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Advanced vocabulary for IELTS Speaking Band 9

This document covers five advanced vocabulary words for IELTS Band 9: overlook, intrinsic, virtually, daunting, and insight. Each word is explained with its meaning and usage examples in different parts of the IELTS speaking test.



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Overlook (C2)

Meaning: You fail to notice or consider something



Part 1 Example

I once overlooked a small detail in an email sent to my professor, which was embarrassing.



Part 2 Example (Travelling)

"I travelled to the mountains and overlooked the fact that it gets cold at night. I only packed summer clothes and ended up freezing."



Part 3 Example

Q: Do you think people value their health enough?

Not really. A lot of people overlook their health until they face a serious problem.

Second meaning: provide a view from above

Example: Our room overlooked the beach



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Intrinsic (C2)

Meaning: being an extremely important and basic characteristic of a person or thing.

Part 1 Examples

- I am an intrinsically curious person, so I tried many hobbies and interest.
- Growing up in a family full of teachers, reading was an intrinsic part of our upbringing.
- Growing up in a our family, hard work was an intrinsic part of our values.

Part 2 Example

Describe a person: An intrinsic trait of his personality

Part 3 Examples

- People are intrinsically resistant to change. It's an intrinsic part of human nature.

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Virtually

Meaning: almost, nearly

Part 1 Example

Growing up, I tried virtually every hobby before I discovered my passion for

Part 2 Example

Describe an object: I rely on my phone for virtually everything.

It's virtually impossible to function without my phone.

Part 3 Example

Do you think technology is important?

Definitely! These days, virtually everything we do relies on technology, from work to keeping in touch with friends.

Daunting

Meaning: Slightly intimidating or overwhelming; makes you worry about your ability to achieve something

Part 1 Example

What is something you've recently learned?

"I recently started learning French, and I found it quite daunting at first, but it's getting easier."

Part 2 Example

Describe a business idea you'd like to start.

"I have always wanted to open a cat café, but the idea of managing everything seems daunting."

Part 3 Example

Is public speaking an important skill in a leader?

"Absolutely, but many find it daunting. It's a skill that requires practice and confidence."



Insight (C1)

Definition: Providing a clear understanding of a situation or subject.

Part 1 Example

Do you enjoy reading?

"I do! I love books that are really insightful and help me see the world in a different way."

Part 2 Example

Describe a person who inspires you:

"She's incredibly insightful and always has a way of offering perspectives that make you think deeply about things."

Part 3 Example

Why is critical thinking important?

"Because it allows you to be more insightful when analyzing situations or making decisions."



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