



IELTS Vocabulary Improvement Plan

3 Easy Steps to Success

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Thank you for downloading this document. I really appreciate you taking the time to read it.

Here at IELTS Advantage we quickly realised that vocabulary is one of the biggest worries students have and improving your vocabulary is one of the keys to IELTS success.

With this in mind, we created this guide for you. I hope you find it useful and it leads to success.

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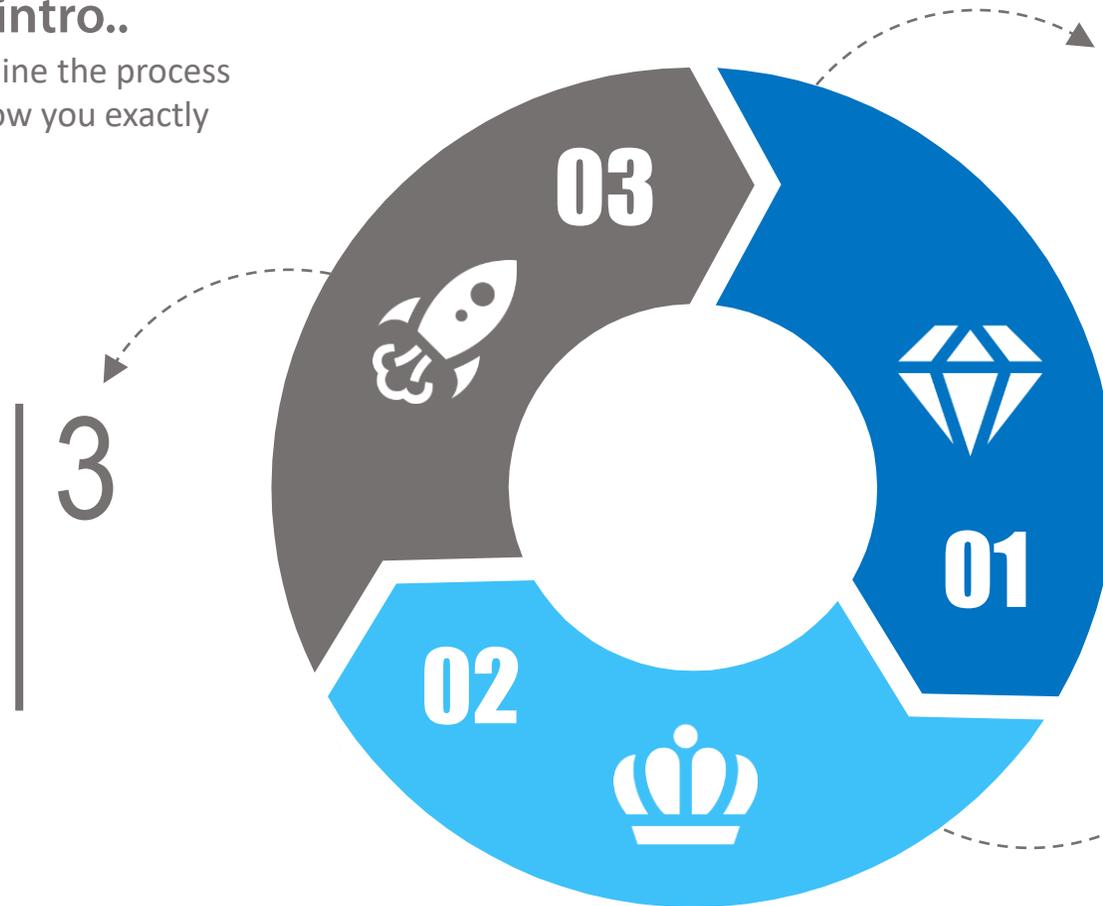


3 Step Process

■ This is just a short intro..

The following slides will outline the process in much more detail and show you exactly what to do.

Review
It is essential that you regularly review these new words and phrases in order to retain them in your memory.



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Read and Listen

Studies have shown that the number one way for learners to improve their vocabulary is through reading and listening to genuine sources of English.

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Record

You must record any new words you hear or read. There are lots of ways to do this, so that you will remember them effectively.

Reading

Read something you love

Don't read long lists of boring words. Read something you are passionate about. You will learn more effectively if you enjoy the topic you are reading.



Spot new words or phrases

When you see a new word or phrase, underline it or write it down.



Guess

Guess what the words mean before writing them down in your notebook.



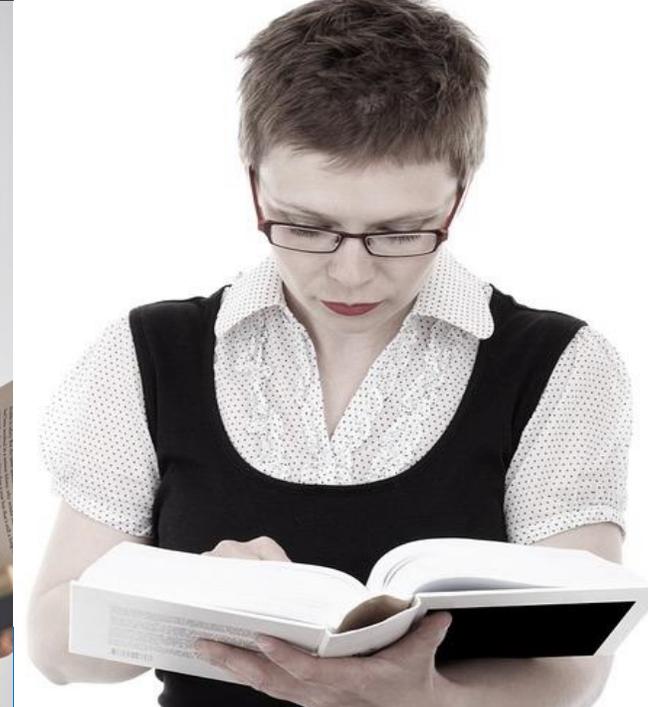
Use free resources

There are millions of free blogs, websites, news sites and eBooks for you to choose from. See my guide at the end.



Read every day

Make reading in English part of your daily routine and you will soon improve.



Listen



Listen to something you love

Just like reading, you will learn much more if you listen to something you enjoy. If you like football, listen to football commentary or shows. If you like fashion, listen to a podcast about the latest trends. When you hear a new word or phrase, write it down.



Use free resources

YouTube has billions of hours of clips for you to listen to. Simply search for things you are interested in and listen. Podcasts are also a great way to improve your vocabulary and listening skills. Again, they are free. These are just a couple of examples from many.



Listen on the go

Put your ear buds in and listen to your favourite Podcast while you walk, work out, travel or work. The possibilities are endless.

There will always be time for you to listen. You can then write down your new words or phrases when you get home.



Record



Buy a notebook

It does not need to be an expensive notebook. Anything that allows you to record lots of new words or phrases is good.



Use your phone

There are a huge number of apps, like Memrise, that allow you to record lists.



Add things to help you remember

Don't just write the meaning.

You can write collocations, synonyms, antonyms, pronunciation, example sentences, pictures etc.



A complete book of new words and phrases

Soon you will have a huge number of new words and phrases that will become part of your vocabulary.

Review



Make it part of your routine

It is much more effective to review your new words for 5-10 minutes per day than to leave it all until the day before your test.



Do it regularly

One week, two weeks and one month after you first learn a new word should be enough.



Make it fun

There are many word games that you can play on Memrise or Quizlet.

You can also get creative and tell stories with your new words.



Use them

Try to use your new words in the same way you would in the speaking or writing tests.

You can include them in your answers when appropriate to do so.

Online Resources

It's all free

You do not need to spend any money to improve your vocabulary. All of the resources you need are freely available on the internet.

Here is a list of my favourite sites, but there are millions more that will help you. Simply use Google to find something that interests you.



BBC News

All of the common IELTS topics are covered on a daily basis. Listen or read.



The Guardian

They have a great selection of news articles and podcasts.



Stitcher

This app gives you access to hundreds of thousands of podcasts.



Memrise

Nice app for recording and reviewing vocabulary. Makes reviewing vocab. fun.



YouTube

An endless supply of videos.



Ted Talks

Fun and interesting talks by some of the world's leading thinkers.



Quizlet

Simple tools for learning anything.



eBooks

Hundreds of thousands of books are now available to read online for free.



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