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# **Introduction**

This book contains all the most important words that you need to know to successfully complete speaking and writing/essay parts of IELTS, TOEIC, and TOEFL tests.

This material is perfect for any serious candidate who does not wish to waste time researching and learning new vocabulary the traditional way. This book will make your learning more efficient with less of your own effort, which means more spare time to review other concepts.

We tried not to create just a regular dictionary with a bunch of words, but chose only the most necessary definitions from the official examination materials, and described them in the most accessible way.

Have a great time.

## **Aberration**

Is a state or condition markedly different from the norm; unusual, or unexpected.

## **Abhor**

To regard with horror or detestation; to shrink back with shuddering from; to feel excessive repugnance toward; to detest to extremity.

## **Abnegation**

The denial and rejection of a doctrine or belief; the act of not allowing yourself to have something, especially something you like or want.

## **Abscond**

Leave hurriedly and secretly; run away.

## **Abstruse**

Difficult to understand, especially when you think it could be explained more simply.

## **Acquiesce**

Means to accept something reluctantly but without protest; agree or express agreement.

## **Acrimonious**

Marked by strong resentment or cynicism; someone or something is bitter or harsh in manner or speech, or rubs a person the wrong way.

## **Adage**

Is a short, pointed, and memorable saying, which is considered a veritable truth by the majority of people; a

traditional saying expressing a common experience or observation.

## **Adjure**

Means to command solemnly; ask for or request earnestly; to order someone to do something.

## **Adroit**

Having or showing skill, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling situations.

## **Adulation**

Means high praise or admiration; intense adoration.

## **Adulterate**

Means to make (something) impure or weaker by adding something of inferior quality; to

make a substance less pure by adding something else to it.

### **Adumbrate**

To describe roughly or briefly or give the main points or summary of.

### **Adversity**

Means misfortune, an unfavorable turn of events; a difficult or unlucky situation.

### **Affectation**

A deliberate pretense or exaggerated display; something that is not part of your personality but that you do to impress people.

## **Aggregate**

Is a whole formed by combining several elements. To aggregate is to add together.

## **Akasia**

Is a state of mind in which someone acts against their better judgment through the “weakness of will.”

## **Alacrity**

Brisk and cheerful readiness; quickly and with enthusiasm.

## **Algorithm**

Is a procedure or formula for solving a problem, based on conducting a sequence of specified actions.



## **Allegory**

Is a story or picture with a hidden meaning. The characters in allegories are symbols which represent particular ideas.

## **Alleviate**

Means to make something easier to deal with or endure; to make something bad less severe.

## **Allusion**

Is a figure of speech that makes a reference to a place, person, or event. This can be real or imaginary and may refer to anything, including fiction, folklore, historical events, or religious manuscripts (for example: *When she lost her job, she acted like a Scrooge, and*

*refused to buy anything that wasn't necessary).*

### **Amalgamate**

To bring together, unite; to combine different things to create something new.

### **Ambiguous**

Means unclear or vague in meaning; having more than one possible meaning.

### **Ambivalence**

Is a state of having simultaneous conflicting reactions, beliefs, or feelings towards some object.

Stated another way, ambivalence is the experience of having an attitude towards someone or something that contains both positive and