



UNIVERSITY *of* CAMBRIDGE

ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

VOCABULARY LIST

Preliminary English Test (PET)
Preliminary English Test for Schools (PETfS)

Topic Lists

Clothes and Accessories

backpack	go (with/together)	perfume	sweatshirt
bag	(phr v)	plastic	swimming costume
belt	handbag	pocket	take off
blouse	handkerchief	pullover	tie tights
boot	hat	purse	tracksuit
bracelet	jacket	put on	trainers
button	jeans	raincoat	trousers
cap	jewellery / jewelry	ring	T-shirt
chain	jumper	scarf	sandal
clothes	kit	shirt	sweatshirt
coat	knit	shoe	swimsuit
collar	label	shorts	
cotton	laundry	silk	try on
dress	leather	size	umbrella
earring	make-up	skirt	underpants
fashion	match (v)	sleeve(less)	underwear
fasten	material	socks	undress
fit (v)	necklace	stripe	uniform
fold (v)	old-fashioned (adj)	suit	wallet
glasses	pants	sunglasses	watch
glove	pattern	sweater	wear (out)
			wool(len)

Colours

(dark/light/pale)	gold	orange	silver
black	golden	pink	yellow
blue	green	purple	white
brown	grey	red	

Communications and Technology

access	delete	file	mouse mat
address	dial	hang up	MP3 player
at!@	dial up	hardware	net
blog	digital	headline	online
blogger	digital camera	homepage	operator
by post	disc/disk	install	parcel
calculator	dot	internet	password
call(v)	download (n & v)	invent	PC
call back	drag	invention	phone
CD (player)	DVD (player)	IT	photograph
CD-Rom	electronic(s)	keyboard	photography
chat	email	laptop	postcard
chat room	engaged	(computer)	print
click (v)	enter	machine	printer
computer	envelope	message	program(me)
connect	equipment	mobile phone	reply
connection	fax	mouse	ring

ring up
screen
server
software
switch off

switch on
talk
telephone
text
text message

turn off
turn on
upload
video clip
volume

web
webcam
web page
website

Education

absent
advanced
arithmetic
art
beginner
bell
biology
blackboard
board
book
bookshelf
break(time)
break up
certificate
chemistry
class
classroom
clever
coach
college
composition

course
curriculum
degree
desk
dictionary
diploma
drama
economics
elementary
essay
geography
history
handwriting
homework
information
instructions
intermediate
instructor
IT
know
laboratory (lab)

language
learn
lesson
level
library
mark
mathematics
math(s)
music
nature studies
note
notice board
pencil case
photography
physics
practice (n)
practise (v)
primary school
project
pupil
qualification

read
register
remember
rubber
ruler
school
science
secondary
school
student
studies
study (v)
subject
teach
teacher
technology
term
test
university

Entertainment and Media

act (v)
action
actor
actress
ad
admission
adventure
advert
advertisement
art
article
audience
ballet
band
board game
book
camera
card
cartoon
celebrity
CD (player)
CO-Rom
channel

chat show
chess
cinema
circus
classical music
comedy
comic
competition
concert
dance
dancer
disc
disco
display
DJ / disc jockey
documentary
drama
draw
drawing
DVD (player)
entrance
exhibition
exit

festival
film
film maker
film star
fireworks
folk music
fun
go out
group
guitar
guitarist
headline
hero
heroine
hip hop
hit song
horror
instrument
interval
interview(er)
jazz music
journalist
keyboard

laugh
listen to
look at
magazine
magic
MP3 player
museum
music
musician
news
newspaper
opera
orchestra
paint
painter
perform
performance
performer
play
poem
pop music
programme
quiz

recording
review
rock music
romantic

row
scene
screen
series

soap opera
stage
star
studio

talk show
television
thriller
video

Environment

bottle bank
climate change
gas **(Am Eng)**

litter
petrol **(Br Eng)**
pollution

public transport
recycle
recycled

recycling
rubbish (bin)
traffic Jam

Food and Drink

apple
bake (v)
banana
barbecue **(n & v)**
bean
biscuit
bitter **(adj)**
boil **(v)**
boiled
bottle
bowl
box
bread
break
breakfast
broccoli
bunch (of
bananas)
burger
butter
cabbage
cafe / cafe
cafeteria
cake
can (of beans)
candy
canteen
carrot
cereal
cheese
chef
chicken
chilli
chips
chocolate
coconut
coffee
cola
cook **(n & v)**
cooker

cookie
corn
cream
cucumber
cup
curry
cut
delicious
dessert
diet
dinner
dish
drink
duck
eat
egg
fish
flavour
flour
food
fork
French fries
fresh
fridge
fried
fruit
fruit juice
fry
frying pan
garlic
glass
grape
grill **(n & v)**
grilled
herbs
honey
hot
hungry
ice
ice cream

ingredients
jam
jug
juice
kitchen
knife
lamb
lemon
lemonade
lettuce
lunch
main course
meal
meat
melon
menu
microwave **(n)**
milk
mineral water
mushroom
oil
omelette
onion
orange
pan
pasta
pea
peach
peanut
pear
pepper
picnic
pie
piece of cake
pineapple
pizza
plate
potato
recipe
refreshments

rice
roast (v & **adj**)
roll
salad
salmon
salt
sandwich
sauce
saucepan
saucer
sausage
slice **(n)**
snack
soft drink
soup
sour
spicy
spinach
spoon
steak
strawberry
sugar
sweet **(adj & n)**
takeaway
taste
tasty
tea
thirsty
toast
tomato
tuna
turkey
vegetable
vegetarian
waiter
waitress
wash up
yog(h)urt

Health, Medicine and Exercise

accident	danger	head	problem
ache	dangerous	headache	recover
ambulance	dead	health	rest (n & v)
ankle	dentist	hear (v)	run
appointment	die	heart	shoulder
arm	diet	heel	sick
aspirin	doctor	hospital	skin
baby	ear	hurt	soap
bandage	earache	ill	sore throat
bleed (v)	emergency	illness	stomach
blood (n)	exercise	injure	stomach ache
body	eye	keep fit	stress
bone	face	knee	swim
brain	fall	leg	tablet
break	feel better/ill/sick	lie down	take exercise
breath	fever	medicine	temperature
breathe	finger	nose	thumb
check	fit	nurse	tired
chemist	flu	operate	toes
chin	foot	operation	tooth
clean	get better/worse	pain	toothache
cold (n)	go jogging	painful	toothbrush
comb	gym	patient (n)	walk
cough (n & v)	gymnastics	pharmacy	well(adj)
cut	hair	pill	
damage	hand	prescription	

Hobbies and Leisure

barbecue	dance	hobby	painting
beach	dancing	holidays	park
bicycle	doll	jogging	party
bike	draw	join in	photograph
camera	drawing	keen on	picnic
camp	DVD (player)	keep fit	playground
camping	facilities	magazine	quiz
campsite	fan	member(ship)	sculpture
CD (player)	festival	model	sightseeing
chess	fiction	museum	slide
club	gallery	music	sunbathe
collect(or)	go out	musician	tent
collection	guitar	nightlife	
computer	hang out	opening hours	
cruise	hire	paint	

House and Home

accommodation	computer	heating	rent
address	cooker	hi-fi	repair
air conditioning	cottage	home	roof
alarm (fire/car)	cupboard	house	room
alarm clock	curtain	housewife	roommate
antique	cushion	housework	rubbish
apartment	desk	iron	safe (adj)
armchair	digital (adj)	jug	seat
balcony	dining room	kettle	sheet
basin	dish	key	shelf
bath(tub)	dishwasher	kitchen	shower
bathroom	door	ladder	sink
bed	downstairs	lamp	sitting room
bedroom	drawer	laptop	sofa
bell bin	dustbin	(computer)	stairs
blanket	duvet	lift	stay (v)
	DVD (player)	light	step
blind	electric(al)	(clothes) line	surround
block	entrance	living-room	switch
(notice) board	fan	lock	table
bookcase	flat	microwave (n)	tap
bookshelf	flatmate	mirror	telephone
bowl	floor	mug	television
box	freezer	neighbour	toilet
brush	fridge	oil	towel
bucket	frying pan	oven	tower
bulb	furniture	pan	toy
candle	garage	path	TV (screen/set)
carpet	garden	pillow	upstairs (adv)
ceiling	gas	pipe	vase
cellar	gate	plant	video
central heating	grill	plug	wall
chair	ground (floor)	plug in	washing
channel (with	hall	property	machine
TV)	handle	radio	window
chest of drawers	heat (v)	refrigerator	
clock	heater	remote control	

Language

advanced	elementary	mention	speak
answer	email	message	talk
argue	grammar	pronounce	tell
ask	intermediate	pronunciation	translate
beginner	joke	question	translation
chat	letter	say	vocabulary
communicate	mean	sentence	word
communication	meaning	shout	

Personal Feelings, Opinions and Experiences (Adjectives)

able	delighted	intelligent	reliable
afraid	depressed	interested	rich
alone	different	interesting	right
amazed	difficult	jealous	rude
amazing	disappointed	keen	sad
amusing	disappointing	kind	satisfied
angry	easy	lazy	serious
annoyed	embarrassed	lovely	slim
anxious	embarrassing	lucky	slow
ashamed	excellent	mad	small
awful	excited	married	smart
bad	exciting	miserable	sorry
beautiful	famous	modern	soft
better	fantastic	negative	special
bored	favourite	nervous	strange
boring	fine	nice	strong
bossy	fit	noisy	stupid
brave	fond	normal	sure
brilliant	free	old	surprised
busy	frightened	old-fashioned	sweet
calm	friendly	ordinary	tall
careful	funny	original	terrible
challenging	generous	patient	tired
charming	gentle	personal	true
cheerful	glad	pleasant	typical
clear	good	poor	unable
clever	great	positive	unhappy
confident	guilty	pretty	unusual
confused	happy	quick	useful
confusing	hard	quiet	well
cool	healthy	ready	wonderful
crazy	heavy	real	worried
cruel	high	realistic	wrong
curious	hungry	reasonable	young
cute	important	relaxed	

Places: Buildings

apartment block / apartment building	college cottage department store	guest-house hospital hotel house library lift museum office palace police station post office prison railway station	ruin school shop sports centre stadium supermarket swimming pool theatre tourist information centre tower university
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Places: Countryside

area bay beach campsite canal cliff desert earth farm	field forest harbour hill island lake land mountain ocean	path port railway rainforest region river rock sand scenery	sea seaside sky stream valley village waterfall wood
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Places: Town and City

apartment building airport booking office bridge bus station bus stop car park cash machine	cashpoint city centre corner crossing crossroads fountain market motorway monument	park pavement petrol station playground road roundabout route shopping centre signpost	square station street subway town tunnel turning underground zoo
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Services

bank cafe / cafe cafeteria cinema dentist	doctor gallery garage hairdresser hotel	library museum post office restaurant sports centre	swimming pool theatre tourist information
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Shopping

ad	close (v)	expensive	
advert	closed	for sale	reduce
advertise	collect	hire	reduced
advertisement	complain	inexpensive	rent
assistant	cost (n & v)	label	reserve
bargain	credit card	logo	return
bill	customer	luxury	save
book	damaged	money	second-hand
buy	dear	order	sell
cash	department	pay (for)	shop
cent	store	penny	shop assistant
change	deposit	pound	shopper
cheap	dollar	price	shopping
cheque	euro	reasonable	spend
choose	exchange	receipt	supermarket
			try on

Sport

athlete	extreme sports	point(s)	surf athletics
	(sports) facilities	practice (n)	surfboard
badminton	fishing	practise (v)	surfboarding
ball	fitness	prize	surfing
baseball	football	race	swim
basketball	football player	race track	swimming
bat	game	racing	swimming
bathing suit	goal	racket	costume
beach	goalkeeper	reserve (n)	swimming pool
bicycle	golf	rest (n & v)	swimsuit
bike	gym	ride (n & v)	table tennis
boat	gymnastics	rider	take part
boxing	helmet	riding	team
catch (v)	high jump	rugby	tennis
champion	hit (v)	run (n & v)	tennis player
championship	hockey	running	throw (v)
changing room	horse-riding	sail (n & v)	ticket
climb (v)	ice hockey	sailing	tired
climbing	ice skating	score	track
club	instructor	sea	tracksuit
coach (n)	jogging	season	trainer(s)
compete	join in	shoot(ing)	train(ing)
competition	kick (v)	shorts	versus / v
competitor	kit	skateboard	volleyball
contest	league	skating	walk (v)
court	locker (room)	skiing	watch (v)
cricket	long jump	snowboard	water skiing
cycling	luck	snowboarding	win
cyclist	match	soccer	workout
dancing	member	sport(s)	yoga
diving	motor-racing	sports centre	
enter (a	net	squash	
competition)	play (v)	stadium	

The Natural World

air	explore(r)	lion	spring
animal	fall (Am Eng)	monkey	star
autumn	farmland	moon	stone
beach	field	mosquito	summer
bee	fire	mountain	sun
bird	fish	mouse/mice	sunrise
branch	flood	nature	sunset
bush	flower	north	sunshine
butterfly	forest	parrot	tiger
cave	freeze	penguin	tree
cliff	frog	planet	valley
climate	fur	plant	water
coast	giraffe	pollution	waterfall
continent	grass	rabbit	waves
country	grow	rainforest	west
countryside		range	wild
desert	hill	river	wildlife
dolphin	hot	rock	winter
donkey	ice	sand	wood
duck	island	scenery	wool
earth	jungle	sea	world
east	kangaroo	shark	zebra
elephant	lake	sky	
environment	land	south	
environmental	leaf	space	

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

abroad	backpacker	bus	capital city
accommodation	backpacking	bus station	car
(aero) / (air)plane	bag	bus stop	car alarm
airline	baggage	by air	car park
airport	bicycle / bike	by land	case
ambulance	board (v)	by rail	catch (v)
announcement	boarding pass	by road	change (v)
arrival	boat	by sea	charter
arrive	border	cab	check in (v)
at sea	bridge	cabin	check-in (n)
backpack	brochure	canal	check out (v)

coach	fuel	on time	subway
confirm	garage	on vacation	suitcase
country	gas / gas station	oil	take off
crossing	(Am Eng)	operator	taxi
crossroads	gate	overnight	tour (n & v)
currency	guest	park (v)	tour guide
customs	guide	parking lot	tourist
cycle (n & v)	guidebook	parking space	tourist information
cyclist	handlebars	passenger	centre
delay	harbour	passport	traffic
delayed	helicopter	path	traffic jam
deliver	hitchhike	petrol	traffic lights
depart	hotel	petrol station	train
departure	immigration	pilot	tram
destination	jet	platform	translate
direction	journey	public transport	translation
document(s)	land (v)	railroad	travel
dollar	leave	railway	trip
double room	left	reception	tunnel
drive	light	repair (v)	tyre/tire
driver	lorry	reservation	underground
driving/driver's	luggage	reserve	underground
licence	machine	return (n & v)	train
due	map	ride	vehicle
duty-free	mechanic	road sign	visa
embassy	mirror	roundabout	visit(or)
euro	miss	route	waiting room
exchange rate	motorbike	sail (v)	way
facilities	motorway	scooter	wheel
far	move	(bus) service	window
fare	nationality	ship	windscreen
ferry	on board	sightseeing	
flight	on business	signpost	
fly	on foot	single room	
foreign	on holiday	speed	

Weather

blow	fog	icy	sunshine
breeze	foggy	lightning	temperature
centigrade	freezing	mild	thunder(storm)
cloud	frozen	rain	warm
cloudy	gale	shower	weather
cold	get wet	snow	wet
cool	heat	snowfall	wind
degrees	hot	storm	windy
dry	humid	sun	
forecast	ice	sunny	

Work and Jobs

actor	desk	lawyer	queen
actress	detective	lecturer	quit
application	diary	letter	receptionist
apply	diploma	librarian	reporter
architect	director	manager	retire
army	diver	mechanic	retirement
artist	doctor	meeting	sailor
assistant	earn	message	salary
athlete	email	model	sales assistant
babysitter	employ (v)	musician	salesman
banker	employee	novelist	saleswoman
boss	employer	nurse	scientist
break (n)	employment	occupation	secretary
businessman	engineer	office	security guard
businesswoman	explorer	officer (e.g. <i>prison/police</i>)	shop assistant
butcher	factory	out of work	shopper
cameraman	farm	owner	singer
candidate	farmer	painter	soldier
canteen	film star	part time	staff
captain	fireman	photographer	student
career	football player/ footballer	pilot	taxi driver
chef	full time	poet	teacher
chemist	goalkeeper	policeman	tennis player
cleaner	guard	police officer	tour guide
colleague	guest	policewoman	trade
company	guide	politician	travel agent
computer	hairdresser	porter	unemployed
conference	housewife	postman	uniform
contract	housework	president	wage(s)
cook	instructions	profession	waiter/waitress
crew	instructor	professional	work
customs officer	job	professor	worker
CV	journalist	(computer) programmer	
dancer	judge	publisher	
dentist	king	qualification	
department	laboratory		
designer			

