



Language
Advisor

IELTS Vocabulary

(Band Score 8 to 9)

TIME

VOCABULARY

1. Age-old

(Adjective)

Meaning – Having existed for ages

Example – Giving much priority is age-old custom, but not in modern days.

Celebrating New Year with age-old traditions.

Going to pagodas during Lunar New Year is one of Asia's age-old traditions.

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2. Down the road

(Adverb)

Meaning - In the future

Example – It can be achieved down the road.

This deal will be beneficial down the road.

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3. Right away

(Adverb)

Meaning – Immediately

Example – I have to go back right away.

He did not reply to my question right away.

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4. Timely

(Adjective)

Meaning – Refers to something done or happening at the right time

Example – You must make timely payments.

Their work is timely, accurate and cost-efficient.

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5. Once in a lifetime

(Adverb)

Meaning – A chance that is very rarely to happen to someone again in his/her life.

Example – This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to earn thousands of dollars from home.

This is the once-in-a-lifetime chance to build my industry network and grow my career.

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6. Annually

(Adverb)

Meaning – Once a year; yearly; every year

Example – Parents are supposed to report annually how the money is used.

My brother loves to travel, he visits London annually.

How many cars do they produce annually?

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7. On time

(Adverb)

Meaning – Punctual; punctually (arriving at the correct time and not late)

Example – She started on time, but she arrived late.

Students must attend class regularly and submit all of their homework on time.

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8. Right after

(Adverb)

Meaning – Immediately after

Example – He arrived right after me.

He quit his job right after he won the lottery ticket.

Lucy was hired by the company right after she graduated.

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9. Nowadays

(Adverb)

Meaning – These days; now; at the present time

Example – Nowadays, it's easy to buy foreign products.

There is an increasing number of people who don't watch TV very much nowadays.

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10. Contemporary

(Adjective)

Meaning – Current, modern, nowadays; belonging to the present time

Example – Young people tend to prefer contemporary music.

Traditional and contemporary fashion design.

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11. Childhood

(Noun)

Meaning – The period of your life when you are a child

Example – He used to play with her in his childhood.

In the childhood, we used to play different types of games.

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12. Quality time

(Noun)

Meaning – Time that you spend with only one person in order to strengthen a relationship.

Example – Her father didn't spend enough quality time with him. He always had to work.

Parents should spend quality time with their children.

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13. The coming year

(Adverb)

Meaning – The next year

Example – I will celebrate my 30th birthday in February of the coming year.

In the coming years, it is anticipated that tourism will continue to develop in Asia.

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14. Up to the minute

(Adverb)

Meaning – Very latest; the most recent

Example – Her clothes are always right up to the minute.

The traffic reports are up to the minute.

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15. A digital watch

(Noun)

Meaning – A watch shows the hours, minutes, and sometimes seconds as a row of numbers

Example – Your digital watch is quite nice.

My father bought me a digital watch as a birthday present.

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16. Punctual

(Adverb)

Meaning – On time; arriving or happening at the expected, correct time

Example – She is always punctual, but her friend is always late.

He is a very punctual boy.

He likes his guests to be punctual.

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17. Upcoming

(Adjective)

Meaning – Be about to happen; happening soon

Example – Tom could use a little extra time to review for the upcoming test.

I used to study a lot when I had an upcoming exam.

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18. Take your time

(Expression)

Meaning – Not hurry (to do something slowly or carefully)

Example – Take your time. There's no hurry.

Take your time and read each sentence carefully.

He didn't like us to rush him, he wished to take his time over the work.

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19. Chores

(Noun)

Meaning – Tasks such as cleaning, washing, and ironing that are often boring but has to be done regularly

Example – Many husbands now help with the household chores like washing the dishes and cleaning the floor.

My neighbor's kids have to do chores every day in order to earn their allowance.

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20. Upkeep

(Verb)

Meaning – To look after/keep something in good condition

Example – The expenses of upkeeping the building are quite expensive.

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21. Historical monument

(Noun)

Meaning – Ancient buildings, statues, or other structures that have historical importance

Example – The historical monument is one most visited tourist attractions in Delhi.

Overlooking the majestic Arabian Sea, this historical monument is located in a perfect scenic spot.

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22. Currently

(Adverb)

Meaning – Now; at the present time

Example – I currently do not make as much money as I used to.

My uncle is currently working for the government in the Department of Finance.

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23. Time-consuming

(Adjective)

Meaning – Taking a lot of/too much time

Example – It was a time-consuming process, but it was the only way the job could be done.

This is a very time-consuming task.

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24. In this day and age

(Adverb)

Meaning – at the present time

Example – In this day and age recording videos is easier than ever.

In this day and age, life without water and electricity is unimaginable.

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25. Ancient

(Adjective)

Meaning – Very old

Example – A king in ancient times had many slaves to work for him.

My parents live in a lovely, gigantic, ancient, brick house.

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26. Unforgettable

(Adjective)

Meaning – If something is unforgettable, you can't forget it

Example – The trip to our countryside was unforgettable.

My first-time scuba diving was unforgettable.

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27. Jump at the chance

(Verb)

Meaning – To immediately seize an opportunity

Example – He jumped at the chance of a trip to New York.

He jumped at the chance/opportunity to show his boss what he could do.

She jumped at the offer of a better job.

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28. A riot of colour

(Noun)

Meaning - A collection of many different colours

Example – The whole garden was a riot of colour.

The flower-beds were a riot of colour.

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29. Striking

(Adjective)

Meaning – Very attractive and unusual

Example – It was a striking outfit which made her feel good.

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30. Brand-new

(Adjective)

Meaning – Extremely new

Example – He bought himself a brand new car yesterday.

His waterproof trousers were brand new and stiff.

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31. Antique

(Adjective)

Meaning – Ancient; very old

Example – The fashion of carving animals as a device appears to have a very antique origin.

My grandfather has an antique watch that he wants to give me.

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32. Middle-aged

(Adjective)

Meaning – No longer young but not yet old; in middle age

Example – The company is run almost entirely by middle-aged men.

They're a middle-aged couple, with grown-up children.

Her novels are middle-aged and boring.