



UNIVERSITY *of* CAMBRIDGE
ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

VOCABULARY LIST

Key English Test (KET)

Key English Test for Schools (KETfS)

Appendix 3

Topic Lists

Appliances

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| camera | electric | lamp | radio |
| CD (player) | electricity | laptop | telephone |
| clock | fridge | lights | television |
| computer | gas | mobile (phone) | TV |
| cooker | hairdryer | MP3 player | video |
| DVD (player) | heating | phone | video recorder |

Clothes and Accessories

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| bag | fashion | shirt | trousers |
| belt | glasses | shoes | try on (v) |
| blouse | hat | shorts | T-shirt |
| boots | jacket | skirt | umbrella |
| clothes | jeans | suit | uniform |
| coat | pocket | sweater | wallet |
| costume | purse | tights | watch |
| dress (n & v) | raincoat | trainers | wear (v) |

Colours

| | | | |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| light/dark | brown | orange | red |
| black | green | pink | white |
| blue | grey | purple | yellow |

Communication and Technology

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| address | computer | information | photograph |
| at / @ | conversation | internet | photography |
| by post | digital | keyboard | phone |
| call (v) | dot | laptop (computer) | screen |
| camera | download (n & v) | mobile (phone) | talk |
| CD (player) | DVD (player) | mouse | text (n & v) |
| chat | email (n & v) | MP3 player | telephone |
| click (v) | envelope | online | website |

Documents and Texts

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| advertisement | diploma | magazine | postcard |
| article | email | menu | project |
| bill | form | message | text (n & v) |
| book | insurance | newspaper | ticket |
| card | letter | note | |
| diary | licence | passport | |

Education

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| advanced | diploma | library | studies |
| beginner | exam(ination) | Mathematics | study (v) |
| board | Geography | note | subject |
| book | History | practice | teach |
| bookshelf | homework | practise | teacher |
| class(room) | information | project | term |
| clever | instructions | pupil | test (n) |
| coach | know | read | university |
| college | language | remember | |
| course | learn | school | |
| desk | lesson | Science | |
| dictionary | level | student | |

Entertainment and Media

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| act | drawing | museum | radio |
| actor | drum | music | read (v) |
| adventure | DVD (player) | musician | reggae |
| advertisement | exhibition | news | rock (concert) |
| art | festival | newspaper | screen (n) |
| article | film | opera | show (n) |
| book | fun | paint (v) | sing |
| card | go out | painter | singer |
| cartoon | group | photograph | song |
| CD (player) | guitar | photographer | television |
| cinema | hip hop | photography | theatre |
| circus | instrument | piano | ticket |
| classical (music) | journalist | picture | watch (v) |
| competition | keyboard | play (n) | writer |
| concert | laugh | pop (music) | |
| dance (n & v) | listen to | practice (n) | |
| dancer | look at | practise (v) | |
| disco | magazine | programme | |
| draw | MP3 player | project | |

Family and Friends

| | | | |
|----------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| boy | girl | group | Ms |
| brother | grandchild | guest | mum(my) |
| child | grand(d)ad | guy | neighbour |
| cousin | granddaughter | husband | parent |
| dad(dy) | grandfather | love (n & v) | pen-friend |
| daughter | grandma | married | sister |
| family | grandmother | Miss | surname |
| father | grandpa | mother | teenager |
| friend | grandparent | Mr | wife |
| friendly | grandson | Mrs | |

Food and Drink

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| apple | coffee | ice cream | potato |
| banana | cook (n & v) | jam | rice |
| barbecue | cooker | juice | roast (v & adj) |
| biscuit | cream | kitchen | salad |
| bit of cake | cup | knife | salt |
| boil | cut (n) | lemon | sandwich |
| bottle | dinner | lemonade | slice (n) |
| bowl | dish (n) | lunch | snack (n) |
| box | drink | main course | soup |
| bread | eat | meal | steak |
| break (n) | egg | meat | sugar |
| breakfast | fish | menu | sweet (n & adj) |
| burger | food | milk | tea |
| burn | fork | mineral water | thirsty |
| butter | fridge | oil | tomato |
| cafe/café | fried | omelette | vegetable |
| cake | fruit | onion | waiter |
| can (n) | fry | orange | waitress |
| carrot | glass | pasta | wash up |
| cheers! | grape | pepper | |
| cheese | grill (v) | picnic | |
| chicken | grilled | piece of cake | |
| chips | hungry | pizza | |
| chocolate | ice | plate | |

Health, Medicine and Exercise

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| accident | danger | head | pharmacy |
| ambulance | dangerous | health | problem |
| appointment | dead | hear (v) | rest (n & v) |
| arm | dentist | heart | run |
| baby | die | hospital | sick |
| back | doctor | hurt (v) | soap |
| body | ear | ill | stomach |
| break (v) | exercise | insurance | swim |
| burn (v) | face | leg | temperature |
| check (v) | fall (v) | lie down | tired |
| chemist | feel (v) | medicine | tooth |
| clean (adj & v) | fit | neck | toothbrush |
| cold (n) | foot | nose | walk |
| comb (n) | hair | nurse | well (adj) |
| cut (v) | hand | pain | |

Hobbies and Leisure

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| barbecue | club | hobby | paint (n & v) |
| beach | collect (v) | holidays | park |
| bicycle | computer | join | party |
| bike | dance (n & v) | magazine | photograph (n & v) |
| book | draw | member | picnic |
| camera | DVD (player) | MP3 player | quiz |
| camp | festival | museum | tent |
| campsite | go out | music | |
| CD (player) | guitar | musician | |

House and Home

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| address | computer | furniture | live (v) |
| apartment | cooker | garage | living room |
| bath | cupboard | garden | pillow |
| bathroom | curtains | gas | roof |
| bed | desk | gate | room |
| bedroom | dining room | hall | safe (adj) |
| blanket | door | heating | shelf |
| bookshelf | downstairs | home | shower |
| bowl | DVD (player) | house | sitting room |
| box | entrance | key | sofa |
| carpet | flat | kitchen | stay (v) |
| chair | floor | lamp | toilet |
| clock | fridge | light | towel |

Measurements

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| centimetre | hour | mile | temperature |
| day | kilo(gram[me]) / kg | minute | week |
| degree | Kilometre / km | moment | year |
| gram(me) | litre | quarter | |
| half | metre | second | |

Personal Feelings, Opinions and Experiences (adjectives)

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| able | different | interested | right |
| afraid | difficult | interesting | slow |
| alone | excellent | kind | small |
| amazing | famous | lovely | sorry |
| angry | fast | lucky | soft |
| bad | favourite | married | special |
| beautiful | fine | modern | strange |
| better | free | nice | strong |
| big | friendly | noisy | sure |
| bored | funny | old | sweet |
| boring | good | pleasant | tall |
| brilliant | great | poor | terrible |
| busy | happy | pretty | tired |
| careful | hard | quick | unhappy |
| certain | heavy | quiet | useful |
| clear | high | ready | well |
| clever | hungry | real | wrong |
| cool | important | rich | young |

Places: Buildings

| | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| apartment | department store | house | shop |
| bank | disco | library | sports centre |
| bookshop | entrance | lift | stadium |
| building | exit | museum | supermarket |
| cafe/café | factory | newsagent | swimming pool |
| castle | flat | office | theatre |
| cathedral | garage | police station | university |
| church | guest-house | post office | |
| cinema | hospital | railway station | |
| college | hotel | school | |

Places: Countryside

| | | | |
|----------|--------|------------|---------|
| area | field | mountain | sea |
| beach | forest | path | sky |
| campsite | hill | railway | village |
| canal | island | rainforest | wood |
| farm | lake | river | |

Places: Town and City

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| airport | corner | petrol station | street |
| bridge | crossing | playground | town |
| bus station | crossroads | road | underground |
| bus stop | market | roundabout | zoo |
| car park | motorway | square | |
| city centre | park | station | |

Services

| | | | |
|---------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| bank | garage | post office | tourist information centre |
| café | hairdresser | restaurant | travel agent |
| cinema | hotel | sports centre | |
| dentist | library | swimming pool | |
| doctor | museum | theatre | |

Shopping

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| advertisement | close (v) | open (v & adj) | shopping |
| assistant | closed (adj) | pay (for) | spend |
| bill | cost (n & v) | pence | store |
| bookshop | credit card | penny | supermarket |
| buy (v) | customer | pound | try on |
| cash (n & v) | department store | price | |
| cent | dollar | rent | |
| change (n & v) | euro | shop | |
| cheap | expensive | shop assistant | |
| cheque | for sale | shopper | |

Sport

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| ball | game | sailing | team |
| baseball | golf | sea | tennis |
| basketball | hockey | skate (v) | tennis player |
| beach | luck | skateboard (n) | throw (v) |
| bicycle | member | ski | ticket |
| bike | play (v) | skiing | tired |
| boat | player | snowboard (n) | trainers |
| catch (v) | pool (n) | snowboarding | versus / v |
| climb (v) | practice (n) | sport(s) | volleyball |
| club | practise (v) | sports centre | walk (v) |
| coach (n) | prize | stadium | watch (v) |
| competition | race (n & v) | surfboard | win (v) |
| cycle (v) | racket | surfboarding | winner |
| enter (a competition) | rest (n & v) | swim | |
| fishing | ride (n & v) | swimming | |
| football | riding | swimming costume | |
| footballer | run (v) | table-tennis | |

The Natural World

| | | | |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------|
| air | grass | outdoor | tree |
| beach | grow | plant | water |
| country | hill | river | west |
| countryside | hot | sea | winter |
| east | ice | sky | wood |
| explore | island | south | wool |
| field | lake | space | world |
| fire | moon | spring | |
| flower | mountain | star | |
| forest | north | summer | |

Time

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| afternoon | evening | monthly | today |
| a.m./p.m. | half (past) | morning | tomorrow |
| appointment | holidays | night | tonight |
| autumn | hour | noon | week |
| birthday | January - December | o'clock | weekday |
| century | meeting | past | weekend |
| clock | midnight | quarter (past / to) | weekly |
| daily | minute | second | winter |
| date | moment | spring | working hours |
| day | Monday - Sunday | summer | year |
| diary | month | time | yesterday |

Travel and Transport

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| (aero)plane | explore(er) | park (v) | straight on |
| airport | far | passenger | street |
| ambulance | flight | passport | suitcase |
| boat | fly | petrol | taxi |
| brake (n & v) | garage | petrol station | ticket |
| bridge | helicopter | pilot | tour (n & v) |
| bus | journey | plane | tour guide |
| bus station | leave | platform | tourist |
| bus stop | left | police car | tourist information centre |
| canal | light | problem | traffic |
| car | lorry | railway | traffic lights |
| coach | luggage | repair (v) | tram |
| country | machine | return (n & v) | travel |
| crossing | map | ride | travel agent |
| crossroads | mechanic | right | trip (n) |
| delay (n & v) | mile | road | tyre |
| delayed | mirror | roundabout | underground (n) |
| drive | miss | sailing | visit |
| driver | motorbike | seat | visitor |
| driving licence | motorway | ship | way (n) |
| engine | move | station | wheel |
| engineer | oil | stop | window |

Weather

| | | | |
|--------|-------|--------------|-------|
| cloud | hot | sun | wet |
| cloudy | ice | sunny | wind |
| cold | rain | thunderstorm | windy |
| fog | snow | warm | |
| foggy | storm | weather | |

Work and Jobs

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| actor | doctor | letter | shop assistant |
| artist | driver | manager | shopper |
| boss | earn | mechanic | singer |
| break (n) | email (n & v) | meeting | staff |
| business | engineer | message | student |
| businessman | explorer | musician | teacher |
| businesswoman | factory | nurse | tennis player |
| chemist | farm | occupation | tour guide |
| cleaner | farmer | office | travel agent |
| coach (n) | footballer | painter | uniform |
| company | guest | pharmacy | waiter |
| computer | guide (n) | photographer | waitress |
| customer | hairdresser | pilot | work |
| dentist | instructions | police officer | worker |
| desk | job | queen | working hours |
| diary | journalist | receptionist | |
| diploma | king | secretary | |