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Practice These Words to Improve Your Reading Skills for PTE

Below is a **PTE-focused vocabulary list** with **clear meanings, useful synonyms, and exam-style sample sentences**. These words often appear in **PTE Reading: Multiple Choice, Fill in the Blanks, and Reorder Paragraphs**, so mastering them will significantly improve comprehension.



1. Reluctant

Meaning: Unwilling or hesitant to do something

Synonyms: Hesitant, unwilling, resistant **Sentence:**

The employee was **reluctant** to accept the new role due to increased responsibility.

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2. Armchair

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Meaning: Done in theory rather than through real experience

Synonyms: Theoretical, non-practical, observational **Sentence:**

Armchair critics often comment without understanding real-world challenges.

3. Overwhelming

Meaning: Very strong or difficult to manage

Synonyms: Intense, overpowering, immense **Sentence:**

The response to the policy change was **overwhelming**, with thousands of complaints received.

4. Exotic

Meaning: Unusual or originating from a distant place

Synonyms: Foreign, rare, unusual

Sentence:

The zoo introduced several **exotic** species from tropical regions.

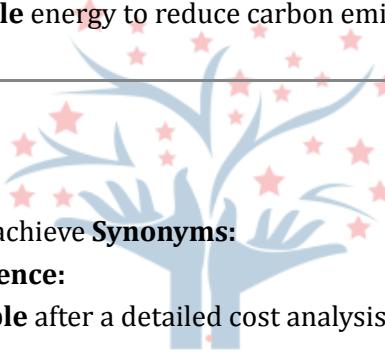
5. Sustainable

Meaning: Able to continue long-term without harming the environment

Synonyms: Eco-friendly, renewable, long-term

Sentence:

The company invested in **sustainable** energy to reduce carbon emissions.



6. Feasible

Meaning: Possible and practical to achieve **Synonyms:**

Achievable, workable, realistic **Sentence:**

The proposal was considered **feasible** after a detailed cost analysis.

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7. Nourish

Meaning: To provide food or support for growth

Synonyms: Feed, sustain, nurture

Sentence:

Balanced meals help **nourish** both the body and the mind

8. Offspring

Meaning: Children or young of a person or animal

Synonyms: Descendants, young, progeny **Sentence:**

Many animals protect their **offspring** until they are able to survive independently.

9. Vague

Meaning: Not clear or precise

Synonyms: Unclear, ambiguous, imprecise

Sentence:

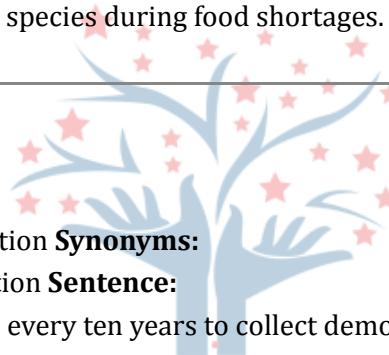
The instructions were too **vague** to follow accurately.

10. Cannibalism

Meaning: The act of eating one's own species **Synonyms:**

Self-consumption, intraspecies feeding **Sentence:**

Cannibalism is observed in certain species during food shortages.



11. Census

Meaning: Official count of a population **Synonyms:**

Survey, population count, enumeration **Sentence:**

The government conducts a **census** every ten years to collect demographic data.

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Meaning: Easily harmed or affected

Synonyms: At risk, exposed, fragile

Sentence:

Elderly people are more **vulnerable** to seasonal illnesses.

13. Lineage

Meaning: Family line or ancestry **Synonyms:**

Ancestry, heritage, descent **Sentence:**

The study traced the **lineage** of the species back thousands of years.

14. Diversity

Meaning: Variety within a group **Synonyms:**

Variety, range, difference **Sentence:**

Cultural **diversity** strengthens creativity in the workplace.

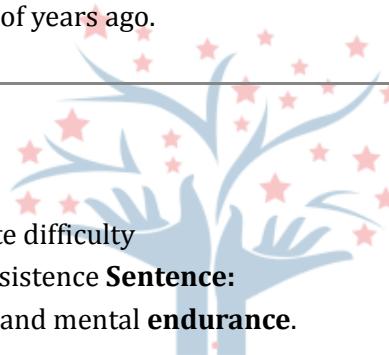
15. Extinct

Meaning: No longer existing

Synonyms: Disappeared, vanished, wiped out

Sentence:

Dinosaurs became **extinct** millions of years ago.



16. Endurance

Meaning: Ability to continue despite difficulty

Synonyms: Stamina, resilience, persistence **Sentence:**

Marathon runners require physical and mental **endurance**.

17. Mitigate

Meaning: To reduce severity or impact

Synonyms: Lessen, reduce, ease **Sentence:**

New policies aim to mitigate the effects of climate change.

18. Hierarchy

Meaning: System of ranking or levels

Synonyms: Order, structure, ranking

Sentence:

Most organizations follow a clear management **hierarchy**.

19. Chronology

Meaning: Order of events by time

Synonyms: Timeline, sequence, order

Sentence:

Understanding the **chronology** of events is essential in historical analysis.

20. Exploit

Meaning: To use something unfairly for benefit

Synonyms: Take advantage of, misuse, manipulate

Sentence:

Some companies **exploit** natural resources without considering environmental damage.



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PTE Tip

While reading, **focus on context**, not individual words. These terms often signal **cause-effect, comparison, or opinion**, which are crucial for **Reorder Paragraphs** and **Multiple Choice tasks**.

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PTE Reading: Fill in the Blanks – Vocabulary Practice Instructions:

Use the **word bank** to complete each sentence.

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Word Bank

Viable | Cannibalism | Allocate | Reluctant | Trend | Lineage | Flexible | Census | Endurance | Exotic | Decline | Sustainable | Armchair | Scarce | Hierarchy | Vague | Implement | Overwhelming | Chronology | Offspring | Exploit | Stable | Vulnerable | Diversity | Mitigate | Consequence | Feasible | Nourish | Extinct | Significant

Practice Set

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1. The government introduced new housing policies to _____ the impact of rising living costs.
2. Many endangered species are at risk of becoming _____ due to habitat destruction.
3. The instructions were too _____, leaving employees confused about their responsibilities.
4. Renewable energy is considered more _____ than fossil fuels in the long term.
5. The researcher explained the _____ of historical events to help students understand the timeline.
6. Some corporations continue to _____ natural resources for short-term profit.

7. The athlete's physical _____ allowed her to complete the ultra-marathon.

8. A national _____ helps authorities plan public services more effectively.

9. The child was _____ to speak in front of a large audience.

10. A healthy diet is essential to _____ the body and support brain function.

11. The company has a strict _____ that defines decision-making authority.

12. Certain insects display _____ when food is scarce.

13. The scientist studied the genetic _____ of the species.

14. The zoo introduced several _____ animals from tropical regions.

15. Cultural _____ in the workplace encourages innovation and creativity.

16. Elderly people are more _____ to severe illnesses.

17. The proposal seemed ambitious, but it was ultimately considered _____.

18. The documentary criticised _____ experts who comment without practical experience.

19. Parents are legally responsible for the wellbeing of their _____.

20. The public reaction to the announcement was _____, surprising government officials.

Answer Key (CHECK AFTER ATTEMPTING)

- 1. Mitigate**
- 2. Extinct**
- 3. Vague**
- 4. Sustainable**
- 5. Chronology**
- 6. Exploit**
- 7. Endurance**
- 8. Census**
- 9. Reluctant**
- 10. Nourish**
- 11. Hierarchy**
- 12. Cannibalism**
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- 16. Vulnerable**
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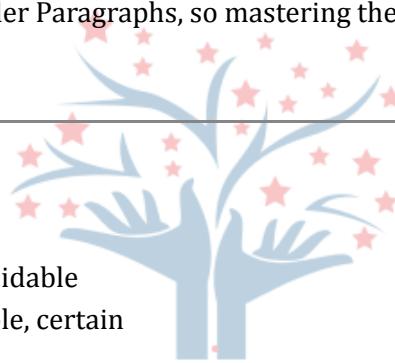
1. Inevitable

Meaning: Certain to happen; unavoidable

Synonyms: Unavoidable, inescapable, certain

Sentence:

With rapid technological change, automation in some industries is **inevitable**.



2. Scarce

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Meaning: In short supply

Synonyms: Limited, rare, insufficient

Sentence:

Clean drinking water is **scarce** in many arid regions.

3. Viable

Meaning: Capable of working successfully

Synonyms: Feasible, workable, practical

Sentence:

Solar power is a **viable** alternative to fossil fuels.

4. Evolved

Meaning: Developed gradually over time

Synonyms: Developed, progressed, adapted

Sentence:

Human communication has **evolved** significantly with digital technology

5. Humidity

Meaning: Amount of moisture in the air

Synonyms: Dampness, moisture level

Sentence:

High **humidity** can make hot weather feel ~~more~~ uncomfortable.



6. Pondered

Meaning: Thought about carefully

Synonyms: Considered, reflected on, contemplated

Sentence:

The committee **pondered** the long-term consequences of the decision.

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7. Imitate

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Meaning: To copy or follow an example

Synonyms: Mimic, replicate, copy

Sentence:

Children often **imitate** the behaviour of adults.

8. Honed

Meaning: Improved through practice

Synonyms: Refined, sharpened, perfected

Sentence:

She **honed** her presentation skills through regular practice.

9. Emphasis

Meaning: Special importance given to something

Synonyms: Focus, stress, importance

Sentence:

The course places strong **emphasis** on critical thinking.



10. Rational

Meaning: Based on logic and reason

Synonyms: Logical, sensible, reasonable

Sentence:

It is **rational** to evaluate both risks and benefits before investing.

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Meaning: To strongly dislike

Synonyms: Detest, despise, hate

Sentence:

Many people **loathe** unnecessary bureaucracy.

12. Succulent

Meaning: Juicy and tender (food)

Synonyms: Juicy, tender, moist

Sentence:

The restaurant is known for its **succulent** grilled seafood.

13. Fascinating

Meaning: Extremely interesting

Synonyms: Captivating, intriguing, engaging

Sentence:

The documentary presented a **fascinating** view of ancient civilisations.



14. Ubiquity

Meaning: The state of being everywhere

Synonyms: Omnipresence, widespread presence

Sentence:

The **ubiquity** of smartphones has transformed daily communication.

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15. Cognitive

Meaning: Related to thinking and understanding

Synonyms: Mental, intellectual, analytical

Sentence:

Regular reading improves **cognitive** development in children.

16. Proximity

Meaning: Nearness in space or time

Synonyms: Closeness, nearness, vicinity

Sentence:

The school's **proximity** to public transport benefits students.

17. Equitable

Meaning: Fair and just

Synonyms: Fair, impartial, just

Sentence:

The policy aims to ensure **equitable** access to healthcare.

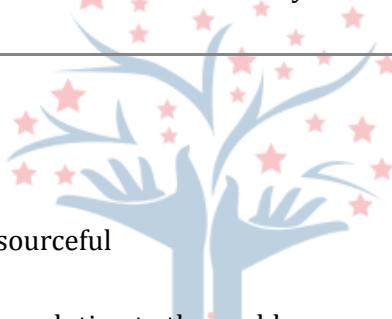
18. Versatile

Meaning: Able to adapt to many uses

Synonyms: Flexible, adaptable, multi-purpose

Sentence:

The device is **versatile** and suitable for both work and study



19. Ingenious

Meaning: Clever and inventive

Synonyms: Creative, innovative, resourceful

Sentence:

The engineer proposed an **ingenious** solution to the problem.

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20. Heralded

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Meaning: Announced or praised as important

Synonyms: Celebrated, announced, proclaimed

Sentence:

The discovery was **heralded** as a major scientific breakthrough.

PTE Tip

Focus on **word families and collocations** (e.g., inevitable change, equitable distribution, cognitive skills). This helps you eliminate distractors faster in **Reading Fill in the Blanks**

Practise SET-B

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Word Bank



Ingenious | Scarce | Rational | Proximity | Viable | Decline | Inevitable | Cognitive | Stable | Emphasis | Ubiquity | Flexible | Loathe | Humidity | Heralded | Evolved | Allocate | Succulent | Versatile | Fascinating | Equitable | Pondered | Imitate | Honed | Trend | Consequence

Practice Set

1. Due to climate change, water has become increasingly _____ in many regions.
2. The rapid spread of artificial intelligence makes job transformation _____.
3. The scientist _____ the long-term impact of the new technology before publishing the report.
4. Regular reading activities contribute to strong _____ development in children.
5. The smartphone's _____ has changed how people communicate globally
6. The organisation aims to provide _____ access to education for all students.

7. High _____ levels can make warm weather feel uncomfortable.

8. The proposal was considered _____ after a detailed cost-benefit analysis

9. The athlete _____ her skills through years of disciplined training.

10. The invention was _____ as a breakthrough in renewable energy

11. Children often _____ the behaviour of adults in social settings.

12. The chef prepared a _____ meal using fresh local ingredients.

13. It is important to make _____ decisions based on evidence rather than emotion.

14. Over time, human language has _____ to include digital forms of communication.

15. The device is highly _____ and suitable for multiple purposes.

16. The documentary offered a _____ insight into ancient civilisations.

17. The school's _____ to public transport makes it convenient for students.

18. The policy places strong _____ on environmental sustainability.

19. The engineer proposed an _____ solution to reduce energy consumption.

20. Many people _____ unnecessary paperwork and delays.

Answer Key (CHECK AFTER ATTEMPTING)

- 1. Scarce**
- 2. Inevitable**
- 3. Pondered**
- 4. Cognitive**
- 5. Ubiquity**
- 6. Equitable**
- 7. Humidity**
- 8. Viable**
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- 20. Loathe**

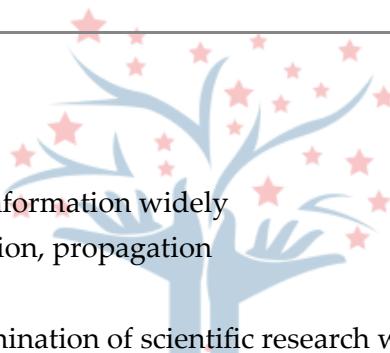


SET-C

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1. Dissemination



Meaning: The act of spreading information widely

Synonyms: Distribution, circulation, propagation

Sentence:

The internet enables rapid dissemination of scientific research worldwide.

2. Leapfrogging



Meaning: Advancing rapidly by skipping intermediate stages

Synonyms: Bypassing, fast-tracking, skipping stages

Sentence:

Developing countries are leapfrogging traditional banking by adopting mobile payments.

3. Vivid

Meaning: Very clear, detailed, or bright

Synonyms: Clear, striking, graphic

Sentence:

The author gave a vivid description of life in ancient cities.

4. Abundant

Meaning: Existing in large quantities

Synonyms: Plentiful, ample, plentiful

Sentence:

Solar energy is abundant in desert regions.

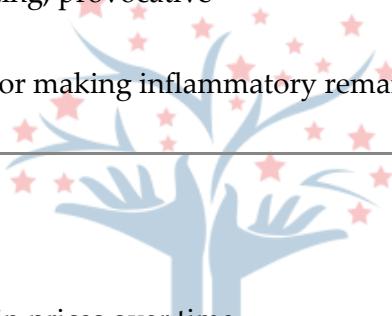
5. Inflammatory

Meaning: Likely to cause anger or strong emotion

Synonyms: Provocative, inciting, provocative

Sentence:

The politician was criticised for making inflammatory remarks.



6. Inflation

Meaning: A general increase in prices over time

Synonyms: Price rise, cost escalation

Sentence:

High inflation reduces consumers' purchasing power.

7. Liquidity

Meaning: The ability to convert assets into cash easily

Synonyms: Cash availability, solvency

Sentence:

Maintaining sufficient liquidity is essential for business stability.

8. Slackening

Meaning: Becoming weaker or slower

Synonyms: Weakening, slowing, declining

Sentence:

Economic growth showed signs of slackening during the final quarter.

9. Corollary

Meaning: A direct result or consequence

Synonyms: Result, outcome, consequence

Sentence:

Rising unemployment is a corollary of prolonged recession.

10. Discourse



Meaning: Formal discussion or written communication

Synonyms: Debate, discussion, dialogue

Sentence:

Public discourse on climate change has intensified in recent years.

11. Allure

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Meaning: A strong attraction or appeal

Synonyms: Attraction, appeal, charm

Sentence:

The allure of higher salaries attracts professionals to major cities.

12. Endeavour

Meaning: A serious or determined effort

Synonyms: Attempt, effort, undertaking

Sentence:

Scientific research is a collaborative endeavour requiring long-term commitment.

13. Fragmented

Meaning: Broken into parts; not unified

Synonyms: Divided, disconnected, scattered

Sentence:

The market remains fragmented, with many small competitors.

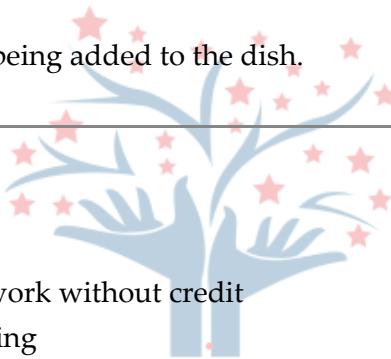
14. Grated

Meaning: Reduced to small pieces by rubbing; or irritated (context-based)

Synonyms: Shredded, scraped / annoyed, irritated

Sentence:

Cheese was grated finely before being added to the dish.



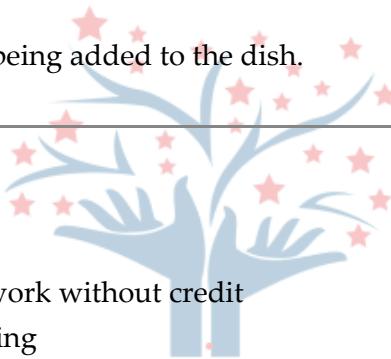
15. Plagiarism

Meaning: Using someone else's work without credit

Synonyms: Academic theft, copying

Sentence:

Universities impose strict penalties for plagiarism.



16. Stagnant

Meaning: Showing no growth or progress

Synonyms: Unchanged, inactive, motionless

Sentence:

Wages remained stagnant despite rising living costs.

17. Breakthrough

Meaning: A major discovery or development

Synonyms: Advancement, innovation, discovery

Sentence:

The vaccine was considered a medical breakthrough.

18. Humility

Meaning: Modesty; lack of arrogance

Synonyms: Modesty, meekness, humbleness

Sentence:

Effective leaders show humility by acknowledging their mistakes.

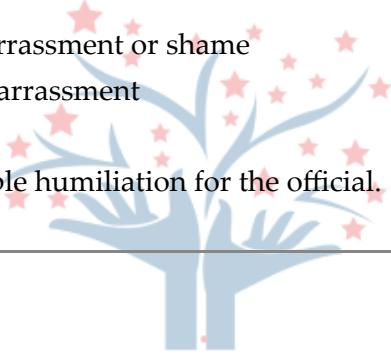
19. Humiliation

Meaning: A feeling of deep embarrassment or shame

Synonyms: Shame, disgrace, embarrassment

Sentence:

Public criticism caused considerable humiliation for the official.



20. Leverage

Meaning: To use something to gain advantage

Synonyms: Utilise, capitalise on, exploit

Sentence:

Businesses leverage technology to improve efficiency.

PTE Tip

Watch for academic collocations:

- dissemination of information
- economic stagnation

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PTE Reading: Fill in the Blanks – Vocabulary Practice

Instructions:

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Jumbled Word Bank (Correct Answers + Distractors)

Liquidity | Vivid | Endeavour | Fragmented | Inflation | Humility | Allure | Stagnant | Discourse | Dissemination | Abundant | Leverage | Corollary | Breakthrough | Slackening | Plagiarism | Leapfrogging | Humiliation | Inflammatory | Grated | Stable | Allocate | Viable | Consequence | Rational | Trend

Practice Set

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1. The rapid _____ of information through social media has transformed modern communication.
2. Many developing economies are _____ traditional infrastructure by adopting mobile technology.
3. The author used _____ language to describe the impact of climate change.
4. Natural resources are _____ in some regions but scarce in others.
5. The politician faced criticism for making _____ remarks during the debate.
6. Rising _____ has reduced the purchasing power of households.

7. Businesses must maintain sufficient _____ to manage unexpected expenses.

8. Economic growth showed signs of _____ toward the end of the year.

9. Increased automation is a direct _____ of technological advancement.

10. Academic _____ can result in severe penalties for students.

11. The lack of coordination led to a _____ approach to policy implementation.

12. Despite years of effort, wage growth remained _____.

13. The discovery was considered a major scientific _____.

14. Public _____ around climate policy has intensified in recent years.

15. The company aims to _____ its digital platforms to gain a competitive advantage.

16. Scientific research is a collaborative _____ requiring long-term commitment.

17. The actor accepted the award with great _____.

18. The public apology was intended to repair the _____ caused by the scandal.

19. The city's cultural _____ attracts millions of tourists each year.

20. Cheese is often _____ before being added to pasta dishes.

Answer Key (Check After Attempting)

1. Dissemination

2. Leapfrogging

3. Vivid

4. Abundant

5. Inflammatory

6. Inflation

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Meaning: Involving two or more academic subjects

Synonyms: Cross-disciplinary, integrative, multi-field

Sentence:

The university promotes **interdisciplinary** research combining technology and healthcare.

2. Leverage

Meaning: To use something to gain advantage

Synonyms: Utilise, capitalise on, exploit

Sentence:

Businesses can **leverage** data analytics to improve decision-making.

3. Fascinating

Meaning: Extremely interesting



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Synonyms: Captivating, intriguing, engaging

Sentence:

The lecture offered a **fascinating** insight into human behaviour.

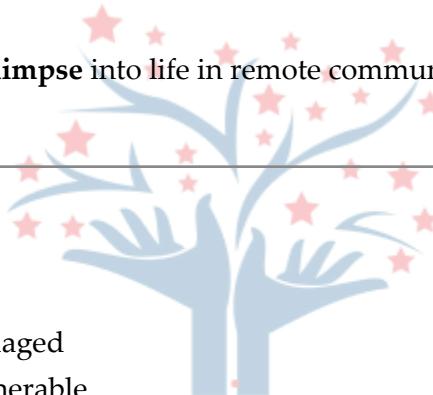
4. Glimpse

Meaning: A brief or partial view

Synonyms: Peek, brief look, snapshot

Sentence:

The documentary provided a **glimpse** into life in remote communities.



5. Fragile

Meaning: Easily broken or damaged

Synonyms: Delicate, weak, vulnerable

Sentence:

The ecosystem is extremely **fragile** and requires careful protection.

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6. Chronic

Meaning: Long-lasting or recurring

Synonyms: Persistent, ongoing, long-term

Sentence:

Air pollution has become a **chronic** problem in major cities.



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7. Ritual

Meaning: A traditional or repeated activity

Synonyms: Ceremony, custom, tradition

Sentence:

Morning tea is a daily **ritual** in many workplaces.

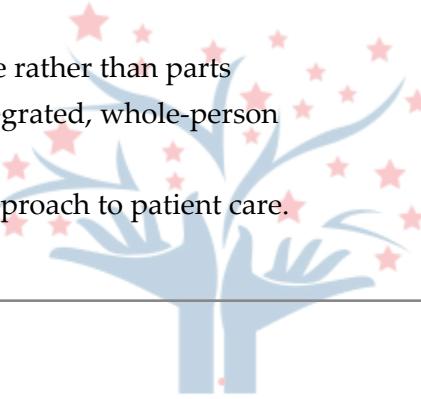
8. Holistic

Meaning: Considering the whole rather than parts

Synonyms: Comprehensive, integrated, whole-person

Sentence:

The hospital adopts a **holistic** approach to patient care.



9. Advent

Meaning: The arrival or beginning of something important

Synonyms: Emergence, arrival, introduction

Sentence:

The **advent** of artificial intelligence has transformed many industries.

10. Empower

Meaning: To give power or confidence

Synonyms: Enable, authorise, strengthen

Sentence:

Education can **empower** individuals to improve their quality of life.



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11. Unprecedented

Meaning: Never done or known before

Synonyms: Unmatched, novel, extraordinary

Sentence:

The pandemic caused **unprecedented** disruption to global supply chains.

12. Amusement

Meaning: Entertainment or enjoyment

Synonyms: Enjoyment, pleasure, entertainment

Sentence:

Theme parks provide **amusement** for people of all ages.



13. Depict

Meaning: To show or represent something

Synonyms: Portray, illustrate, represent

Sentence:

The painting **depicts** scenes from rural life.

14. Surge

Meaning: A sudden increase

Synonyms: Spike, rise, upswing

Sentence:



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There was a **surge** in online shopping during the holiday season.

15. **Gratitude**

Meaning: The feeling of being thankful

Synonyms: Appreciation, thankfulness

Sentence:

She expressed her **gratitude** to the team for their support.



16. **Gratification**

Meaning: Pleasure from satisfaction or success

Synonyms: Satisfaction, fulfilment, pleasure

Sentence:

Completing the project gave him a sense of **gratification**.

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17. **Analogy**

Meaning: A comparison to explain something

Synonyms: Comparison, parallel, similarity

Sentence:

The teacher used an **analogy** to explain complex scientific ideas.

18. **Tempted**



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Meaning: Attracted to something appealing

Synonyms: Enticed, lured, inclined

Sentence:

She was **tempted** to accept the offer despite the risks.

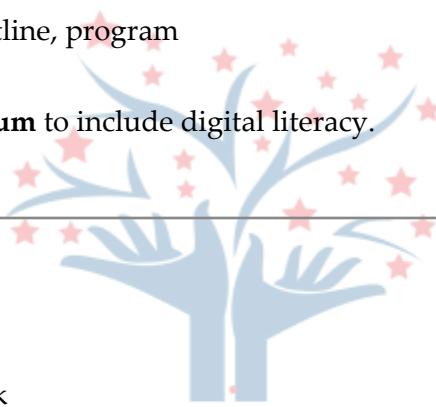
19. Curriculum

Meaning: The subjects taught in a course

Synonyms: Syllabus, course outline, program

Sentence:

The school updated its **curriculum** to include digital literacy.



20. Peril

Meaning: Serious danger or risk

Synonyms: Danger, threat, hazard

Sentence:

Climbers faced great **peril** during extreme weather conditions.

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Practice Set

1. The university encourages _____ research that combines science, technology, and social studies.
2. The documentary offered a brief _____ into the daily lives of indigenous communities.
3. The ecosystem is extremely _____ and can be damaged easily by pollution.
4. Long working hours have become a _____ issue affecting employee wellbeing.
5. The _____ of digital learning has transformed traditional education systems.
6. The training program aims to _____ employees by improving leadership skills.
7. There was an unexpected _____ in demand for electric vehicles.



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8. The course adopts a _____ approach, focusing on both mental and physical health.

9. The artist used colour to _____ emotions rather than realistic images.

10. Completing the research project gave the student a sense of _____.

11. The teacher used an _____ to explain the complex theory more clearly.

12. Updating the national _____ is necessary to meet modern industry needs.

13. Mountaineers faced serious _____ due to extreme weather conditions.

14. Companies often _____ technology to gain a competitive advantage.

15. The discovery led to _____ changes in medical treatment.

16. Morning exercise has become a daily _____ for many people.

17. The museum exhibition provides an educational form of _____ for children.

18. She expressed her _____ to the volunteers for their hard work.

19. He was _____ to accept the offer, despite knowing the risks involved.

20. Even a small mistake can have serious _____ in critical operations.



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Answers (CHECK AFTER ATTEMPTING)

1. Interdisciplinary
2. Glimpse
3. Fragile
4. Chronic
5. Advent
6. Empower
7. Surge
8. Holistic
9. Depict
10. Gratification
11. Analogy
12. Curriculum
13. Peril
14. Leverage
15. Unprecedented
16. Ritual
17. Amusement
18. Gratitude
19. Tempted
20. Consequence



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Practice These Words to Improve Your Reading Skills for PTE

Below is a **PTE-focused vocabulary list** with **clear meanings, useful synonyms, and exam-style sample sentences**. These words often appear in **PTE Reading: Multiple Choice, Fill in the Blanks, and Reorder Paragraphs**, so mastering them will significantly improve comprehension.

1. Enable

Meaning: To make something possible

Synonyms: Allow, permit, facilitate

Sentence:

Technology can **enable** remote learning for students worldwide.



2. Analytical

Meaning: Involving detailed examination or logical thinking

Synonyms: Logical, critical, methodical

Sentence:

PTE reading requires strong **analytical** skills to interpret complex texts.

3. Analogous

Meaning: Similar in some way

Synonyms: Comparable, similar, equivalent

Sentence:

The human brain is often described as **analogous** to a computer.



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4. Wilderness

Meaning: A natural area not developed by humans

Synonyms: Wild land, forest, natural region

Sentence:

The national park protects vast areas of untouched **wilderness**.

5. Poised

Meaning: Ready to take action; balanced

Synonyms: Prepared, ready, calm

Sentence:

The company is **poised** to expand into international markets.



6. Consciousness

Meaning: Awareness of oneself and surroundings

Synonyms: Awareness, perception, alertness

Sentence:

Sleep deprivation can affect levels of **consciousness**.

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7. Rehabilitation

Meaning: Restoration to health or normal life

Synonyms: Recovery, therapy, restoration

Sentence:

Physical **rehabilitation** is essential after serious injury.



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8. Ignite

Meaning: To start or trigger something

Synonyms: Spark, trigger, initiate

Sentence:

The speech helped **ignite** public interest in climate action.

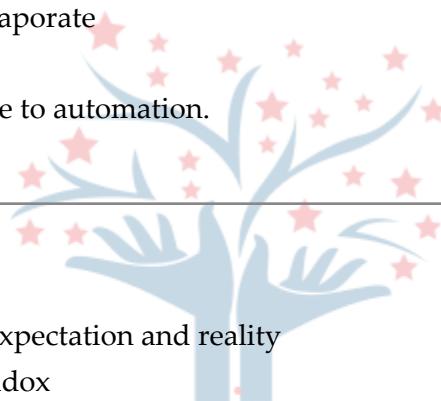
9. Vanish

Meaning: To disappear suddenly

Synonyms: Disappear, fade, evaporate

Sentence:

Traditional jobs may **vanish** due to automation.



10. Irony

Meaning: A contrast between expectation and reality

Synonyms: Contradiction, paradox

Sentence:

It is an irony that the fire station caught fire.

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11. Ambition

Meaning: A strong desire to achieve success

Synonyms: Aspiration, drive, goal

Sentence:

Her **ambition** motivated her to pursue higher education.

12. Transcend

Meaning: To go beyond limits



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Synonyms: Surpass, exceed, rise above

Sentence:

Great art can **transcend** cultural boundaries.

13. Morphing

Meaning: Gradually changing form or nature

Synonyms: Transforming, evolving, shifting

Sentence:

The company is **morphing** from a startup into a global brand.



14. Invade

Meaning: To enter forcefully or without permission

Synonyms: Enter, infiltrate, encroach

Sentence:

Urban development continues to **invade** natural habitats.

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15. Linger

Meaning: To stay longer than expected

Synonyms: Remain, persist, stay

Sentence:

The effects of the pandemic continue to linger.

16. Underpin

Meaning: To support or form the basis of something

Synonyms: Support, reinforce, strengthen

Sentence:



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Trust and transparency **underpin** effective leadership.

17. Underly

Meaning: To be the basic cause of something

Synonyms: Form the basis, lie beneath

Sentence:

Economic inequality **underlies** many social problems.

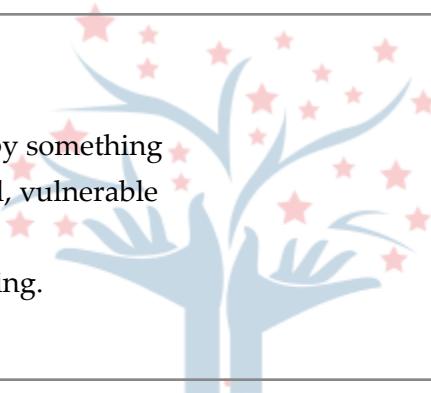
18. Prone

Meaning: Likely to be affected by something

Synonyms: Susceptible, inclined, vulnerable

Sentence:

Coastal areas are **prone** to flooding.



19. Exhilaration

Meaning: A feeling of excitement or happiness

Synonyms: Joy, excitement, thrill

Sentence:

She felt great **exhilaration** after completing the marathon.

20. Evoke

Meaning: To bring a feeling or memory to mind

Synonyms: Trigger, recall, arouse

Sentence:

The music **evoked** memories of childhood.



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21. Provoke

Meaning: To cause a reaction, often negative

Synonyms: Trigger, incite, stimulate

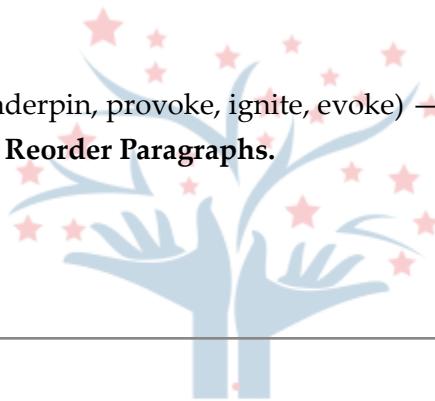
Sentence:

The article may **provoke** debate among readers.

PTE Tip

Focus on **cause–effect verbs** (underpin, provoke, ignite, evoke) — these are very common in **Reading Fill in the Blanks and Reorder Paragraphs.**

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Practise SET-E

PTE Reading: Fill in the Blanks – Vocabulary Practice

Instructions:

Use the **word bank** to complete each sentence.

Not all words will be used, just like in the real **PTE Reading FIB task**.

Word Bank

Enable | Irony | Poised | Evoke | Wilderness | Ambition | Analytical | Vanish | Rehabilitation | Underpin | Analogous | Consciousness | Ignite | Linger | Transcend | Prone | Morphing | Invade | Exhilaration | Provoke | Stable | Allocate | Rational | Trend | Consequence

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1. Advanced technology can _____ students to access education remotely.

2. The research paper required strong _____ thinking to interpret the data accurately.

3. The structure of the atom is often described as _____ to a miniature solar system.

4. The national park preserves large areas of untouched _____.

5. The company is _____ to enter the global market next year.

6. Loss of sleep can negatively affect human _____.



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7. Physical therapy plays a key role in patient _____ after injury.
8. The leader's speech helped _____ public enthusiasm for reform.
9. Many traditional occupations may _____ due to automation.
10. The situation was an _____, as the safety officer caused the accident.
11. Her strong _____ drove her to pursue a leadership role.
12. Great literature can _____ cultural and linguistic barriers.
13. The industry is _____ rapidly due to digital transformation.
14. Expanding cities continue to _____ surrounding natural habitats.
15. The smell of fresh bread can _____ childhood memories.
16. The emotional impact of the event continued to _____ for years.
17. Economic stability and trust _____ successful long-term growth.
18. Coastal regions are _____ to severe weather conditions.
19. Completing the mountain climb brought a sense of _____.
20. The controversial policy may _____ public opposition.



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