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# Map of the book

Unit number	Title	Topics	Test practice
<b>Unit 1</b>	Human nature	Character, psychology	Listening Section 4
<b>Unit 2</b>	Time for a change	Time, change	Reading
<b>Unit 3</b>	No man is an island	Individuality, community	Writing Task 1
<b>Unit 4</b>	Scientific discovery	Chemistry, medicine	Reading
<b>Unit 5</b>	Striving to achieve	Study, work	Speaking
<b>Unit 6</b>	Powers of persuasion	Advertising, marketing	Reading
<b>Unit 7</b>	Ways and means	Tourism, travel	Writing Task 1
<b>Unit 8</b>	State control	Government, society	Writing Task 2
<b>Unit 9</b>	Natural history	Animals, conservation	Reading
<b>Unit 10</b>	Rocket science	Space, physics	Listening Section 4
<b>Unit 11</b>	Progress	Technology, design	Reading
<b>Unit 12</b>	The latest thing	Fashion and trends, consumerism	Reading
<b>Unit 13</b>	Urban jungle	Rural life, city life	Listening Section 1

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Unit number	Title	Topics	Test practice
Unit 14	Tackling issues	Problems, solutions	Writing Task 2
Unit 15	This Earth	Natural phenomena, agriculture	Listening Section 3
Unit 16	Energy efficient	Energy, natural resources	Writing Task 2
Unit 17	Getting down to business	Management, personal finance	Reading
Unit 18	Law enforcement	Crime, punishment	Writing Task 2
Unit 19	The media	Fame and the media, media bias	Speaking
Unit 20	A matter of taste	The arts, personal taste	Reading

Reference section		
Unit 21	Learning vocabulary	Dictionaries, wordlists
Unit 22	IELTS Reading	Reading skills, question types
Unit 23	IELTS Writing	Writing Task 1, Writing Task 2
Unit 24	IELTS Listening	Section 1 and 2, Section 3 and 4
Unit 25	IELTS Speaking	Part 1, Part 2, Part 3

# Introduction

## What does the book aim to do?

*Cambridge Vocabulary for IELTS Advanced* aims to extend and improve the accuracy of your academic vocabulary and help you prepare for the IELTS academic module. It introduces vocabulary through listening and reading texts that reflect the materials used in the IELTS test. Learning new words in context can help you to remember them and also helps you to understand their meaning. This book also gives you opportunities to practise new words so that they can become part of your active vocabulary.

## Who is it aimed at?

The book is designed for upper-intermediate or advanced level students working alone who want to revise and extend their vocabulary. But it can also be used as part of an IELTS preparation course in the classroom, or set as homework by a teacher. It is also suitable for advanced general English students, or those preparing to study English for academic purposes.

## What order should I do the units in?

You can work through the units in any order, but you should study all the units if you want to prepare thoroughly for the test and extend your vocabulary. You may want to start with a particular unit because it relates to a topic in your course book or because you have a particular interest in that area. Unit 21 provides a very useful introduction to learning vocabulary so it may be a good idea to look at this first.

## How do I use the book?

It is best to work through a unit from beginning to end as one exercise may revise vocabulary from a previous exercise. The test practice sections provide further opportunities to extend your vocabulary, as well as giving you practice in the different sections of the IELTS test. The practice test materials are also useful for extending your vocabulary. Once you have completed the practice test questions, look at the reading and listening texts and focus on the areas where you made mistakes. Make a note of any vocabulary you do not know or anything that may be useful for you to use in the test.

## How are the units organised?

There are 25 units. The first 20 units present and practise vocabulary based on academic topics. Each topic is divided into two sections. Each unit has three pages of vocabulary exercises based on listening, reading, writing and speaking materials similar to those found in the IELTS test. There is also a focus on pronunciation. In addition, there is a test practice at the end of each unit, which includes examples of tasks in the following papers: Academic Reading; Academic Writing; Listening and Speaking. These tasks provide useful practice and revision even if you are not taking the test.

Following this introduction is a summary of what is in each part of the IELTS test. The last five units of the book provide a general guide to learning and using new vocabulary. Unit 21 gives useful tips on developing and using a dictionary. Units 22–25 focus on strategies for the individual sections of the test.

## What is on the audio CD?

You need to listen to the audio CD to do the listening and pronunciation exercises in the units. The test practice listening tests are also on the audio CD. In the IELTS Listening test you hear everything only once so remember this when you replay the tracks.

## How do I use the wordlist?

There is a wordlist for each unit at the back of the book. Some of the words may be specific to one topic area but many of them can be found and used in a wide variety of contexts. You may want to divide these lists up into smaller groups of words to learn at a time. It may be a good idea to study the wordlist before you begin each unit. Alternatively, your teacher might use the wordlist as a test or review at the end of each unit, or you could ask a friend to test you. You should be able to understand these words when you read or hear them, but you should also try to extend your active vocabulary by using them in your writing and speaking tasks. You should learn the correct spellings of words as well as any words that collocate with them.