
IELTS Academic Words Level 1 - 1: Print One-sided Flashcard

abandon:

n. lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

abort:

v. stop; terminate before completion; terminate a pregnancy

abortion:

n. termination of pregnancy; failure of a plan

absurd:

a. preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

abuse:

n. improper use or handling; misuse

academic:

a. related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to the scholarly organization; based on formal education

academy:

n. school for special instruction; society of scholars, scientists, or artists

access:

n. approach; entry; entrance

account:

n. narrative or record of events; the reason given for a particular action or event

accountant:

n. one who maintains and audits business accounts

accurate:

a. capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

accuse:

v. blame; say that someone has done something morally wrong, illegal, or unkind

accused:

n. defendant or defendants in a criminal case; a person charged with an offense

acid:

n. sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful

acknowledge:

v. declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

address:

v. make a formal speech to; deal with or discuss; direct efforts or attention of

adjust:

v. change something slightly, especially to make it more correct, effective, or suitable

administration:

n. management; supervision; people who are in charge of management; the activity of government for powers and duties

adopt:

v. accept; take on; raise; take into one's family

adore:

v. worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection

adult:

n. one who has attained maturity or legal age; fully grown

affect:

v. have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

affection:

n. fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness

afford:

v. pay; provide; have the financial means for; bear the cost of

agency:

n. a business that serves other businesses; an administrative unit of government

agenda:

n. items of business at a meeting; list or program of things to be done or considered

aggressive:

a. making assaults; unjustly attacking; combative; hostile; tending to spread quickly

agreement:

n. state of agreeing; harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character

aid:

n. person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

air:

v. be broadcast on television or radio

aisle:

n. passageway between rows of seats, as in an auditorium or an airplane; the wing of a building

alarm:

n. any sound or information intended to give notice of approaching danger

album:

n. a list of names; a register for visitors; a blank book to insert autographs sketches, memorial writing, photographs

alien:

a. dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

alliance:

n. state of being allied; the act of allying or uniting; a union of interests between families, states, parties

ally:

n. confederate; partner; collaborator

alone:

a. solitary; by oneself, not with any other people

alternative:

n. one of two or more things, ideas, or courses of action that may be used; option or choice

amaze:

v. astonish; affect with wonder

ambassador:

n. authorized messenger or representative

ambulance:

n. field hospital organized as to follow an army in its movements; a wagon for conveying the wounded to hospital

amount:

n. total of two or more quantities; aggregate; sum

anniversary:

a. annual; yearly; annual return of the day on which any notable event took place

annual:

a. occurring or payable every year

anonymous:

a. having no name; having an unknown or unacknowledged name

antique:

n. any furniture old and valuable; out of fashion

anxiety:

n. concern something in a state of painful uneasiness; state of restlessness and agitation

anyhow:

ad. in any way or manner whatever; at any rate; in any event

apart:

ad. separately, regarding space or company; in a state of separation as to place; aside

appeal:

n. attraction; charm; attract; fascinate; challenge

appetite:

n. instinctive physical desire, especially one for food or drink

apply:

v. exert; put into service; avail oneself to;

appointment:

n. act of putting a person into a non-elective position; arrangement

appreciate:

v. be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

approach:

n. a way of considering or doing something

appropriate:

v. acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

approval:

n. official approbation; endorsement; an act of approving

area:

n. a plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

argue:

v. invent and offer reasons to support or overthrow a proposition, opinion, or measure; debate

arrogant:

a. arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

article:

n. essay; editorial; individual thing or element of a class

ashamed:

a. affected by shame; abashed or confused by guilt

aside:

ad. on, or to, one side; out of a straight line, course, or direction; at a little distance from the rest

aspirin:

n. white crystalline compound drug to relieve pain and reduce fever and inflammation

assault:

n. a violent attack; an onslaught

assist:

v. give help or support to, especially as a subordinate

associate:

v. connect or join together; combine

assume:

v. suppose; presume; take on; bear

assure:

v. tell someone confidently that something is true; guarantee; convince

attack:

n. offensive move; expression of strong criticism; hostile comment

attempt:

n. the action of trying at something

attend:

v. be present at; go to; take care of; tend

attitude:

n. posture, action, or disposition of a figure or a statue

attorney:

n. lawyer; one who is appointed by another to act in his place or stead; proxy

attractive:

a. appealing; pleasing; inviting; tempting

auction:

n. public sale of property to the highest bidder

audience:

n. a group of people within hearing; crowd seeing a stage performance

authority:

n. jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

available:

a. convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

avoid:

v. shield away from; prevent

aware:

a. knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

awful:

a. causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible

awkward:

a. difficult to handle or manage

bachelor:

n. unmarried men; the first or lowest academic degree conferred by universities and colleges

backward:

a. directed to the back or rear; unwilling; averse; reluctant; hesitating; undeveloped

bacon:

n. back and sides of a pig salted and smoked

badge:

n. a distinctive mark, token, or sign worn on the person

baggage:

n. trunks, bags, parcels, and suitcases in which one carries one's belongings while traveling; luggage

bait:

v. harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap

bake:

v. prepare, as food, by cooking in dry heat, either in an oven or under coals, or on heated stone or metal

balance:

n. being in equilibrium;
equilibrium; symmetry; stability

balcony:

n. platform projecting from the
wall of a building

bald:

a. hairless; lacking a natural or
usual covering

ballet:

n. a sort of theatrical
representation by dancers

band:

n. orchestra; team; strip; ribbon;
belt; unite; ally

bang:

n. a vigorous blow; a conspicuous
success

banner:

n. flag; sign; a newspaper
headline that runs across the full
page

bar:

n. a counter where you can obtain
food or drink; cafe; strip; stick

barbecue:

n. a rack to hold meat for cooking
over hot charcoal usually out of
doors

bare:

a. lacking the usual or appropriate
covering or clothing

barely:
ad. just; only; hardly; scarcely

bargain:
n. agreement between parties concerning the sale of property

barn:
n. an outlying farm building for storing grain or animal feed and housing farm animals

barrel:
n. vessel; large cylindrical container

baseball:
n. game played with a bat and ball by two opposing teams of nine players; ball used in this game

basement:
n. cellar; a part of a building that is below the level of the first floor

battery:
n. beating or pounding; set of guns or heavy artillery; a dry cell that produces an electric current

bay:
n. an inlet of the sea, usually smaller than a gulf; a small body of water set off from the main body

beam:
n. ray of light; a long piece of metal or wood; long piece fixed or movable in structure, machine, or tool

bear:
v. support; sustain; carry; have; yield; give birth; hold up or support

bearing:

n. carrying another part; patient endurance; suffering without complaint; the act of producing or giving birth

beat:

v. whip; strike; defeat; hit repeatedly

beaten:

a. formed or made thin by hammering; totally worn-out; exhausted

behalf:

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

behave:

v. perform; conduct oneself in a proper way

belly:

n. part of the human body which extends downward from breast to thighs, and contains bowels; womb

beloved:

a. greatly loved; dear to the heart

bend:

v. strain or move out of a straight line; curve; turn toward some certain point

benefit:

n. advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being; welfare; gain

bent:

a. determined to do or have

bet:

n. stake or pledge upon the event of a contingent issue; amount or object risked in a wager

betray:

v. be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

bid:

v. make an offer of; propose; offer in words; declare, as a wish, a greeting, a threat, or defiance

bite:

v. pierce the skin with teeth; seize with the teeth; sting with a stinger; eat into; have a sharp taste

bitter:

a. harsh or corrosive in tone; painful; acrid; acrimonious

bizarre:

a. fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance

blame:

v. condemn; rebuke; find fault with; censure

blank:

a. of white or pale color; without color; empty; void

blast:

n. explode; burst; gale; a powerful gust of wind or air

bleed:

v. emit blood; lose blood; withdraw blood from the body

bless:

v. make or pronounce holy; consecrate; make happy

block:

v. hinder; obstruct; indicate broadly without great detail; sketch

blonde:

a. of a fair color; light-colored; as, blond hair; a blond complexion.

board:

n. a committee having supervisory powers; a flat piece of material designed for a special purpose

boarding:

n. wooden boards collectively; act of entering a ship; supplying with meals and lodgings for pay

bold:

a. brave; daring; intrepid; impudent

bolt:

v. dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

bond:

n. link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

bonus:

n. an extra dividend to the shareholders; money paid in addition to a stated compensation

boom:

n. bonanza; prosperity; prosper; expand; flourish

booth:

n. house or shed built for temporary occupation; covered stall or temporary structure

border:

n. outer part or edge of anything, as of a garment, a garden; margin; verge; brink; boundary

bore:

v. drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

bother:

v. annoy; trouble; make agitated or nervous; fluster

bounce:

v. jolt; rebound after having struck an object or a surface

bound:

n. tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump

boutique:

n. small shop within a large department store or supermarket

brand:

n. a burning piece of wood; mark made by burning with a hot iron; distinctive mark upon in any way

break:

n. opportunity to do something; pause or interval, as from work; a sudden change

breakdown:

n. process of failing to function or continue; a sudden collapse in physical or mental health; summary of itemized data

breeze:

n. light current of air; gentle wind; progress swiftly and effortlessly

bribe:

n. something serving to influence or persuade; reward or gift to prevent judgment

brief:

a. short in time, duration, length, or extent; concise

briefcase:

n. portable, often flat case with a handle, used for carrying papers or books

brilliant:

a. full of light; shining; bright; sharp and clear in tone

brutal:

a. like a brute; savage; cruel; inhuman; merciless

bubble:

n. foam; dome-shaped covering made of transparent glass or plastic; fantastic or impracticable idea or belief

buck:

v. move quickly and violently; jump vertically; strive with determination

bucket:

n. vessel for drawing up water from a well; a vessel for hoisting and conveying coal, ore, grain

bud:

n. one that is not yet fully developed; sprout

budget:

n. estimate; a sum of money allocated for a particular purpose

bug:

n. general name applied to various insects

bull:

n. male of any species of cattle; large, strong, and aggressive person; optimist regarding business conditions

bully:

n. noisy, blustering fellow; one who is threatening and quarrelsome; insolent, tyrannical fellow

bump:

n. impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

bunch:

n. clump; cluster; gathering

bush:

n. place abounding in trees or shrubs; the wild forest

business:

n. rightful concern or responsibility; occupation, work, or trade-in which a person is engaged; commercial enterprise

bust:

n. the occasion for excessive eating or drinking; complete failure; sculpture of the head and shoulders of a person

buzz:

n. confusion of activity and gossip; the sound of rapid vibration

cabin:

n. a small room on a ship or boat where people sleep

cabinet:

n. group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; a closet

cable:

n. solid thick rope made of twisted steel or metal wire

cafe:

n. coffee house; restaurant where coffee and liquors are served

cafeteria:

n. a restaurant where you serve yourself and pay a cashier

calendar:

n. the orderly arrangement as years, months, weeks, and days; a table showing months, weeks, and days

campaign:

n. battle; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

campus:

n. the field where the buildings of a university are situated

cancel:

v. revoke; call off; omit or delete

candidate:

n. a person who is considered for something; a person who is nominated for an office, prize, or honor

capable:

a. having the ability required for a specific task

capacity:

n. mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

cape:

n. piece or point of land, extending beyond the adjacent coast into the sea or a lake; sleeveless outer garment

capital:

n. wealth in the form of money or property; assets available for use; a city that is the official seat of government

capture:

n. act of seizing by force, or getting possession of by superior power; thing taken by force, surprise, or stratagem

carrot:

n. the root of cultivated varieties of the plant, usually spindle-shaped and of a reddish yellow color

carry:

v. convey or transport in any manner from one place to another; hold or support while moving; bear

cart:

n. common name for various kinds of vehicles; two-wheeled vehicle; light business wagon

carton:

n. pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

cash:

n. money paid at the time of purchase; money in the form of bills or coins; currency

cast:

v. assign the roles of; choose at random

casual:

a. informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

catch:

v. capture or seize, especially after a chase; take by or as if by trapping; reach just in time

catching:

a. act of seizing or taking hold of; captivating; alluring

catholic:

a. broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

cellar:

n. room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

cemetery:

n. place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

cereal:

n. grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as a food

ceremony:

n. a formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

certificate:

n. the document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts; document issued to a person completing a course

challenge:

v. assert a right; raise a formal objection; take exception to

chamber:

n. cell; compartment; room

champagne:

n. light wine, of several kinds, originally made in the province of Champagne, in France

champion:

v. protect or fight for the first place

channel:

n. passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

chaos:

n. disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

chapel:

n. place of worship that is smaller than and subordinate to a church; service conducted in a chapel

chapter:

n. division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized branch of some society

charge:

v. set or ask for a certain price; load to capacity; fill; instruct or urge authoritatively; command

charity:

n. activity or gift that benefits the public at large

charm:

n. power or quality of pleasing or delighting; attractiveness; item worn for its supposed magical benefit

chart:

n. graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

chase:

v. pursue to kill or take; hunt; follow as if to catch

chat:

n. talk without exchanging too much information; informal conversation

check:

v. stop motion; curb or restrain

cheer:

n. the lightness of spirits or mood; source of joy or happiness; festive food and drink; refreshment

cherish:

v. harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

chew:

v. bite and grind with the teeth

chief:

a. highest in office or rank; principal; head

chill:

a. cool; freeze; a feeling of cold

chin:

n. the central forward portion of the lower jaw; bottom of the face

chip:

v. cut small pieces from; diminish or reduce to shape; break or crack

choir:

n. band or organized company of singers, especially in church service

choke:

v. breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion; reduce the air supply

circuit:

n. electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow

circus:

n. public entertainment of performances by acrobats, clowns, and trained animals

civil:

a. having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

civilian:

a. of or relating to non-military life

claim:

n. demand for something as rightful or due

classic:

n. work of acknowledged excellence and authority, or its author; creation of the highest excellence

clearance:

n. act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

click:

v. make a slight, sharp noise by gentle striking; tick

client:

n. someone who pays to get goods or services

clinic:

n. healthcare facility for outpatient care

clip:

n. a small section of filmed or filed material

closet:

n. a small room or apartment; room for privacy

clue:

n. a ball of thread or cord; thread; something guides or directs anything of a doubtful or intricate nature

coach:

n. tutor; teacher; a vehicle carrying many passengers

cocaine:

n. drug extracted from coca leaves as a surface anesthetic or taken for pleasure, that can become addictive

code:

n. body of law; system of rules or regulations relating to one subject; system of symbols, letters, or words

coin:

v. make pieces of money from metal; invent or fabricate

coincidence:

n. two or more things occurring at the same time by chance

column:

n. pillar; cylindrical or polygonal support for roof; anything resembling, in form or position; upright body or mass

combat:

v. struggle as with an opposing force; fight with

combine:

v. blend; fuse; merge

comedy:

n. light and humorous drama with a happy ending

comic:

a. arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

comment:

v. express an opinion; remark

commercial:

a. money-making; involved in work that is intended for the mass market

commission:

n. fee for services; a group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

commit:

v. do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

commitment:

n. pledge, undertaking; an act of binding yourself to a course of action

committee:

n. special group delegated to consider some matter

communicate:

v. send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly

communication:

n. the activity of communicating; the activity of conveying information

community:

n. society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

company:

n. team; guard team; group of persons; business enterprise

compare:

v. examine and note the similarities or differences of

competition:

n. struggle; rivalry; an act of competing as for a profit prize

competitive:

a. of or pertaining to competition; producing competition; showing a fighting disposition

complex:

a. complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

complicated:

a. difficult to analyze or understand

compliment:

n. praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

compromise:

v. adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of

concentrate:

v. bring to or direct toward a common center; unite more closely; gather into one body

concept:

n. something formed in mind; thought or notion

concern:

n. interest in any person or thing; regard; solicitude; anxiety

concrete:

n. solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate, and gravel

condition:

n. mode or state of being; fitness; existing circumstances

conduct:

v. direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

confess:

v. acknowledge; admit that you have done something wrong

confidence:

n. feeling secure or certain about something

confident:

a. assured; having or marked by assurance

confidential:

a. treated with confidence; trusted in; trustworthy; secret

confirm:

v. support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

conflict:

n. fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

confront:

v. be face to face with; oppose in hostility or competition; deal with

confusion:

n. a mistake that results from taking one thing to be another; lack of clarity or order

congress:

n. meeting of elected or appointed representatives

conscience:

n. motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles; source of moral or ethical judgment

conscious:

a. awake, thinking, and knowing what is happening around you; alert

conspiracy:

n. plot; intrigue; agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act

constant:

a. invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

constitution:

n. law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

consult:

v. seek advice or information of; take into account; consider

consumer:

n. people who buy goods or services

contact:

v. get in touch with; reach

contempt:

n. state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

content:

n. volume; something contained; material, including text and images

contest:

v. contend for; call in question; oppose; dispute

contract:

v. constrict; make smaller;
compress or concentrate

contrary:

a. relation of direct opposition;
very opposed in nature or
character or purpose

convention:

n. social or moral custom; formal
meeting of members,
representatives, or delegates;
agreement between states

convict:

v. find or declare guilty

conviction:

n. the judgment that someone is
guilty of a crime; strongly held
belief

convince:

v. overpower; force to yield
assent to truth; satisfy by proof;
prove guilty

cooperate:

v. work or act together toward a
common end or purpose

core:

n. basic, center, or most
important part; the essence

corner:

n. position at which two lines,
surfaces, or edges meet and form
an angle

corporate:

a. united or combined into one
body; collective; belonging to a
corporation or incorporated body