



Language
Advisor

IELTS Vocabulary

(Band Score 8 to 9)

TRAVEL & TOURISM

VOCABULARY

1. Accommodation

(Noun)

**Meaning – Room or rooms in which a traveler stays;
arrangement of travel**

**Example – I recommend Singh Travel Agency as they
provide excellent accommodation with a reasonable price.**

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2. Bucket list

(Noun)

Meaning – A number of things to do things to achieve that a person hopes accomplish for his lifetime

Example – Skydiving is on my bucket list, I really want to do it very soon.

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3. Itchy feet

(Phrase)

Meaning – If a person has itchy feet, it means he has a strong desire to travel

Example – The travel I had in India gave me itchy feet that I wanted to travel more.

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4. Tourist trap

(Noun)

Meaning – A place where many tourists visit

Example – I don't care if the Great Wall of China is a tourist trap, I still want to pay a visit there.

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5. Hostel

(Noun)

Meaning – Inexpensive establishment which provides cheap food and lodging for students or travelers

Example – If you're a budget traveler, staying in a hostel can really help you maximize your money.

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6. Itinerary

(Noun)

Meaning – A planned journey or route of a person’s travel

Example – I don’t really make itinerary when I travel as I want to surprise myself of discovering places on my own.

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7. (Go) Off the beaten track

(Expression)

Meaning – A place where only very few people go

Example – The village we stayed for a couple of nights during our trip in Geneva was off the beaten track.

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8. One for the books

(Expression)

Meaning – Used to say that something is surprising or unusual

Example – I could never believe swimming with whale sharks in the Philippines. It's definitely one for the books.

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9. Wanderlust

(Noun)

Meaning – Having a strong desire to travel

Example – Young people nowadays are undeniably pursuing their wanderlust as they usually believe that life should be enjoyed through traveling.

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10. Campground (or campsite)

(Noun)

Meaning – A place where people can camp when on holiday

Example – What I like the most about spending the summers in British Columbia is its many beautiful family campgrounds.

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11. Touristy

(Adjective)

Meaning – A place where a lot of tourists go and it has many things for them to buy and do (often seen as something negative)

Example – My hometown used to be a pretty little town, but now it's become very touristy.

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12. Ecotourism

(Noun)

Meaning – Going on holiday to places of natural beauty in a way that causes less damage to the environment

Example – The ecotourism industry keeps growing as more and more people become aware of how damaging tourism can be to the environment.

VOCABULARY

13. Book

(Verb)

Meaning – To arrange to have a seat, room, etc. at a specific time in the future

Example – We wanted to stay at a hotel downtown but they were fully booked.

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14. In season

(Noun)

Meaning – At the time of year when people want to travel or take a holiday

Example – Naturally, hotel rooms are much more expensive in season.

VOCABULARY

15. Rental

(Noun)

**Meaning – An arrangement to rent something such as a house
car or bike**

**Example – When planning a holiday, I always look for house
rentals near the city.**

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16. From/Out of nowhere

(Expression)

Meaning – happening or appearing very suddenly and unexpectedly

Example – Tom appeared from/out of nowhere.

He gave me a present out of nowhere.

VOCABULARY

17. Picturesque

(Adjective)

Meaning – Attractive or pretty in appearance (of a place, building, scene, etc.)

Example – Montenegro has both a mountainous northern region and a picturesque coast.

It was a pretty town with well-preserved buildings and a picturesque harbour.

VOCABULARY

18. Ferry

(Noun)

Meaning – A boat or ship that carries people, vehicles or goods across an area of water (a river or a short journey by sea)

Example – We took the ferry to a pretty little port city on the island.

I left Hong Kong and took the ferry to Kowloon.

When we took the ferry across the harbor, we saw the Statue of Liberty come into view.

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19. Mainland

(Noun)

Meaning – The main area of land of a country, region, etc.

Example – This island is joined to the mainland of Friesland.

We took a ferry from the island to the mainland.

I took a plane back to the mainland.

VOCABULARY

20. Scenery

(Noun)

Meaning – The beautiful natural features of a place or area, such as mountains, forests, seas, rivers, etc.

Example – The sheer beauty of the scenery took my breath away.

The scenery here is magnificent.

The scenery of the Porvoo river valley is breathtaking.

VOCABULARY

21. Overseas

(Adverb)

Meaning – To or in another country, especially one beyond or across the sea; abroad

Example – She went overseas to teach ESL after finishing her Linguistics degree.

Generally speaking, Japanese cars are popular overseas.

Some students who study foreign languages decide to go overseas to study.

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22. Breathtaking

(Adjective)

Meaning – Very beautiful, exciting or impressive

Example – All suites offer a breathtaking view of the ocean and the mountain.

From this hill, people get a breathtaking view of the city at night.

VOCABULARY

23. Crystal clear

(Adjective)

Meaning – Completely or transparently clear and bright

Example – The picture on this TV is crystal clear.

The water is crystal clear and slow moving.

VOCABULARY

24. Show someone around

(Verb)

Meaning – To act as a guide for someone when they are visiting a new place or building and to show them what is interesting in such place or building

Example – They were shown around the church by one of the local people.

I will show us around the city tomorrow.

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25. Take place

(Verb)

Meaning – to occur; to happen

Example – Their wedding took place in London.

The graduation ceremony will take place tomorrow.

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26. Flowerbed

(Noun)

Meaning – A piece of a garden in which flowers are planted

Example – His dog came into my garden this morning and buried a bone in my flowerbed.

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27. A leisurely stroll

(Noun)

Meaning – a slow, relaxing walk

Example – After lunch, we went for a leisurely stroll.

My family was enjoying a leisurely stroll in the sunshine.

VOCABULARY

28. Avidly

(Adverb)

Meaning – Showing great interest or enthusiasm in

Example – She read the book avidly from the beginning to the end.

Tom played game avidly from morning until late in the evening.

VOCABULARY

29. Wonderland

(Noun)

Meaning – An imaginary place in children’s stories which is full of wonderful things

Example – The city was a wonderland for me to live in.

The fair was a wonderland for both children and adults.

VOCABULARY

30. 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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31. 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.

VOCABULARY

32. 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.

VOCABULARY

33. Striking

(Adjective)

Meaning – Very attractive and unusual

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

VOCABULARY

34. Campfire

(Noun)

Meaning – An open-air fire that is made when you are camping

Example – We were cooking dinner over a campfire.

We were sitting around the campfire and telling scary stories.

VOCABULARY

35. To twinkle

(Verb)

Meaning – To shine and sparkle with a flickering gleam of light

Example – The stars twinkled brightly in the sky.

When she smiled, her eyes twinkled with amusement.

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36. To feel at peace

(Verb)

Meaning – To feel peaceful, without any anxiety or distress.

Example – She felt at peace when she was meditating.

We felt at peace and welcomed warmly!

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37. Show up

(Verb)

Meaning – To arrive somewhere in order to meet someone

Example – It was raining heavily, so only a few people showed up on time.

He showed up late as usual.

It was around midnight when he showed up.

VOCABULARY

38. Sandcastle

(Noun)

**Meaning - A small castlelike structure built out of sand,
typically by children**

Example – A summer’s day of sailing and building sandcastles.

**Our kids like going to the beach and they like making
sandcastles.**

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39. Check into

(Verb)

Meaning – To arrive and register at a hotel

Example – I checked into a motel and went right to sleep.

We checked into a small hotel and stayed for several days.

VOCABULARY

40. Stretch

(Verb)

Meaning – To extend in length of land or sea

Example – The sea stretches along a coastline.

The desert stretches out beyond the horizon.

VOCABULARY

41. Endlessly

(Adverb)

Meaning – Seems to have no end or limit

Example – The trees along the canal seemed to march endlessly into the distance.

Fields stretched endlessly into the distance.

Peter talked endlessly about his flower garden.

VOCABULARY

42. Attract more visitors

(Verb)

Meaning – To get more people to come to visit

Example – The Great Smoky Mountains National Park attracts more visitors each year than any other national park.

Investing in park improvements attracts more visitors.

It can be huge challenge to remember or memorize the correct meanings of those words.