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Below is a list of commonly used **IELTS culture vocabulary** with meanings and example sentences. These words and phrases are useful for enhancing your writing, improving your paraphrasing skills, and building strong responses in both Speaking and Writing tasks.

The important words of IELTS culture vocabulary are:

- **Culture**

Meaning: A group of people following certain beliefs, customs and traditions.

Example - India has different **cultures** in the society.

- **Heritage**

Meaning: The traditions, qualities and culture that are prevalent for a long time in a country.

Example - The British **heritage** is most royal.

- **Values**

Meaning: The worth of something.

Example - People **value** humanity more than anything else.

- **Stereotype**

Meaning: A fixed thought or idea about something.

Example - He has a **stereotype** over castes.

- **Prejudice**

Meaning: Not looking or trusting somebody based on their race, caste or religion.

Example - She made the wrong decision due to her **prejudice** towards him.

- **Cultural Diversity**

Meaning: Different types of cultures existing in a region.

Example - Nowadays, people embrace **cultural diversity**.

- **Cultural Shock**

Meaning: A feeling of confusion when you go to a different country.

Example - I was in a **cultural shock** when I travelled to Australia.

- **Discrimination**

Meaning: Giving less importance to a person or a group.

Example - We must end **discrimination** of any form.



- **Currency**

Meaning: the type of money used by a country.

Example - The **currency** of the US is well-known across the world.

- **Global**

Meaning: Representing the whole world.

Example - Covid-19 hit the **global** population.

- **Mythology**

Meaning: Old stories and beliefs.

Example - I understand **mythology** and its background.

- **Culture Diffusion**

Meaning: The spread of one's culture's practices, beliefs, and items.

Example - In western countries, you could witness **culture diffusion**.

- **Globalisation**

Meaning: The interdependence of world's trade and technology.

Example - India adopted **globalisation** during the 1990s.

- **Cultural Norms**

Meaning: A societal rule, value or standard that recognises certain behaviour as appropriate.

Example - We must follow **cultural norms** to survive in this society.

- **Fine Arts**

Meaning: creative art, especially visual arts.

Example - The painting is of **fine art**.

- **Linguistic**

Meaning: The study of language.

Example - We must focus on **linguistic** skills.

- **Civilisation**

Meaning: An advanced social and cultural development.

Example - The modern **civilisation** is beyond imagination.

- **Lingua Franca**

Meaning: A shared language of communication.

Example - Most countries use English as the **lingua franca**.

- **Conformity**

Meaning: People adhering to their beliefs, attitudes and actions.

Example - We must have **conformity** towards our beliefs.



- **Multicultural**

Meaning: People of different races, languages, religions and traditions.

Example - Developed countries have **multicultural** societies.

- **Segregation**

Meaning: The state of setting someone or something apart from others.

Example - There is **segregation** of bad apples from the good ones.

- **Folklore**

Meaning: Traditional stories and beliefs.

Example - I learn **folklore** from experts.

- **Ceremonies**

Meaning: A formal public or religious event.

Example - I attended various **ceremonies** during this week.

- **Cultural traditions**

Meaning: Identifying a person's heritage.

Example - Japan's **cultural traditions** are unique compared to other countries.

- **Preservation**

Meaning: Keeping something safe or in a good condition.

Example - Old texts of literature are kept under **preservation**.

- **Rituals**

Meaning: An action that is done in the same way.

Example - Hindus have many **rituals**.

- **Parades**

Meaning: An occasion when certain people stand or walk for a cause.

Example - Kids did a **parade** for global warming.

- **Transmission**

Meaning: Sending something from one place to another.

Example - Through **transmission**, we send information to different countries.

- **Social memes**

Meaning: An image, video or text related to social issues that is spread across by netizens.

Example - **Social memes** go viral among younger generations.

- **Media**

Meaning: Television, radio and newspapers used as a mode of communication.

Example - **Media** is the fourth pillar of our country. It should be unbiased.



- **Shanties and Dirges**

Meaning: A song or hymn of grief during funeral or memorial rites.

Example - During his memorial service, they played **shanties and dirges**.

- **Opera**

Meaning: A play in which the actors sing the words to music.

Example - I'm practising for **opera**.

- **Handicrafts**

Meaning: A product produced using hands and artistic ability.

Example - I bought these **handicrafts** from Assam.

- **Inheritance**

Meaning: Receiving a property, money, etc., from someone who has passed away.

Example: We gave this property to them as **inheritance**.

- **Legends**

Meaning: Old stories that may or may not be true.

Example - The **legend** of Shiva is not explored completely.

- **To hand something down**

Meaning: Passing some useful information to a younger generation.

Example - We must **hand something down** to our kids that is useful.

- **Conservation**

Meaning: To avoid wasting something valuable.

Example - Forest **conservation** is the need of the hour.

- **The fabric of society**

Meaning: The relationships we build with one another.

Example - Elderly people believe in **the fabric of society**, whereas younger generations don't recognise them.

- **Medieval**

Meaning: The time period in history between 1100 and 1500 AD.

Example - Many inventions came during the **medieval** period.

- **Ancient**

Meaning: Thousands of years ago.

Example - **Ancient** buildings are examples of great architecture.

- **Evoke**

Meaning: Creating memories in somebody.

Example - His artwork **evoked** a lot of insights.



- **Self-sacrifice**

Meaning: Giving up your favourite things for something or someone.

Example - In military training, you will **self-sacrifice** for the country.

- **Public duty**

Meaning: A duty to be discharged by the government servants.

Example - The **public duty** in India is not up to the standards.

- **Perception**

Meaning: A skill to notice or understand something.

Example - What is your **perception** of society?

- **Ethnocentrism**

Meaning: The process of evaluating other cultures based on the standards and customs of one's own culture.

Example - During **ethnocentrism**, we concluded that wearing dresses other than one's culture is incorrect.

- **Racism**

Meaning: A belief that some races of people are better than others.

Example - People must fight against **racism**.

- **Diversity**

Meaning: A wide variety of something.

Example - The world is filled with **diversity** in every aspect.

- **Ethnicity**

Meaning: Belonging to a social group that has a common national or cultural identity.

Example - For requirements, we would like to know your **ethnicity**.

- **Race**

Meaning: A part of humankind having similar physical features.

Example - I'm a unique **race**.

- **Society**

Meaning: The people in a country who have shared customs and laws.

Example - Our **society** is friendly and welcoming to other people.

- **Interdependence**

Meaning: The dependence of two or more people on each other.

Example - They succeeded because of trust and **interdependence** among them.

- **Immigrate / emigrate**

Meaning: Leaving or coming to a different country for studies or work.

Example - I **immigrated** to New York for higher studies.

- **Migrant worker**

Meaning: A person who moves to another country for job opportunities.

Example - **Migrant workers** are both skilled and unskilled.



- **Etiquette**

Meaning: A polite and correct way of doing things.

Example - We must follow the table **etiquette** while eating with elders.

- **Religion**

Meaning: One's beliefs in a god or gods.

Example - There are so many **religions** in the world that go extinct.

- **Collectivist society**

Meaning: The needs and goals of a group as a whole over the needs of an individual.

Example - We must propagate the concept of a **collectivist society**.

- **Individualist society**

Meaning: The needs and goals of an individual matters more than the needs and goals of a group as a whole.

Example - **Individualist society** makes individuals totally independent.

- **Uncertainty avoidance**

Meaning: The process of adhering to the existing cultural thoughts and beliefs.

Example - Due to **uncertainty avoidance** in a country, people feel stressed.

- **Ethics**

Meaning: Behaving morally correct or acceptable.

Example - If we follow good work **ethics**, we can succeed.

- **Belief**

Meaning: A feeling that something is true.

Example - There are so many **beliefs** related to God.

- **Global village**

Meaning: The whole world is considered as a single community.

Example - We must strive to achieve the concept of a **global village**.

- **Culturally acceptable**

Meaning: The act or behaviour that is accepted by the people of a certain culture.

Example - Cutting hair is **culturally acceptable** across the world.

- **Cultural specificities**

Meaning: The finding that the emotions and expressions vary dramatically in different cultures and societies.

Example - We must identify our **cultural specificities**.

- **Cultural conflicts**

Meaning: A fight between two or more people due to differences in their culture.

Example - India is prone to **cultural conflicts**.

- **Cultural uniqueness**

Meaning: A style of artistic expression, medium or system that is unique to a particular culture.

Example - **Cultural uniqueness** adds value to their people's efforts.

- **Cultural misconceptions**

Meaning: Understanding a culture wrongly.

Example - Kids have **cultural misconceptions** about other cultures.

- **Local culture**

Meaning: A set of behaviours, beliefs and customs that exist only in a particular region.

Example - The **local culture** is important for recognising their skills.

- **Global culture**

Meaning: A culture that is recognised and accepted globally.

Example - A utopian society can be achieved through accepting **global culture**.

- **To appeal to audience**

Meaning: The quality of being attractive to the audience.

Example - She has a great **appeal to the audience** through her sense of humour.

- **A work of art/music/literature**

Meaning: An object or a creation produced for principally functional purposes, including religious and other non-aesthetic reasons.

Example - **A work of art music** is applauded by the audience.

- **The aesthetic qualities of something**

Meaning: A core design principle that gives a pleasing quality.

Example - **The aesthetic qualities** of art is mind-blowing.

- **The portrayal of something**

Meaning: The show somebody/something.

Example - **The portrayal** of your paintings is fascinating.

- **A book/literature festival**

Meaning: A regular gathering of readers and writers.

Example - Recently, I went to **a book festival**.

- **Literary and artistic heritage**

Meaning: It is filled with all the authors, poets, scriptwriters, screenplay writers, journalists and dabblers in the written word who have come before you.

Example - The Chinese **literary and artistic heritage** is inspired by great philosophers.

- **To express oneself**

Meaning: To say or show one's thoughts and feelings.

Example - She **expressed herself** correctly to the public.

- **A resident orchestra**

Meaning: A group of musicians playing the same instrument.

Example - **A resident orchestra** is crucial for beginners.

- **Street musicians**

Meaning: A person who performs singing, playing musical instruments etc in streets for money.

Example - **Street musicians** are talented compared to others.



- **To sing in a choir**

Meaning: A group of people singing together in churches, schools, etc.

Example - If **you sing in a choir**, your fear will disappear.

- **Popular music**

Meaning: A music that is famous among all audiences.

Example - We composed the most **popular music** for this movie.

- **Folk songs**

Meaning: A song that originates in traditional popular music or that is written in such a style.

Example - **Folk songs** are meant to dance. So youngsters prefer folk music.

- **An opera house**

Meaning: A theatre meant for the performance of operas.

Example - You must practise guitar in **an opera house**.

- **A concert venue**

Meaning: The place where a public performance takes place, especially music.

Example - **The concert venue** is two streets away from my house.

- **Live music**

Meaning: A musical performance that is happening now.

Example - I got two tickets for the **live music** concert.

- **To take up a musical instrument**

Meaning: Learning a new musical instrument.

Example - Next year, I'm planning to **take up a musical instrument**.

- **Music genres**

Meaning: A category that identifies some pieces of music as a shared tradition or set of conventions.

Example - When I'm bored, I listen to different **music genres**.

- **Funding for the arts**

Meaning: Collecting money from various sources to do an art program.

Example - There are different types of **funding for the arts** in schools and colleges.

- **A mixed funding model for the arts**

Meaning: A type of model where a certain amount of money is given by the government and a certain amount of money is given by private sectors.

Example - Through a **mixed funding model for the arts**, we conducted this program on time.

- **To stage a play**

Meaning: A process of selecting, designing, adapting to, or changing the performance space to do a play or film.

Example - Quickly fix the camera and other properties **to stage a play** on spot.

- **Works of literary fiction**

Meaning: A made up story to entice the readers.

Example - My recent **works of literary fiction** have received me awards and recognition.



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- **A talented playwright**

Meaning: A person who writes plays very well.

Example - We have a **talented playwright** to finish this script.

- **To be a connoisseur of**

Meaning: A person who knows more about art, music, food, etc.

Example - I want **to be a connoisseur** of music.

- **An art movement**

Meaning - A style in art that features a specific philosophy or goal that is followed by a group of people over a period of time.

Example - We have **an art movement** to encourage young people to take up music and become a professional musician.

- **Performance art**

Meaning: It is an art form including visual art with dramatic performance.

Example - I am good at **performance art** and have done many live performances.

- **A priceless portrait**

Meaning: It is having a value that is incomparable.

Example - Your work is nothing but **a priceless portrait** of today's world.

- **To commission a work of art**

Meaning: It is requesting someone to create something artistic on behalf of others.

Example - We must ask him **to commission a work of art**.

- **The imposition of censorship**

Meaning: Suppression of speech, public communication and other information.


Example - Many of the stories in the book have been removed due to **the imposition of censorship**.




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