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IELTS

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IELTS VOCABULARY

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Antiquated

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Choleric

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Diorama

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Fecund

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obscure; known only to a few people

Clamor

shout; scream

Discursiveness

long windedness; indirectness

Flaunt

show off; display in a showy manner

Infamous

famous for something bad

Mellow

soft; melodious; ripe

Patron

one who give support (usually financial)

Prostration

1. lying face down; 2. be overcome with extreme weakness

Somnambulist

sleepwalker

Vehemence

violence; fervor; forcefulness



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Astute

perceptive; sharp-witted

Collage

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Frivolous

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Inspid

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Mire

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Penury

poverty

Pusillanimous

cowardly

Staid

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Vestigial

not developed



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Attenuate

weaken

Commandeer

take possession of

Drivel

nonsense

Futile

useless; hopeless

Interminable

never-ending

Misrepresentation

deliberately deceiving

Peremptory

in a commanding manner

Quaint

picturesque

Stevedore

dockworker

Virtuoso

an accomplished musician



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Belie

contradict

Consensus

general agreement

Eloquent

fluent and persuasive in speech

Gratuitous

unwarranted

Jaded

tired; bored; worn out

Negligence

carelessness

Petrify

1. terrify; 2. turn to stone

Receptacle

container; vessel; holder

Suffragist

someone who campaigns for voting rights

Weighty

serious



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Artifice

deception; trickery

Coalesce

come together; merge

Dispassionate

neutral; objective

Forensic

concerned with argument or debate (esp. for legal evidence)

Innate

inherited; inborn

Merge

come together

Pedestrian

common; mundane; banal

Provincial

unsophisticated; narrow-minded

Specious

false

Venial

minor; unimportant



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Beleaguer

Consecrate

Egress

Gratis

Itinerant

Negate

Pervasive

Recapitulate

Succinct

Waylay

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besiege; attack

dedicate

exit

free of charge; without payment

nomadic; wandering from place to place

cancel; deny

spreading everywhere

summarize

concise

accost; stop; approach; hinder



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Pernicious

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Strident

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Vociferous

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Collate

arrange in order

Dolt

stupid person

Frugal

economical; not wasting anything

Instigate

to start; provoke

Misanthrope

hater of the rest of mankind

Perceptive

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Pyromania

compulsion to start fires

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Banality

ordinariness; dullness

Condescend

talk down to

Eccentric

unusual; quirky; odd

Gaunt

emaciated; bony and angular

Inviolable

cannot be invaded

Morose

gloomy; bad tempered

Persnickety

fastidious; fussy

Ramifications

branches; subdivisions of a complex system; outcomes

Stringent

strict or severe

Volatile

dangerously unstable; evaporates easily



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Clientele

customers

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hostile

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Belittle

to demean

Conspicuous

easily seen; prominent

Elucidate

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Gravity

seriousness

Jargon

specialized language used by experts

Neologism

newly coined word

Petulant

sulky; peevish

Recluse

someone who cuts himself off from life

Supercilious

proud and haughty

Whelp

young dog



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Augment	increase; make bigger
Complacent	self-satisfied; smug
Droll	dryly amusing
Galleon	ancient type of sailing ship
Intermittent	sporadic; irregular
Mitigate	lessen; make less severe
Perfidy	treachery
Quandary	dilemma; puzzle
Stifle	suppress
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