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Your Essential News
Vocabulary Guide

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I've worked with hundreds of students over the years, and I'm passionate about helping each and every one of them succeed.

Whether you're looking to improve your score for academic purposes, immigration, or career advancement, I have the expertise and resources to help you reach your goals.

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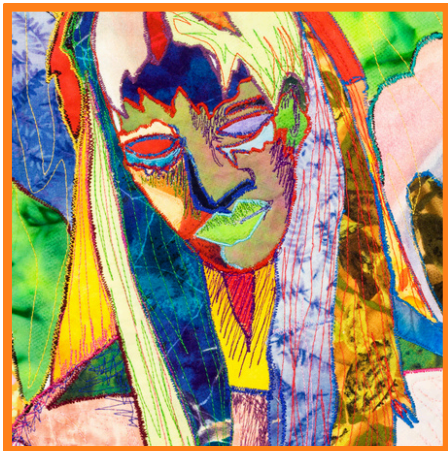
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Arts & Culture



Collocations (high-level)

- Cultural heritage
- Artistic expression
- Critically acclaimed
- Cultural festival
- Masterful performance
- Cultural preservation
- Creative process



01. People

- artist
- curator
- playwright
- critic
- performer

02. Types of Arts

- opera
- ballet
- theatre
- literature
- film

05. Describing

- contemporary
- thought-provoking
- abstract
- iconic
- traditional

03. Places

- museum
- gallery
- festival venue
- studio
- concert

04. Common verbs

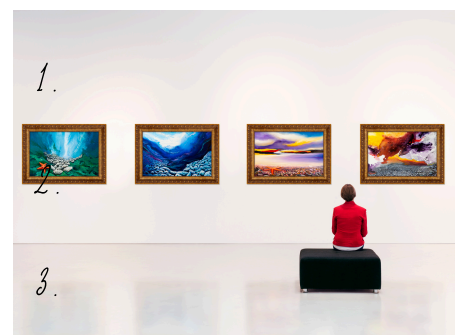
- create
- exhibit
- critique
- interpret
- inspire

06. Other

- masterpiece
- legacy
- medium
- heritage
- aesthetic

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think governments should fund museums and cultural institutions?



Business & Economics



Collocations (high-level)

- Economic growth
- Market trends
- Global economy
- Corporate responsibility
- Financial stability
- Economic downturn
- Financial crisis



01. People

- investor
- entrepreneur
- economist
- shareholder
- analyst

02. Types of Business

- corporation
- startup
- franchise
- conglomerate
- partnership

05. Describing

- profitable
- lucrative
- sustainable
- volatile
- competitive

03. Places

- stock exchange
- headquarters
- bank
- marketplace
- trade center

04. Common verbs

- invest
- expand
- negotiate
- profit
- trade

06. Other

- capital
- investment
- recession
- inflation
- revenue

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think small businesses are more important than large corporations in the economy?



Crime & Punishment



Collocations (high-level)

- Serious crime
- Criminal investigation
- Eye-witness account
- Forensic evidence
- Law enforcement
- Crime wave
- Catch and release



01. People

- suspect
- victim
- lawyer
- witness
- crown prosecutor

02. Types of Crime

- burglary
- fraud
- cybercrime
- assault
- vandalism

05. Describing

- illegal
- violent
- organized
- petty
- heinous

03. Places

- courtroom
- police station
- crime scene
- prison
- detention center

04. Common verbs

- investigate
- arrest
- charge
- confess
- sentence

06. Other

- felony
- motive
- conviction
- justice
- evidence

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think harsher punishments deter crime?



Natural Disasters



Collocations (high-level)

- Disaster relief
- Emergency response
- Disaster preparedness
- Search and rescue
- Humanitarian aid
- Infrastructure damage
- Casualty count



01. People

- victim
- rescuer
- emergency responder
- survivor
- volunteer

02. Types of Disasters

- earthquake
- hurricane
- wildfire
- flood
- drought

05. Describing

- catastrophic
- devastating
- severe
- widespread
- unexpected

03. Places

- disaster zone
- evacuation center
- shelter
- fault line
- coastline

04. Common verbs

- evacuate
- rescue
- rebuild
- warn
- respond,

06. Other

- evacuation
- destruction
- aftermath
- emergency
- preparedness

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think climate change is increasing the frequency of disasters?



Foreign Affairs



Collocations (high-level)

- Diplomatic mission
- International sanctions
- Peace treaty
- Global cooperation
- Border dispute
- Trade agreement
- Military intervention



01. People

- ambassador
- diplomat
- head of state
- foreign minister
- border patrol agent

02. Types of Diplomacy

- bilateral
- multilateral
- peacekeeping
- trade agreements
- sanctions

05. Describing

- global
- political
- strained
- diplomatic
- hostile

03. Places

- embassy
- consulate
- summit
- border
- international organization

04. Common verbs

- negotiate
- mediate
- enforce
- discuss
- resolve

06. Other

- alliance
- treaty
- conflict
- foreign policy
- trade

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think foreign aid is always helpful to developing countries?



Government & Politics



Collocations (high-level)

- Voter turnout
- Public opinion
- Policy reform
- Government funding
- Bipartisan support
- Legislative proposal
- Political corruption



01. People

- representative
- mayor
- city council
- activist
- lobbyist

02. Types of Govern.

- municipal
- provincial
- federal
- first nations
- parliamentary

05. Describing

- liberal
- authoritarian
- progressive
- conservative
- transparent

03. Places

- House of Commons
- Senate
- City Hall
- Supreme Court
- Provincial Legislature

04. Common verbs

- legislate
- debate
- veto
- implement
- ammend

06. Other

- election
- policy
- reform
- legislation
- parliament

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think the government should have the power to control or restrict people's right to pray?



Health



Collocations (high-level)

- Public health crisis
- Preventative care
- Chronic condition
- Health disparities
- Disease outbreak
- Life expectancy
- Universal healthcare



01. People

- doctor
- nurse
- patient
- researcher
- public health official

02. Health Issues

- pandemic
- chronic illness
- mental health
- obesity
- outbreak

05. Describing

- healthy
- infectious
- preventative
- critical
- life-threatening

03. Places

- hospital
- clinic
- pharmacy
- laboratory
- quarantine zone

04. Common verbs

- diagnose
- treat
- recover
- consult
- spread

06. Other

- wellness
- treatment
- diagnosis
- symptoms
- vaccinations

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think privatization has no place in health care?



Law & Order



Collocations (high-level)

- Court hearing
- Human rights violation
- Legal precedent
- Due process
- Defense attorney
- Trial verdict
- Criminal prosecution



01. People

- judge
- jury
- defendant
- plaintiff
- prosecutor

02. Types of Law

- criminal law
- civil law
- constitutional law
- family law
- corporate law

05. Describing

- legal
- constitutional
- fair
- unjust
- enforceable

03. Places

- courtroom
- law firm
- prison
- courthouse
- arbitration center

04. Common verbs

- litigate
- appeal
- prosecute
- defend
- enforce

06. Other

- verdict
- trial
- case
- justice
- prosecution

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think a life sentence is a severe enough punishment for heinous crimes?



Social Issues



Collocations (high-level)

- Income inequality
- Gender disparity
- Social justice
- Racial discrimination
- Civic engagement
- Community outreach
- Grassroots movement



01. People

- activist
- advocate
- protestor
- sociologist
- community leader

02. Types of Issues

- inequality
- discrimination
- poverty
- education reform
- homelessness

05. Describing

- economic
- systemic
- unjust
- racial
- gender-based

03. Places

- community center
- protest site
- NGO headquarters
- shelters
- food banks

04. Common verbs

- advocate
- protest
- campaign
- address
- educate

06. Other

- reform
- justice
- rights
- awareness
- diversity

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think governments should provide housing for homeless people?



Sports



Collocations (high-level)

- Championship title
- Training regimen
- Fan enthusiasm
- Professional league
- Athletic competition
- Sponsorship deal
- Physical fitness



01. People

- athlete
- referee
- fan
- spectator
- rival

02. Types of Sports

- hockey
- lacrosse
- football
- track & field
- soccer

05. Describing

- athletic
- professional
- competitive
- amateur
- intense

03. Places

- stadium
- arena
- field
- rink
- court

04. Common verbs

- compete
- train
- score
- coach
- cheer for

06. Other

- championship
- competition
- league
- performance
- score

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think the government should subsidize sports for kids and teens?



Traffic



Collocations (high-level)

- Traffic congestion
- Road safety measures
- Commuter delays
- Public transit system
- Pedestrian safety
- Traffic flow
- Vehicle emissions



01. People

- pedestrian
- driver
- cyclist
- traffic officer
- commuter

02. Traffic Problems

- congestion
- gridlock
- accident
- detour
- roadworks

05. Describing

- congested
- delayed
- gridlocked
- peak-hour
- efficient

03. Places

- intersection
- highway
- roundabout
- toll booth
- crosswalk

04. Common verbs

- commute
- detour
- navigate
- regulate
- block

06. Other

- vehicle
- emissions
- safety
- fine
- tolls

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:

Do you think public transportation is the solution to traffic congestion?



Weather Conditions



Collocations (high-level)

- Extreme weather event
- Heavy rainfall
- Rising temperatures
- Storm warning
- Weather phenomenon
- Atmospheric pressure
- Forecast accuracy



01. People

- meteorologist
- weather presenter
- forecaster
- storm chaser
- climatologist

02. Types of Weather

- mild conditions
- torrential rain
- flurries
- heatwave
- cold snap

05. Describing

- severe
- extreme
- unpredictable
- seasonal
- humid

03. Places

- weather station
- coast
- desert
- mountain range
- floodplain

04. Common verbs

- forecast
- predict
- rain
- snow
- clear up

06. Other

- climate
- temperature
- precipitation
- chinook winds
- polar vortex

Speaking Part 7 Practice Task:







Do you think people should move away from areas prone to natural disasters?



Speaking Checklist



Can you...

-  Answer the question fully
 Good / Satisfactory / Need improvement
-  Be grammatically accurate most of the time
 Good / Satisfactory / Need improvement
-  Use some idiomatic language
 Good / Satisfactory / Need improvement
-  Speak fluently and coherently
 Good / Satisfactory / Need improvement
-  Use voice to express finer shades of meaning
 Good / Satisfactory / Need improvement
-  Develop answer with details, examples, etc
 Good / Satisfactory / Need improvement

If not...

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