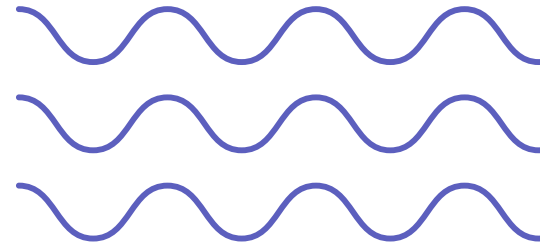


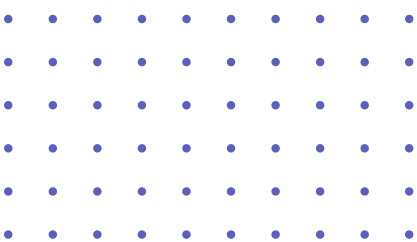


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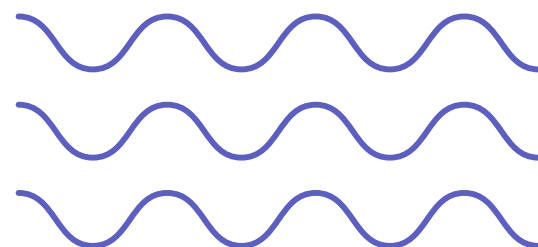
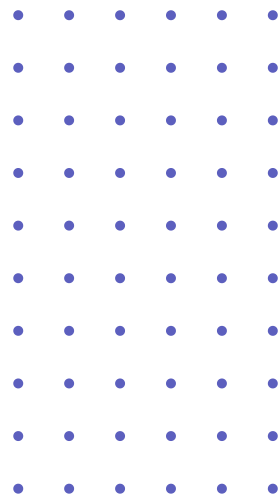
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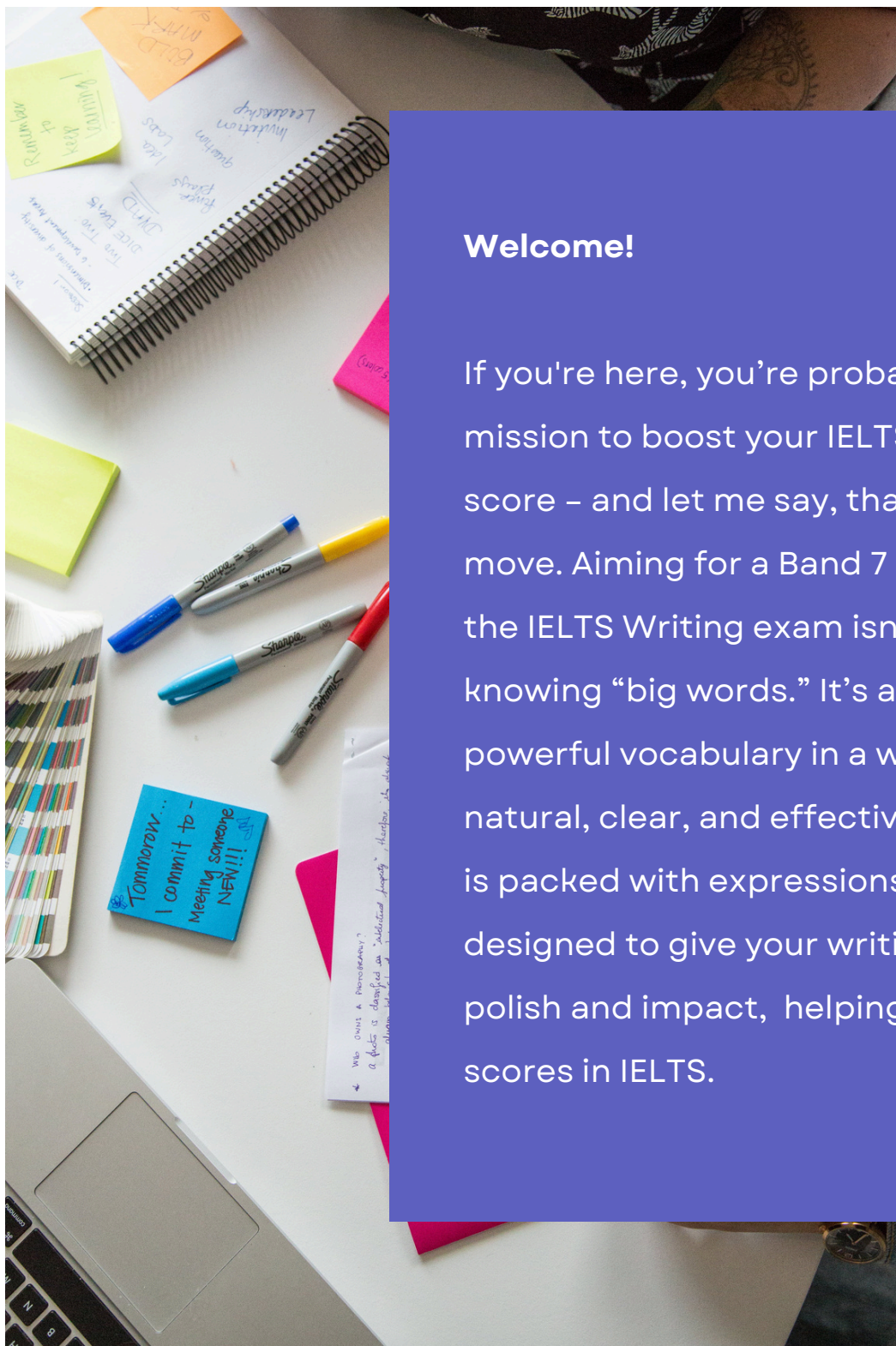
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# INTRODUCTION



## Welcome!

If you're here, you're probably on a mission to boost your IELTS Writing score – and let me say, that's a smart move. Aiming for a Band 7 or higher on the IELTS Writing exam isn't just about knowing “big words.” It's about using powerful vocabulary in a way that feels natural, clear, and effective. This guide is packed with expressions and phrases designed to give your writing that extra polish and impact, helping you get high scores in IELTS.

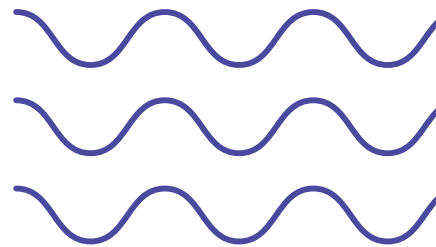


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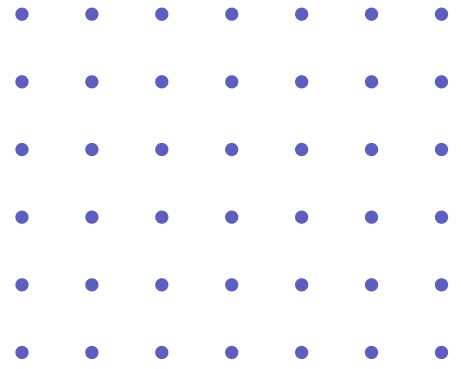
## VOCABULARY MATTERS IN IELTS WRITING

IELTS Writing isn't just about having English skills; it's about **showcasing** those skills with a rich variety of languages.

For both tasks, “Lexical Resource” (aka vocabulary) is one of the key scoring criteria. Using precise, expressive language helps you get your ideas across clearly and shows examiners you're comfortable with English at an advanced level.



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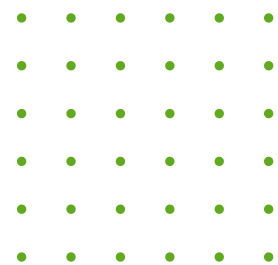
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## TASK 1 GENERAL:

# VOCABULARY FOR FORMAL LETTERS

In formal letters, keep it respectful and professional. Use polite, indirect phrases to convey requests or complaints. Here's a vocabulary toolkit to help:

### Requesting information

- Could you please provide...
- I would appreciate it if you could...
- Would you be so kind as to...

*I would appreciate it if you could send the details regarding the seminar.*

### Making a complaint

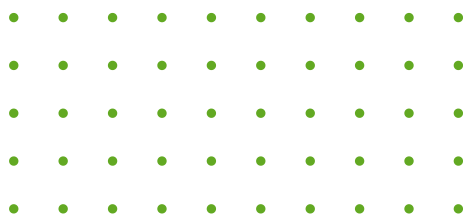
- I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with...
- I am concerned about...
- It has come to my attention that...

*I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the service provided during my stay at your hotel.*

### Expressing gratitude

- I would like to extend my sincere gratitude...
- Thank you for your assistance...
- I am incredibly grateful for...

*I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the conference.*



# VOCABULARY FOR SEMI-FORMAL LETTERS

Semi-formal letters are often addressed to acquaintances, such as your landlord or a colleague. Aim for a polite yet slightly more relaxed tone than in formal letters.

## Offering suggestions

- You might consider...
- It would be helpful if...
- Perhaps you could...

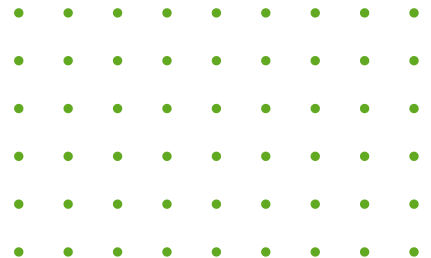
*Perhaps you could* adjust the schedule to better accommodate all participants.

## Requesting action

- Would it be possible to...
- Could you kindly arrange for...
- I would be grateful if you could...

*I would be grateful* if you could arrange for the package to be sent by the end of the week.





# VOCABULARY FOR INFORMAL LETTERS

In informal letters, you're usually writing to friends or family, so keep the tone conversational. However, stay clear and polite, as this is still an IELTS test!

## Expressing excitement

- I'm thrilled about...
- I can't wait to...
- It was such a pleasure to...

*I'm thrilled about your upcoming visit – we'll have so much fun!*

## Sharing news or updates

- Just wanted to let you know...
- Guess what?
- You will not believe what happened...

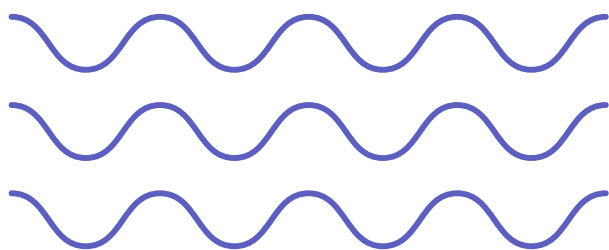
*Just wanted to let you know that I finally got the job!*

## Apologizing

- I'm so sorry for...
- I apologize for...
- Please forgive me for...

*I'm so sorry for missing your birthday party last weekend.*





# VOCABULARY FOR OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

Every letter needs a strong opening and a thoughtful closing, setting the tone from the start and wrapping things up smoothly.

## Openings:

**Formal** Dear Sir/Madam, To whom it may concern,

**Semi-formal** Dear Mr. Singh, Dear Ms. Patel,

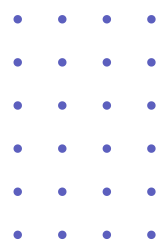
**Informal** Hi [Name], Hello!

## Closings:

**Formal** Yours faithfully, Sincerely,

**Semi-formal** Kind regards, Best regards,

**Informal** Best, Take care, See you soon!



## HELPFUL TIPS

# FOR IELTS LETTER WRITING

The right vocabulary can boost your IELTS score. In IELTS General Writing Task 1, it's about choosing words that feel natural, fit the context, and add clarity.

1

### UNDERSTAND THE TONE

Make sure the tone matches the task. Keep your language professional for formal letters, and relaxed for informal.

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### STRUCTURE YOUR LETTER CLEARLY

Start with a greeting, introduce the reason for writing, expand with details, and end with a proper closing.

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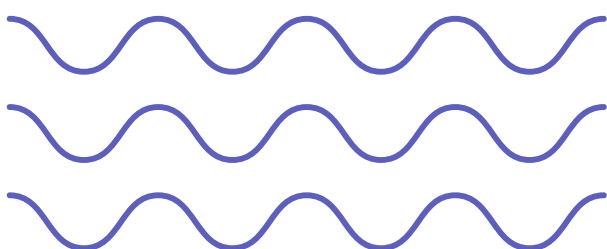
### STAY ON TOPIC

Cover all parts of the prompt. Avoid adding unnecessary details that could make your letter feel off-track or cluttered.

4

### REVIEW FOR MISTAKES

Simple errors can lower your score, so a quick review at the end can make a big difference.



## TASK 1 ACADEMIC:

# DESCRIBING DATA AND TRENDS

In IELTS Academic Writing Task 1, clarity and precision are your best friends. Describing trends, comparisons, and degrees of change accurately will earn you high marks. The goal here is to describe changes and patterns without being repetitive. Let's look at some handy phrases:

Trend	Phrases
<b>Increase</b>	rise, grow, increase, climb, surge, jump, soar, peak
<b>Decrease</b>	fall, decline, drop, decrease, plummet, reduce, sink, dip
<b>Fluctuation</b>	fluctuate, vary, oscillate, be unstable, experience volatility
<b>No change</b>	remain steady, stabilize, stay constant, level out

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- The population of Delhi **surged** by 20% between 2010 and 2020.
- The number of smartphone users **soared** by 30% over the decade.
- Employment rates **fluctuated** significantly during the year.
- The data **remained steady**, showing no significant changes.

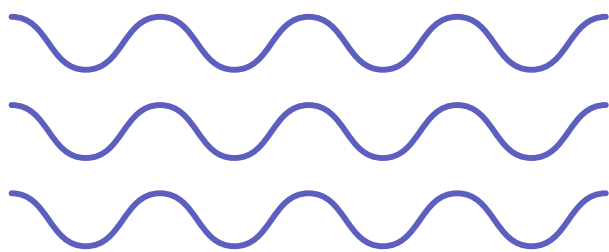
# VOCABULARY FOR DEGREES OF CHANGE

Sometimes you'll need to emphasize whether a change is minor or dramatic. Use words that show the degree of change:

Degree of Change	Phrases
<b>Small change</b>	slightly, marginally, a minimal increase/decrease
<b>Moderate change</b>	moderately, gradually, somewhat, a steady rise/fall
<b>Large change</b>	significantly, substantially, dramatically, sharply

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- Sales **slightly** increased in the first quarter.
- The cost of living rose **moderately** over five years.
- Unemployment dropped **dramatically** in the last year.
- While urban populations **grew steadily**, rural areas saw minimal change.



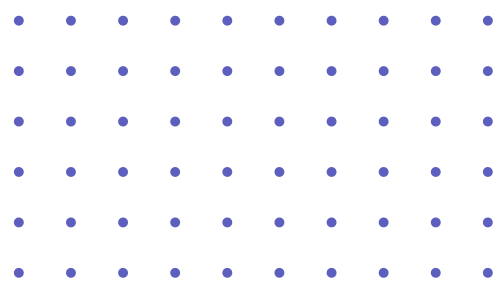
# VOCABULARY FOR COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS

IELTS Writing loves comparisons. These words help you highlight contrasts and similarities:

Degree of change	Phrases
<b>Comparing similarities</b>	similarly, likewise, in a similar trend, equally
<b>Highlighting differences</b>	however, in contrast, while, whereas, unlike

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- Car sales rose, following **a similar trend** with bike sales.
- **While** urban populations grew steadily, rural areas saw minimal change.
- Young people prefer cities, **whereas** older people choose villages.
- **In contrast to** 2010, the unemployment rate in 2020 was significantly lower.



## TASK 2 VOCABULARY:

# INTRODUCING ARGUMENTS

In Task 2, you're asked to present and support an argument. These phrases help you introduce main points and keep your writing organized, structure your response and make it compelling.

Trend	Phrases
<b>Introducing points</b>	firstly, to begin with, primarily, initially, the main point is
<b>Presenting arguments</b>	it is often argued that, many believe that, one could argue

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- **Firstly**, education is essential for personal development and growth.
- **It is often argued that** stricter laws are needed to reduce pollution.
- **Many believe that** online education can effectively replace traditional classrooms.
- **A common viewpoint is** that public transportation reduces urban traffic congestion.

# PRESENTING EXAMPLES AND EVIDENCE

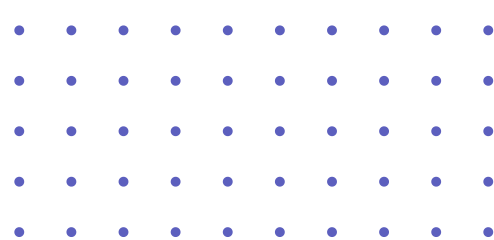
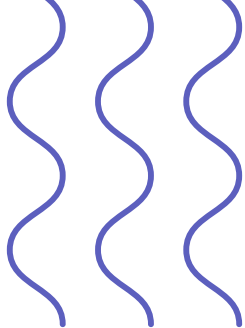
Supporting your argument with examples can boost credibility. Try these phrases:

Trend	Phrases
<b>Giving examples</b>	for example, such as, to illustrate, for instance
<b>Presenting evidence</b>	studies show, research suggests, according to data

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- **For example**, countries with better healthcare systems report higher life expectancy.
- **To illustrate**, India has invested heavily in renewable energy over the past decade.
- **Studies show** that exercise improves mental health.
- **Research suggests** that cities with bike lanes experience lower pollution levels.





# EXPRESSING OPINIONS AND STANCES

These phrases make it clear whether you agree or disagree, adding sophistication to your argument.

Trend	Phrases
<b>Expressing agreement</b>	I concur, it seems logical, one cannot deny
<b>Expressing disagreement</b>	I dispute, on the contrary, it is questionable

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- **I concur** that technology has greatly benefited society.
- **It seems logical** to invest in renewable energy sources to address the growing climate crisis.
- **One cannot deny** the benefits of accessible education for all.
- **It is questionable** whether higher taxes on unhealthy foods alone will reduce obesity rates.

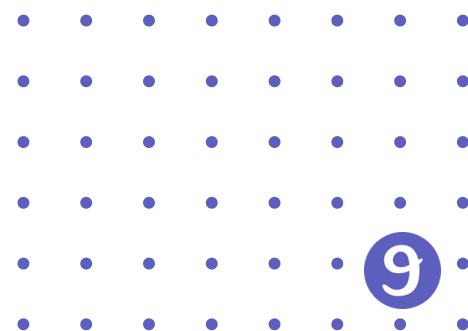
# VOCABULARY FOR CONCLUDING

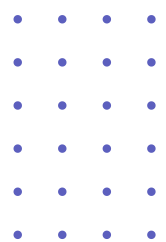
A strong conclusion reinforces your points and wraps up the argument.

Trend	Phrases
<b>Concluding</b>	in conclusion, to summarize, overall
<b>Reinforcing arguments</b>	therefore, it is clear that, ultimately

## EXAMPLE SENTENCES:

- **In conclusion**, government policies play a crucial role in environmental protection.
- **To summarize**, renewable energy is essential for a sustainable future.
- **It is clear that** technology has significantly impacted the way people interact.
- **Ultimately**, investing in education yields long-term benefits.





## HELPFUL TIPS

# HOW TO USE ADVANCED VOCABULARY EFFECTIVELY

Here's how to make advanced vocabulary work for you, not against you:

1

### BE SELECTIVE

Don't overuse complex words. A well-placed simple word can be just as effective.

2

### CONTEXT MATTERS

Make sure your words fit the tone of your argument. Using "plummet" to describe a minor decrease won't sound natural.

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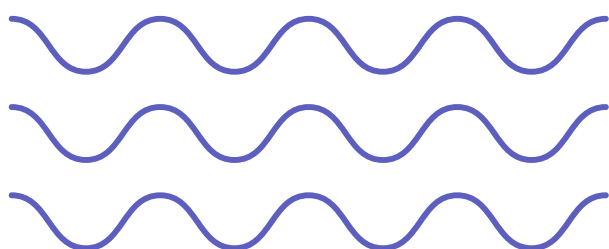
### PRACTICE WITH REAL SENTENCES

Write short essays on IELTS topics using these phrases to get comfortable with them.

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### REVIEW AND REVISE:

Re-read your work to ensure it sounds natural and doesn't feel forced.



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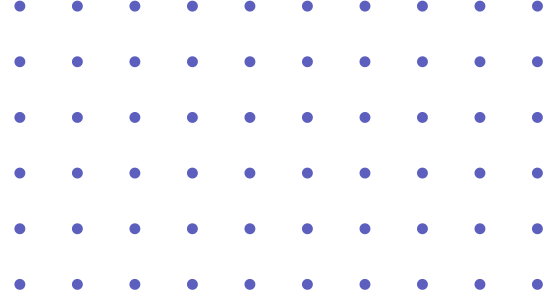
When it comes to IELTS writing, practice really does make all the difference.

Writing regularly helps you find your unique rhythm, builds your vocabulary, and boosts your confidence.

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# CONCLUSION



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This vocabulary list is just the beginning. Keep expanding your word bank and practice using these phrases in real sentences. Remember, the key to scoring well on the IELTS Writing test isn't just about knowing the words – it's about **knowing how to use them effectively.**

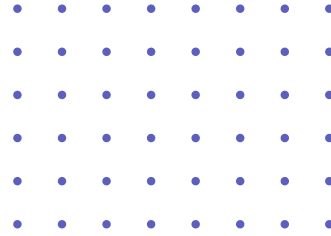
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