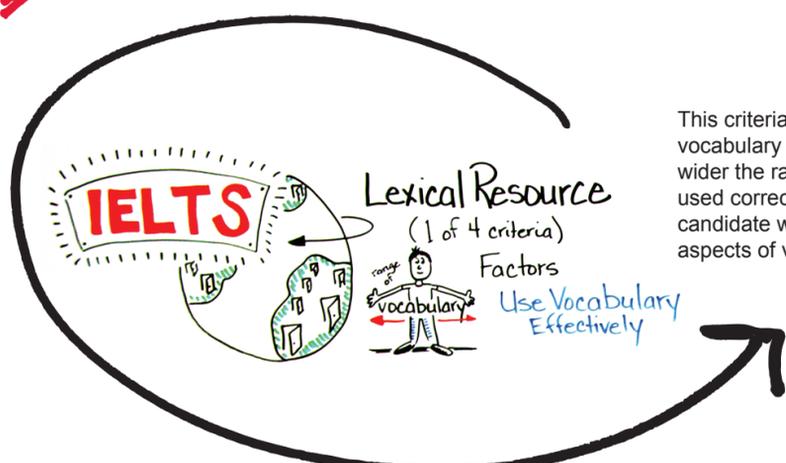


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This criteria focuses on the range of vocabulary a candidate uses. Generally the wider the range of vocabulary or expression used correctly and appropriately, the better a candidate will score. Learn about the various aspects of vocabulary listed here.

Collocation

is the way words are commonly used together in English.

Make
 a cup of tea
 a phone call
 too much noise
 changes
 a mistake
 a decision



Do
 your homework
 an experiment
 research
 your best

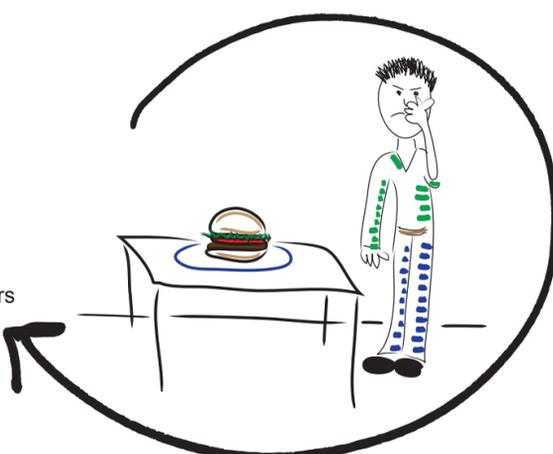
(There are no collocation rules that can be learned, they are learned through awareness and experience.)

Less Common Vocabulary or Expressions

There is no list of these items to use. If you feel confident, look into some idiomatic expressions, but not just the usual ones, and be very clear the context in which these should be used

For instance:

- food for thought
- a man / woman of many talents
- a force to be reckoned with
- I can't stand the smell of hamburgers



Paraphrasing

that is to describe something even if you are not sure of the exact language or words to use. *For instance:* "It's something you use to heat up food quickly when you have little time." [microwave]

Don't Give Up

It's difficult to explain how I feel.

It's a mix of disappointment & expectation for the future.



Paraphrasing
 + credit

When you practice your speaking, don't give up if you can't find the right word, keep trying to explain what you mean – that's a valuable skill. Use these phrases like these:

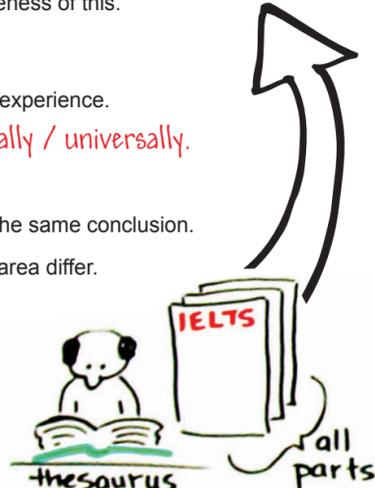
- It's like a ...
- It's something you use to ...
- It's a way of ...
- It's a kind of ...

Synonyms

Words or expressions which have a similar meaning – these are often important in all modules of the IELTS test – a thesaurus can help develop more awareness of this.

- I would like to work for a **large company / giant firm** when I gain experience.
- He is an actor who is famous **worldwide / globally / internationally / universally**.
- Our **goal / target / objective** is to reduce debts to a minimum.
- The **results / findings / outcomes** of many investigations make the same conclusion.
- The **interpretations / explanations / analysis** of experts in this area differ.

The accuracy of a synonym is often dependent on context.



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