



**IELTS**

**BAND 9**

**ADVANCED**

**VOCABULARY**



# Exacerbate

To make something that is already bad even worse.



- This attack will exacerbate the relations between the two communities.
- Her allergy got exacerbated by the dust.

# Only child

Someone who has no sisters or brothers.



- She is an only child.
- It always saddens me when I see others siblings because I'm an only child.

# Henpecked

A henpecked husband is frightened of his wife and is in complete control of her.



- "I wish I had a henpecked husband", she said.
- Nadeem is a henpecked husband who never dared to contradict his wife.

# Run-down

A building or area that is in poor condition.



- The office building was run-down, so the rents were low.
- They live in a run-down building.

# Upside

Advantage / the positive part of a situation.



A : It's annoying that we can't travel until Thursday.

B : But the upside is that the tickets will be cheaper then.

# Equivocate

To intentionally speak in a way that is unclear and confusing, especially to hide the truth.



- Stop equivocating!, express yourself clearly.
- He asked her once again about that matter and again she equivocated.

# Sycophant

Someone who praises powerful or rich people in order to get some advantage from them.



- She appears to be a sycophant.
- You are one of those sycophants.



# Fatigued

Tired / exhausted.



- Ahmed looked ill and fatigued.
- She looked fatigued, with dark circles under her eyes.

# Spat

A short argument, usually about something that is not important.



- That was a spat, not a serious fight.
- She was having a spat with her brother about who should do the washing up.

# Spent

Tired / having no energy left.



- After doing her shopping, she was spent.
- We arrived home spent after our long journey.

# Frankly

In an honest, truth and direct way.



- She spoke very frankly about her experiences.
- Frankly, it doesn't seem right to me.

# Agitated

Very worried or upset.



- She seemed agitated about something.
- There's no point in getting agitated.

# Dilemma

A dilemma is a difficult situation in which you have to choose between two or more alternatives.



- I'm in a dilemma over which shirt I should wear.
- She was in a dilemma because she loved both the men.

# Covenant

An agreement or a promise.



- It was a covenant between us.
- The covenant to pay the rent on the due date is absolutely fundamental.

# Affable

Someone who is affable is friendly and easy to talk to.



- I am happy to have courteous and affable neighbors.
- She was quite affable at the meeting.



# Salty

Bad-tempered and aggressive.



- She was salty because she had lost the game.
- Why are you being salty ?

# Inadvertently

Unintentionally / accidentally.



- His name had been inadvertently omitted from the list.
- Anus did that inadvertently.

# Surly

Bad-tempered and unfriendly.



- We were served by a very surly waiter.
- Aamir gave me a surly look.

# Cross

Angry, annoyed or sad.



- Don't be cross with me!
- The neighbours get cross whenever we visit them.

# Peek

To look at something quickly and secretly.



- Don't peek ! lest they should notice you.
- They peeked at their father's new car from behind the window curtains.

# Assertive

The one who behaves confidently and is not frightened to say what they want or believe.



- If you really want the promotion, you'll have to be assertive.
- He is too assertive as a salesman.

# Turmoil

A state of great disturbance, confusion and anxiety.



- After attacks, the city was in turmoil.
- Your mind is in such a turmoil you do not know what you are saying.

# Revolting

Extremely unpleasant / disgusting.



- Picking your nose is a revolting habit.
- I've never eaten such revolting food!



# Trendy

Someone or something which is trendy is very fashionable and modern.



- I enjoyed purchasing trendy clothes.
- These shoes are trendy and up to date.

# Corpulent

If you describe someone as corpulent,  
you mean they are fat



- This is a story about a corpulent gentleman.
- A corpulent farmer who worked regularly.

# Pertaining to

Related / belonging to.



- Write a topic pertaining to the importance of hard work.
- there were Problems pertaining to education sector.

# Disposable

A product which is purchased with the intention of throwing it away after use.



- I purchased some disposable cups for the picnic.
- Don't you have disposable plates to serve ?

# Sleepwalker

A person who gets out of bed and walks around while they are sleeping.



- One of my cousins was a sleepwalker.
- He snores during sleep and what's more he's a sleepwalker.

# Throttle

To press someone's throat so that the person can't breathe.



- The attacker then tried to throttle her with wire.
- The dying person must have been throttled.

# Prettify

To make something or something pretty.



- Bride's room has been prettified.
- Prettify your body with this Shalwar-Kameez.

# Belch

To release or emit gas noisily from the stomach through the mouth.



- Endymion can't help belching, I hate him.
- She belched and then wiped her mouth with the back of her hand.



# Penitent

Someone who is very sorry for something wrong that they have done, and regrets their actions.



- "I'm sorry," she said with a penitent smile.
- He realized that he was wrong and looked so penitent.

# Big-headed

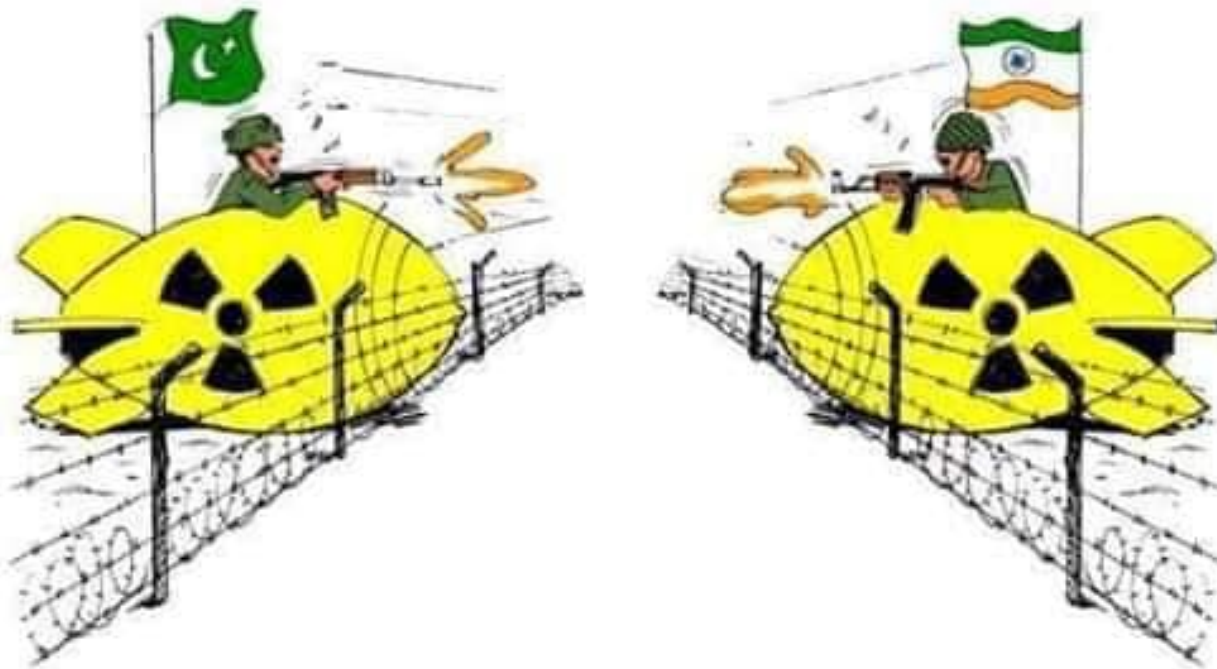
An arrogant person.



- She is so big-headed.
- His boss was a big-headed person.

# Retaliate

To hurt or do something harmful to someone because they have done or said something harmful to you.



- He retaliated because you had insulted him before.
- Pakistan's military responded by saying, it would retaliate against any attacks.

# Distinctive

Unique / different from others.



- She's got a very distinctive voice.
- Rehman biryani has its distinctive taste.

# Slacker

A person who avoids work.



- You don't deserve to be given promotion, Slacker !
- We need hard-working employees, not slackers.

# Uncouth

Someone who is rude, noisy, and unpleasant.



- He was addressed as uncouth person.
- She thought he was loud-mouthed and uncouth.

# Perilous

Full of danger or risk / extremely dangerous.



- We had a perilous journey!
- The roads were perilous and we had to be really careful on every bend.

# Zillionaire

An extremely rich person.



- Someday I'll be a zillionaire, just like bill gates.
- Is Mark Zingerburger a zillionaire ?



# Tear-jerker

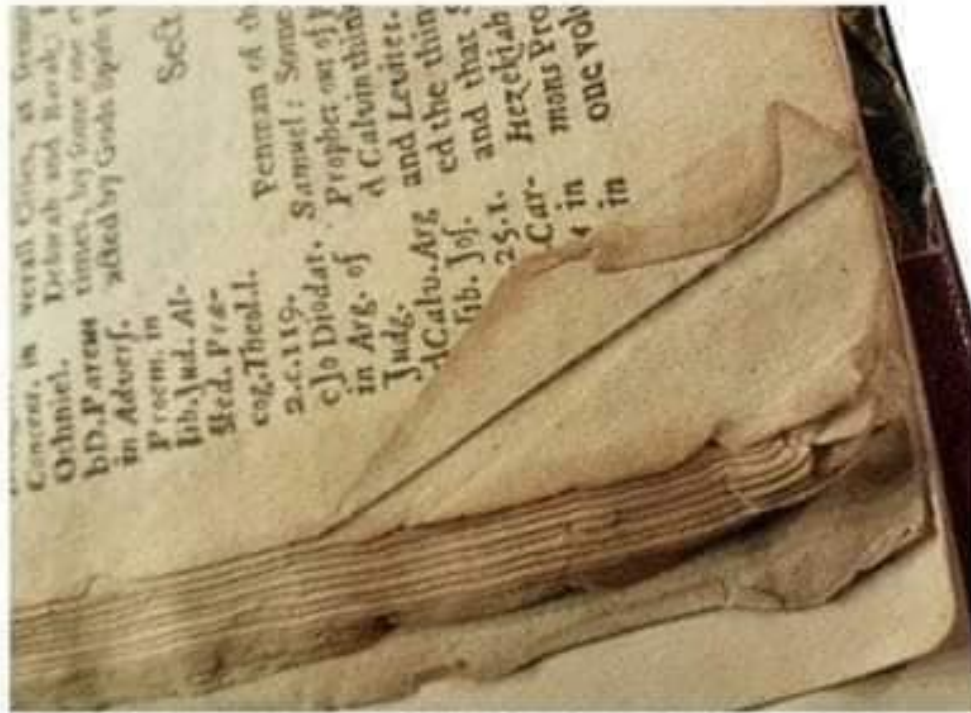
A film, play, book that makes you cry.



- Bring a pile of tissues with you when you watch that tear-jerker film.
- I've never read such tear-jerker books.

# Dog-eared

A book or paper that is dog-eared has the pages turned down at the corners as a result of a lot of use.



- He had a dog-eared book.
- I don't want dog-eared papers.

# Penny-pincher

A person who is unwilling to spend money.



- My husband is such a penny-pincher, he never takes me out for the dinner.
- One of my uncles is a penny-pincher.

# Gallant

Brave and heroic.



- A gallant child sacrificed his life for his country.
- I made a gallant effort to win the first medal.

# Implore

To request someone to do something in a very sincere and emotional manner.



- Saqeef implored her to change her mind.
- She implored her parents not to send he away to school.

# Petrified

Extremely frightened.



- That petrified child clung to her mother.
- I've always been petrified of the dark.

# Agelast

A person who never laughs.



- Why don't you laugh on my jokes ? , you're such an agelast person.
- Faisal is an agelast, he doesn't laugh.

# Crafty

A clever or cunning person but dishonest as well.



- Beware of her, She is a crafty old woman.
- Mr Ammar is a crafty lawyer , isn't he ?



# Alarm

To make someone worried or frightened.



- Seeing that dangerous shadow , he got alarmed.
- We could not see what had alarmed him

# Perplexed

Someone who is confused or shocked.



- If you were me, you would get perplexed too.
- I got perplexed when she came up to me.