dignity, or estate; endow; lay out money or capital in business

You had better let me invest it along with your six thousand, because if you take it you'll spend it.

investigate

/ɪnˈvestɪgeɪt/ v. Syn. explore; research; survey

explore; observe or inquire into in detail; examine systematically

NASA has launched its Contour spacecraft, one of a series of missions designed to investigate comets.

invoke

/ɪnˈvəʊk/ v.

call upon; ask for; request earnestly

I again invoke the cooperation of the executive and legislative authorities of the States in this great purpose.

involve

/ɪnˈvɒlv/ v.

wind round; connect with something; include necessarily; engage thoroughly

How should we involve ourselves in school life?

isolate

/ˈaɪsəleɪt/ v. Syn. seclude; separate

seclude; set apart or cut off from others

That research will isolate a large number of antibodies from humans and animals.

issue

/ˈɪʃuː, ˈɪsjuː/ n. Syn. subject; topic; problem
subject; topic; problem; edition; publication; release; publish
The issue could be settled by requiring public education for everyone.

item

/ˈaɪtəm/ n.
a whole individual unit; a distinct part that can be specified separately in a group
He noticed an item in the New York Times that reported his hometown.

journal

/ˈdʒɜːrn(ə)l/ n. Syn. magazine; periodical
magazine; periodical; log; diary; a ledger in which transactions have been recorded as they occurred
Published twice yearly, the journal is an open access, online publication.

justify

/ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ/ v. Syn. vindicate; defend
adjust the spaces between words; show to be reasonable; explain, clear away
"And old Madam Reed, or the Misses, her daughters, will be solicited by you to seek a place, I suppose?" "No, sir; I am not on such terms with my relatives as would justify me in asking favours of them--but I shall advertise."

label

/ˈleɪb(ə)l/ n.
paper affixed to anything by inscription; slip of ribbon, parchment; writing annexed by way of addition
There was no label this time with the words "DRINK ME," but nevertheless she uncorked it and put it to her lips.

labour

/ˈleɪbə(r)/ n.
effort expended on particular task; act of mother giving birth; time period during which mother gives birth
When Lisa went into labour, her doctor was not around, she says.

layer

/ˈleɪə(r)/ n. Syn. tier; stratum
tier; a relatively thin sheet like expanse or region lying over or under another
The layer of thick smoke now covering all of southern California, thousands of firefighters are still struggling to contain ten separate blazes.

lecture

/ˈlektʃə(r)/ n.

teaching by giving a discourse on some subject; speech that is open to the public
The students could not follow the lecture on modern chemistry.