



Complete Word List: 327 TOEFL Words You Must Know

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Complete Word List by Parts of Speech

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ADJECTIVES

Word

Definition

abundant	adj. present in large quantities
accurate	adj. correct; free from errors
accustomed	adj. used to something
adamant	adj. refusing to change an opinion
adequate	adj. enough to suit your needs
adjacent	adj. close to or next to
adverse	adj. unfavorable; against one's desires
aggressive	adj. assertive and pushy
ambiguous	adj. having several potential meanings; unclear and difficult to understand
ambitious	adj. having large goals
ample	adj. plentiful
annual	adj. occurring yearly
arbitrary	adj. based on a whim or random desire
arduous	adj. requiring a lot of effort
brash	adj. rude and tactless
brief	adj. short (in terms of time)
brusque	adj. abrupt to the point of rudeness
chronological	adj. arranged in order of time or date
cognizant	adj. being aware or having knowledge of something
copious	adj. abundant
core	adj. central; of main importance
cumbersome	adj. burdensome; clumsy
desirable	adj. worth having or wanting
disproportionate	adj. too small or large when compared to something else
diverse	adj. showing a lot of variety
dynamic	adj. constantly changing
efficient	adj. maximizing productivity
elite	adj. a select, above-average group
eloquent	adj. moving speech or writing
equivalent	adj. equal
erroneous	adj. incorrect
exemplary	adj. worthy of imitation
exclusive	adj. not admitting the majority
feasible	adj. possible to do
finite	adj. having an end or limits
frivolous	adj. unnecessary; of little importance



fundamental	adj. of primary importance
garbled	adj. communication that is distorted and unclear
grandiose	adj. pompous; overly important
hackneyed	adj. overused and unoriginal
haphazard	adj. lacking planning
harsh	adj. not gentle; unpleasant
hasty	adj. in a hurry
hazardous	adj. full of risk
hollow	adj. empty inside
hostile	adj. extremely unfriendly
identical	adj. exactly the same
illiterate	adj. unable to read
incessant	adj. continuing without pause
incidental	adj. a minor part
incompetent	adj. incapable; lacking ability
inconsistent	adj. changing randomly
indefatigable	adj. untiring
indisputable	adj. not able to be challenged
ineffective	adj. not producing any major impact
inevitable	adj. unable to be avoided
initial	adj. the first
integral	adj. necessary to complete the whole
intrepid	adj. fearless
intricate	adj. highly detailed
invasive	adj. intrusive
irascible	adj. easy to anger
irresolute	adj. uncertain
jointly	adj. together
leery	adj. wary
legitimate	adj. lawful
lenient	adj. merciful; less harsh
likely	adj. probable
ludicrous	adj. ridiculous
major	adj. very important
mediocre	adj. ordinary, average
misleading	adj. giving the wrong idea
morose	adj. gloomy, depressed
negligent	adj. lazy, neglectful
nonchalant	adj. indifferent, unexcited



obvious	adj. easily understood
parsimonious	adj. frugal, stingy
partial	adj. preferring one option over others
peripheral	adj. located on the side or edge
potent	adj. powerful
pragmatic	adj. practical, sensible
precise	adj. exact
prestigious	adj. having a high reputation
prevalent	adj. widespread
primary	adj. first; most important
prior	adj. previous or earlier
rhetorical	adj. used just for style or impact
rigid	adj. stiff, unyielding
severe	adj. harsh or strict
	adj. grave, critical
shallow	adj. not deep
significant	adj. important, noteworthy
sparse	adj. thinly scattered
solitary	adj. alone; without others
somber	adj. gloomy; depressing
squalid	adj. filthy and unpleasant
stable	adj. unlikely to change or fail
stagnant	adj. sluggish; showing little movement
subsequent	adj. coming after something in time
subtle	adj. difficult to notice right away
sufficient	adj. enough to serve a particular purpose
suspicious	adj. having the belief that someone is doing something dishonest or illegal
symbolic	adj. serving as a symbol
technical	adj. relating to a specific subject or craft
terminal	adj. situated at the end
transparent	adj. easy to see through
	adj. easy to detect
unobtrusive	adj. not attracting attention
unscathed	adj. unharmed
upbeat	adj. happy, optimistic
unjust	adj. unfair
valid	adj. just; well-founded
voluminous	adj. taking up a lot of space



widespread adj. occurring over a large region

ADVERBS

Word

wholly

Definition

adv. completely

CONJUNCTIONS

Word

whereas

Definition

conj. on the contrary

NOUNS

Word

advantage

alternative

amateur

anomaly

attitude

benefit

cacophony

cohesion

commitment

community

conflict

curriculum

data

declaration

diatribe

dilemma

epitome

estimate

evidence

expertise

extension

famine

flaw

focus

Definition

n. something that makes it easier to achieve success

n. another option or choice

n. someone who is inexperienced or not highly skilled in a particular area

n. deviation from the norm

n. manner or feeling

n. something positive or advantageous

n. a harsh, unpleasant mixture of noise

n. uniting; becoming one

n. dedication to a cause or activity

n. a group of people who live or work together

n. a disagreement or fight

n. the courses given by a school or program

n. facts, statistics, or pieces of information

n. an announcement

n. a sharp criticism or attack

n. a situation where one must choose between two difficult choices

n. a perfect example of something

n. an approximate value

n. facts or evidence that help prove or disprove something

n. expert knowledge or skill in a particular field

n. an act of making something longer

n. a time when there is an extreme lack of food

n. a feature that ruins the perfection of something

n. the central point or idea



framework	n. a skeletal structure designed to support something
function	n. a purpose natural to a person or thing
gap	n. a space in between two objects
hierarchy	n. a ranking system
hindrance	n. something that causes delay or resistance
horror	n. an intense feeling of fear
hypothesis	n. an unproven idea that attempts to prove something
impact	n. effect or influence
incentive	n. a reason to do something
inclination	n. a preference
influence	n. the ability to have an impact on something
inquiry	n. an investigation to determine the truth
irony	n. the use of words to give a meaning opposite to their literal meaning
jargon	n. words specific to a certain job or group
knack	n. a special talent or skill
labor	n. work or effort
lecture	n. a talk given to an audience
method	n. a way of doing something
minimum	n. the smallest or lowest amount possible
opponent	n. someone on the opposite side for a game or contest
origin	n. the source; where something began
paucity	n. something existing in very small amounts; scarcity
peak	n. the highest or most important point
phase	n. a period or stage in a process
poll	n. a record of opinions or votes
progeny	n. offspring
proximity	n. nearness in time or space
quarrel	n. a disagreement or fight
range	n. the distance between two things, often the maximum and minimum
rank	n. an official position or station
safeguard	n. something that serves as protection or ensures safety
section	n. a part of the whole
sequence	n. things that follow each other in a certain order
source	n. a person, place or thing where something was obtained
strategy	n. a plan to reach a desired outcome
substitute	n. a person or thing acting in place of another
tuition	n. the fee for instruction at a school



verdict	n. a judgement or decision
vestige	n. a small trace of something that is disappearing or has already disappeared
vial	n. a small container used to hold liquids

VERBS

Word

Definition

accumulate	v. to gradually collect
acquire	v. to come into possession of
adjust	v. to change something so it serves its purpose better
advocate	v. to publicly support
aggregate	v. to combine
allocate	v. to put aside for a specific purpose
amend	v. to change for the better; to improve
antagonize	v. to tease or be hostile towards a person or group
attribute	v. to give credit
assuage	v. to lessen a negative feeling
assume	v. to suppose without solid proof
augment	v. to increase or make larger
berate	v. to scold
bestow	v. to give as a gift
boast	v. to brag or talk with excessive pride
boost	v. to help raise or increase something
cease	v. to stop
censure	v. to express strong disapproval
clarify	v. to make clear; to remove confusion
coalesce	v. to combine or grow together
coerce	v. to force someone to do something against their will
coincide	v. to occur at the same time
collapse	v. to fall down or break down
collide	v. to hit one another with a forceful impact
conceal	v. to hide
concur	v. to agree
constrain	v. to restrict or repress
contemplate	v. to consider thoughtfully
continuously	v. to go on without stopping
contradict	v. to give the opposite opinion
contribute	v. to give something (usually money or time) to a common fund or



cause

convey	v. to make known
corrode	v. to gradually wear away
decay	v. to decline in health or excellence
deceive	v. to trick or mislead
decipher	v. to find the meaning of
decline	v. to politely refuse v. to deteriorate (especially in terms of health)
degrade	v. to lower in quality
demonstrate	v. to show
deny	v. to state that something isn't true
deplete	v. to significantly decrease
deposit	v. to deliver and leave an item
despise	v. to hate
detect	v. to locate something
deter	v. to discourage
deviate	v. to differ from the norm
devise	v. to plan or create
digress	v. to wander from the main subject
diminish	v. to shrink or reduce
dispose	v. to get rid of
disrupt	v. to interrupt by causing a disturbance
distort	v. to misrepresent
distribute	v. to give portions of something
divert	v. to cause a change of course
ease	v. to reduce unpleasantness or difficulty
eliminate	v. to remove
emphasize	v. to give special importance to when speaking or writing
endure	v. to suffer through something difficult with patience
enhance	v. to intensify or magnify
evade	v. to avoid or escape
evaluate	v. to assess
evolve	v. to gradually change
exclude	v. to leave out
expand	v. to increase in size
exploit	v. to use selfishly
expose	v. to reveal or unmask
extract	v. to get or remove something
fluctuate	v. to change continually



fortify	v. to strengthen
generate	v. to produce
hesitate	v. to pause, often due to reluctance
illustrate	v. to explain by using an example
impair	v. to worsen
implement	v. to carry out
imply	v. to strongly suggest
impose	v. to force upon
impoverish	v. to reduce to poverty
incite	v. to urge on
infer	v. to guess based on evidence
inflate	v. to increase in size
inhibit	v. to hinder or restrain
integrate	v. to combine
interpret	v. to explain the meaning of something
intervene	v. to come between people, objects, or an event and change what is happening
investigate	v. to examine or study
lag	v. to fall behind
lampoon	v. to mock or ridicule
languish	v. to become weak
	v. to be neglected
maintain	v. to continue at the same level
manipulate	v. to influence, especially in an unfair way
maximize	v. to increase to the greatest possible size
measure	v. to find the size and dimensions of something
mend	v. to fix
migrate	v. to move from one place to another
modify	v. to change
obey	v. to follow orders or instructions
obtain	v. to get
oppress	v. to unfairly burden
partake	v. to join in
permeate	v. to penetrate or pass through
persist	v. to continue, especially when facing opposition
pertain	v. to relate
praise	v. to give approval or admiration
precede	v. to come before
proceed	v. to continue doing something



promote	v. to further the progress of something
prosper	v. to do well
quarrel	v. to have an argument
rebuke	v. to sternly disapprove or reprimand
recapitulate	v. to give a brief summary
recede	v. to retreat
recommend	v. to present someone with confidence and approval
reform	v. to make changes that improve something
regulate	v. to supervise or control a process so that it functions correctly
reinforce	v. to strengthen with added support
reject	v. to say no to something that is offered
release	v. to free
	v. to allow to be known
rely	v. to depend on
reproach	v. to express disapproval or disappointment
require	v. to need for a specific purpose
resent	v. to feel bitterness or anger towards someone or something
resign	v. to give up an office or position
resist	v. to withstand the effect of
resolve	v. to come to a firm decision
restrict	v. to confine or keep within limits
retain	v. to continue to do something or keep something
retract	v. to draw back in
	v. to withdraw something after it's found to be untrue
retrieve	v. to bring back
rotate	v. to turn
scrutinize	v. to very carefully examine
select	v. to choose
shelter	v. to protect from something harmful
shrink	v. to become smaller
specify	v. to clearly specify which one
speculate	v. to form a theory without strong evidence
soothe	v. to calm or comfort
summarize	v. to briefly give the main points
supervise	v. to oversee work or a process
supplant	v. to take the place of something else
suspend	v. to temporarily stop
	v. to hang something from somewhere
sustain	v. to keep going



tolerate	v. to put up with
transfer	v. to move from one place to another
transition	v. to change from one state or condition to another
vacillate	v. to waver or be indecisive
vanish	v. to disappear quickly
vary	v. to be different from something else in a group
vilify	v. to speak poorly of; to slander
wilt	v. to droop and become limp

AND NOW WHAT?

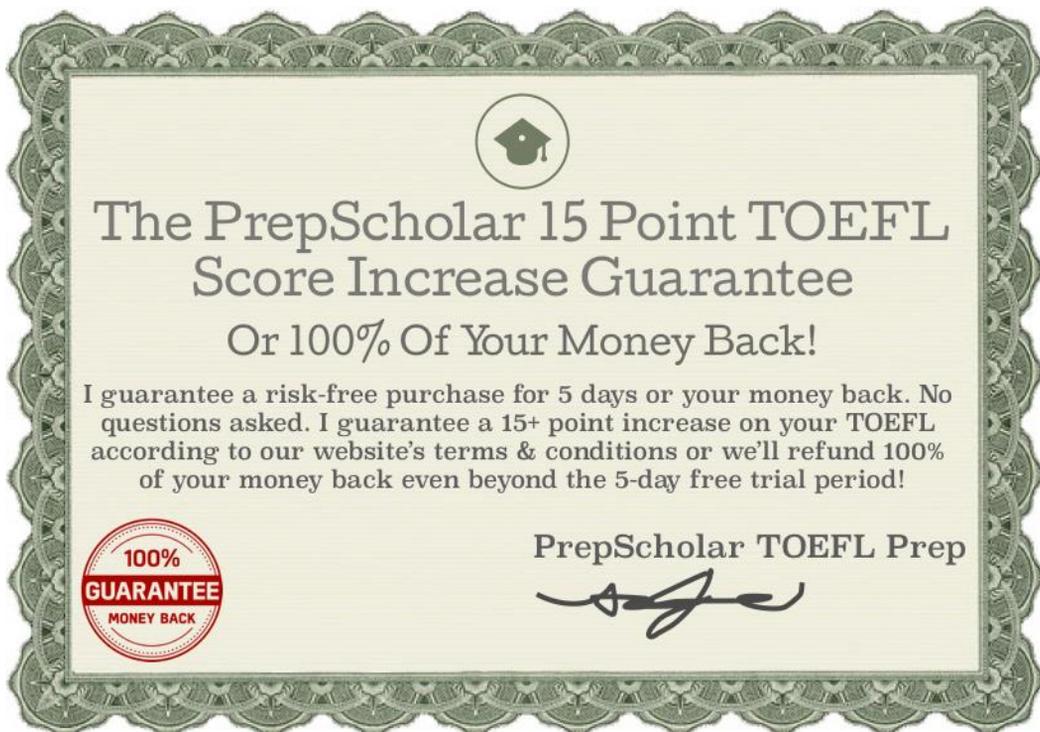
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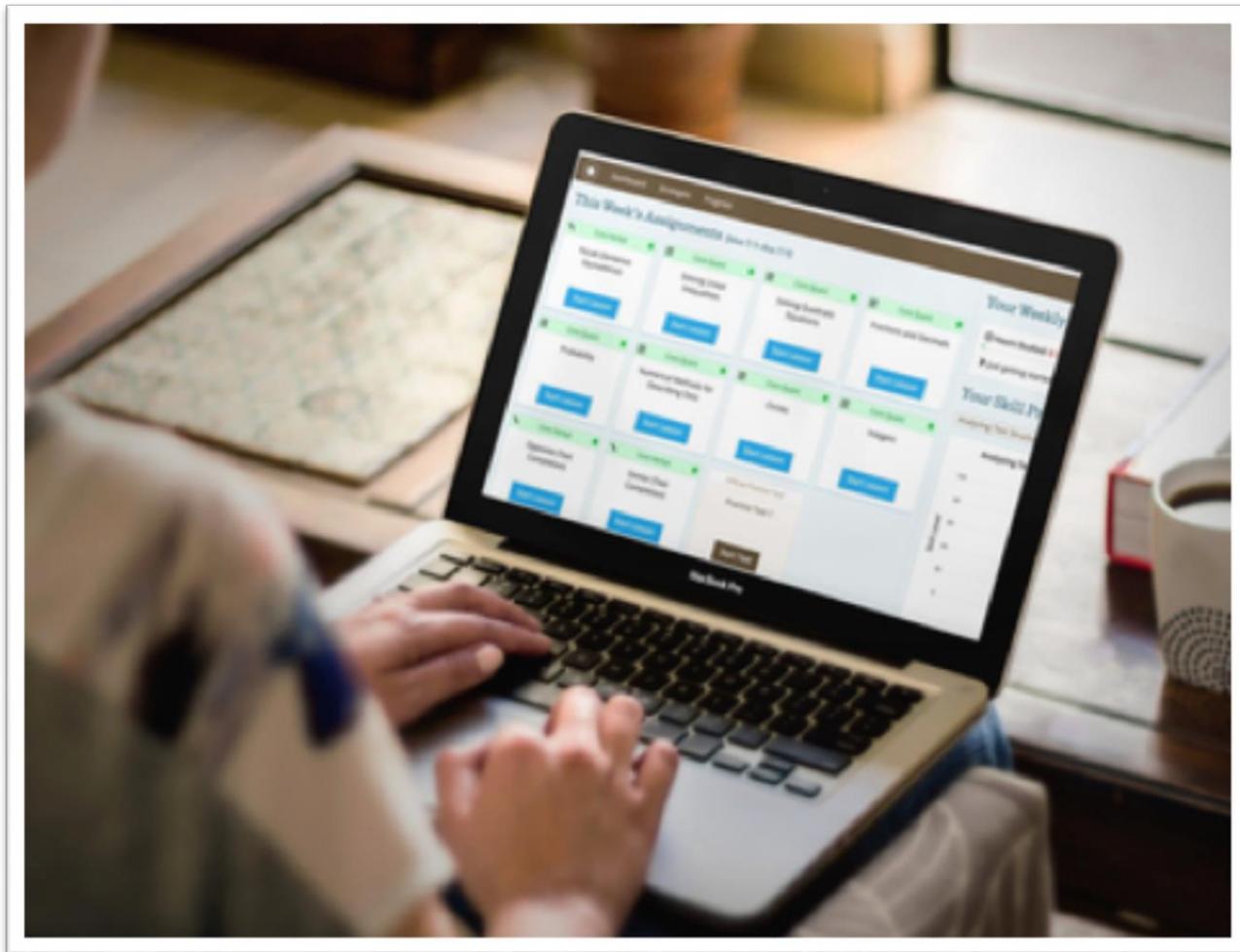
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