

**PTE Preparation Series**

# **Vocabulary Mastery**

**Essential Words for PTE Academic Success**



**Designed for PTE Students**

Comprehensive vocabulary practice with contextual  
examples and usage patterns



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## 1. Acquiesce (verb)

- Definition: To accept something reluctantly but without protest.
- Synonyms: Concede, Assent, Comply
- Antonyms: Refuse, Resist, Deny
- Example: Despite his initial reluctance, he eventually acquiesced to the demands of his team.

## 2. Abundant (adjective)

- Definition: Existing or available in large quantities; plentiful.
- Synonyms: plentiful, copious, ample
- Antonyms: scarce, rare, deficient
- Example: The country has an abundant supply of natural resources.

## 3. Abstract (adjective)

- Definition: Existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence.
- Synonyms: theoretical, conceptual, intangible
- Antonyms: concrete, real, physical
- Example: Abstract art doesn't represent real objects.

## 4. Accelerate (verb)

- Definition: To increase the rate or speed of something.
- Synonyms: hasten, expedite, quicken
- Antonyms: decelerate, slow, retard
- Example: The car accelerated rapidly down the highway.

## 5. Acceptable (adjective)

- Definition: Able to be agreed on; adequate or satisfactory.
- Synonyms: satisfactory, adequate, suitable
- Antonyms: unacceptable, inadequate, unsatisfactory
- Example: The quality of her work was acceptable.

## 6. Accessible (adjective)

- Definition: Easy to approach or enter.
- Synonyms: reachable, approachable, available
- Antonyms: inaccessible, unavailable, remote
- Example: The building is accessible to people in wheelchairs.

## 7. Accommodate (verb)

- Definition: Provide lodging or sufficient space for.
- Synonyms: house, lodge, hold
- Antonyms: discommode, exclude, reject



- Example: The hotel can accommodate up to 500 guests.

## 8. Accompany (verb)

- Definition: Go somewhere with someone as a companion or escort.
- Synonyms: escort, attend, chaperone
- Antonyms: abandon, leave, desert
- Example: I will accompany you to the airport.

## 9. Accurate (adjective)

- Definition: Correct in all details; exact.
- Synonyms: precise, exact, correct
- Antonyms: inaccurate, incorrect, wrong
- Example: The weather forecast was very accurate.

## 10. Achieve (verb)

- Definition: Successfully bring about or reach a desired objective or result by effort, skill, or courage.
- Synonyms: attain, accomplish, reach
- Antonyms: fail, lose, miss
- Example: She achieved her goal of becoming a doctor.

## 11. Acknowledge (verb)

- Definition: Accept or admit the truth or existence of.
- Synonyms: admit, recognize, concede
- Antonyms: deny, ignore, reject
- Example: He acknowledged that he had made a mistake.

## 12. Acquire (verb)

- Definition: Buy or obtain (an asset or object) for oneself.
- Synonyms: obtain, gain, procure
- Antonyms: lose, forfeit, relinquish
- Example: The museum acquired a new painting.

## 13. Adapt (verb)

- Definition: Become adjusted to new conditions.
- Synonyms: adjust, conform, modify
- Antonyms: misfit, resist, remain
- Example: It takes time to adapt to a new culture.

## 14. Adequate (adjective)

- Definition: Satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.



- Synonyms: sufficient, enough, ample
- Antonyms: inadequate, insufficient, deficient
- Example: The food was adequate for survival.

## 15. Adjacent (adjective)

- Definition: Next to or adjoining something else.
- Synonyms: neighboring, adjoining, nearby
- Antonyms: distant, remote, separate
- Example: Our hotel room was adjacent to the swimming pool.

## 16. Adjust (verb)

- Definition: Alter or regulate (something) so as to achieve accuracy or conform to a standard.
- Synonyms: modify, alter, change
- Antonyms: disturb, disarrange, unsettle
- Example: You may need to adjust the settings on your computer.

## 17. Admiration (noun)

- Definition: Respect and warm approval.
- Synonyms: respect, esteem, regard
- Antonyms: contempt, disdain, scorn
- Example: I have great admiration for her achievements.

## 18. Adoption (noun)

- Definition: The action or fact of legally taking another's child and bringing it up as one's own.
- Synonyms: acceptance, embracing, ratification
- Antonyms: rejection, denial, abandonment
- Example: The adoption process can be lengthy and complicated.

## 19. Advantage (noun)

- Definition: A condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position.
- Synonyms: benefit, edge, asset
- Antonyms: disadvantage, handicap, drawback
- Example: Having a good education is a great advantage.

## 20. Adverse (adjective)

- Definition: Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavorable.
- Synonyms: unfavorable, negative, detrimental
- Antonyms: favorable, positive, beneficial
- Example: The company suffered adverse publicity after the scandal.



## 21. Advocate (verb)

- Definition: Publicly recommend or support.
- Synonyms: support, promote, champion
- Antonyms: oppose, criticize, discourage
- Example: He advocates for human rights.

## 22. Affluent (adjective)

- Definition: Having a great deal of money; wealthy.
- Synonyms: wealthy, rich, prosperous
- Antonyms: poor, impoverished, needy
- Example: They live in an affluent neighborhood.

## 23. Aggravate (verb)

- Definition: Make (a problem, injury, or other negative situation) worse.
- Synonyms: worsen, exacerbate, intensify
- Antonyms: alleviate, relieve, improve
- Example: Running will aggravate your knee injury.

## 24. Aggregate (verb)

- Definition: Form or group into a class or cluster.
- Synonyms: combine, accumulate, assemble
- Antonyms: separate, disperse, divide
- Example: The students were aggregated into small groups.

## 25. Allocate (verb)

- Definition: Distribute (resources or duties) for a particular purpose.
- Synonyms: assign, distribute, allot
- Antonyms: withhold, retain, keep
- Example: The company allocates a budget for marketing.

## 26. Alternative (noun)

- Definition: One of two or more available possibilities.
- Synonyms: option, choice, substitute
- Antonyms: necessity, requirement, only option
- Example: There is an alternative route you can take.

## 27. Ambiguous (adjective)

- Definition: Open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning.
- Synonyms: unclear, vague, obscure
- Antonyms: clear, unambiguous, explicit



- Example: The instructions were ambiguous and difficult to understand.

## 28. Ambitious (adjective)

- Definition: Having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed.
- Synonyms: aspiring, determined, enterprising
- Antonyms: lazy, apathetic, unmotivated
- Example: She is an ambitious student who wants to go to medical school.

## 29. Amend (verb)

- Definition: Make minor changes in (a text) in order to make it fairer, more accurate, or more up-to-date.
- Synonyms: revise, alter, modify
- Antonyms: damage, worsen, impair
- Example: The constitution was amended to include new rights.

## 30. Amplify (verb)

- Definition: Increase the volume of (sound), especially using an amplifier.
- Synonyms: increase, intensify, magnify
- Antonyms: decrease, reduce, lessen
- Example: The band used amplifiers to amplify their music.

## 31. Analogous (adjective)

- Definition: Comparable in certain respects, typically in a way that clarifies the nature of the things compared.
- Synonyms: similar, comparable, parallel
- Antonyms: dissimilar, unrelated, different
- Example: The heart is analogous to a pump.

## 32. Analysis (noun)

- Definition: Detailed examination of the elements or structure of something.
- Synonyms: examination, investigation, scrutiny
- Antonyms: synthesis, association, conjecture
- Example: The scientist conducted an analysis of the data.

## 33. Anomaly (noun)

- Definition: Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.
- Synonyms: abnormality, irregularity, deviation
- Antonyms: normality, standard, typicality
- Example: The sudden drop in temperature was an anomaly.

## 34. Anticipate (verb)

- Definition: Regard as probable; expect or predict.



- Synonyms: expect, predict, foresee
- Antonyms: doubt, suspect, be surprised
- Example: We anticipate a large crowd at the concert.

### 35. Apparent (adjective)

- Definition: Clearly visible or understood; obvious.
- Synonyms: obvious, evident, clear
- Antonyms: obscure, hidden, unclear
- Example: It was apparent that she was unhappy.

### 36. Appreciate (verb)

- Definition: Recognize the full worth of.
- Synonyms: value, treasure, cherish
- Antonyms: undervalue, disregard, ignore
- Example: I appreciate your help.

### 37. Approach (verb)

- Definition: Come near or nearer to (someone or something) in distance.
- Synonyms: near, advance, reach
- Antonyms: leave, retreat, withdraw
- Example: The train is approaching the station.

### 38. Appropriate (adjective)

- Definition: Suitable or proper in the circumstances.
- Synonyms: suitable, fitting, proper
- Antonyms: inappropriate, unsuitable, improper
- Example: Wear appropriate clothing for the interview.

### 39. Approximate (adjective)

- Definition: Close to the actual, but not completely accurate or exact.
- Synonyms: estimated, rough, close
- Antonyms: exact, precise, accurate
- Example: The approximate cost of the project is \$1 million.

### 40. Arbitrary (adjective)

- Definition: Based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.
- Synonyms: random, capricious, subjective
- Antonyms: reasoned, logical, systematic
- Example: The decision was arbitrary and unfair.



### 41. Archaic (adjective)

- Definition: Very old or old-fashioned.
- Synonyms: ancient, obsolete, outdated
- Antonyms: modern, contemporary, current
- Example: The word 'thee' is archaic.

### 42. Argument (noun)

- Definition: An exchange of diverging or opposite views, typically a heated or angry one.
- Synonyms: dispute, debate, quarrel
- Antonyms: agreement, harmony, concord
- Example: They had a heated argument about politics.

### 43. Articulate (verb)

- Definition: Express (an idea or feeling) fluently and coherently.
- Synonyms: express, convey, communicate
- Antonyms: mumble, stammer, suppress
- Example: She is able to articulate her thoughts clearly.

### 44. Ascertain (verb)

- Definition: Find (something) out for certain; make sure of.
- Synonyms: discover, determine, verify
- Antonyms: assume, guess, speculate
- Example: I tried to ascertain the truth.

### 45. Assess (verb)

- Definition: Evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.
- Synonyms: evaluate, judge, estimate
- Antonyms: ignore, neglect, disregard
- Example: The teacher will assess the students' progress.

### 46. Asset (noun)

- Definition: A useful or valuable thing, person, or quality.
- Synonyms: advantage, resource, benefit
- Antonyms: liability, drawback, disadvantage
- Example: Her language skills are a valuable asset.

### 47. Assume (verb)

- Definition: Suppose to be the case, without proof.
- Synonyms: presume, suppose, guess
- Antonyms: know, prove, verify





- Example: I assume you are coming to the party.

#### 48. Assure (verb)

- Definition: Tell someone something positively to dispel any doubts.
- Synonyms: convince, guarantee, promise
- Antonyms: doubt, worry, question
- Example: I assure you that everything will be fine.

#### 49. Attain (verb)

- Definition: Succeed in achieving (something that one desires and has worked for).
- Synonyms: achieve, accomplish, obtain
- Antonyms: fail, lose, miss
- Example: He has attained great success in his career.

#### 50. Attribute (verb)

- Definition: Regard something as being caused by (someone or something).
- Synonyms: ascribe, credit, assign
- Antonyms: detach, separate, disassociate
- Example: She attributes her success to hard work.

#### 51. Audacious (adjective)

- Definition: Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.
- Synonyms: bold, daring, courageous
- Antonyms: timid, cautious, fearful
- Example: He made an audacious decision to quit his job.

#### 52. Augment (verb)

- Definition: Make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.
- Synonyms: increase, add to, supplement
- Antonyms: decrease, reduce, diminish
- Example: He augmented his income by working overtime.

#### 53. Authentic (adjective)

- Definition: Of undisputed origin; genuine.
- Synonyms: genuine, real, original
- Antonyms: fake, artificial, counterfeit
- Example: This is an authentic Italian pizza.

#### 54. Authority (noun)

- Definition: The power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.



- Synonyms: power, control, dominion
- Antonyms: subordination, powerlessness, weakness
- Example: The teacher has authority over the students.

## 55. Available (adjective)

- Definition: Able to be used or obtained; at someone's disposal.
- Synonyms: accessible, obtainable, handy
- Antonyms: unavailable, inaccessible, scarce
- Example: The book is available in all bookstores.

## 56. Aversion (noun)

- Definition: A strong dislike or disinclination.
- Synonyms: dislike, hatred, repugnance
- Antonyms: liking, love, affection
- Example: I have an aversion to spiders.

## 57. Axiomatic (adjective)

- Definition: Self-evident or unquestionable.
- Synonyms: self-evident, obvious, undeniable
- Antonyms: questionable, doubtful, uncertain
- Example: It is axiomatic that honesty is the best policy.

## 58. Abash (verb)

- Definition: Cause to feel embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed.
- Synonyms: embarrass, shame, disconcert
- Antonyms: embolden, encourage, uplift
- Example: She was not abashed by his open admiration.

## 59. Abdicate (verb)

- Definition: Renounce one's throne.
- Synonyms: resign, relinquish, step down
- Antonyms: assume, ascend, take over
- Example: The king abdicated his throne.

## 60. Aberration (noun)

- Definition: A departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically one that is unwelcome.
- Synonyms: deviation, irregularity, abnormality
- Antonyms: normality, regularity, conformity
- Example: A moral aberration.



### 61. Abet (verb)

- Definition: Encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular, to commit a crime or other offense.
- Synonyms: assist, aid, help
- Antonyms: hinder, obstruct, impede
- Example: He was accused of abetting the robber.

### 62. Abeyance (noun)

- Definition: A state of temporary disuse or suspension.
- Synonyms: suspension, dormancy, deferral
- Antonyms: activity, operation, implementation
- Example: Matters were held in abeyance pending further inquiries.

### 63. Abjure (verb)

- Definition: Solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).
- Synonyms: renounce, reject, forsake
- Antonyms: embrace, adopt, espouse
- Example: He abjured his allegiance to the organization.

### 64. Ablution (noun)

- Definition: The act of washing oneself.
- Synonyms: washing, cleansing, bathing
- Antonyms: dirtiness, uncleanness, pollution
- Example: He performed his ablutions in the morning.

### 65. Abnegate (verb)

- Definition: Renounce or reject (something desired or valuable).
- Synonyms: renounce, reject, deny
- Antonyms: indulge, embrace, accept
- Example: He abnegated worldly possessions.

### 66. Aboriginal (adjective)

- Definition: Inhabiting or existing in a land from the earliest times or from before the arrival of colonists.
- Synonyms: native, indigenous, original
- Antonyms: immigrant, foreign, alien
- Example: The aboriginal people of Australia.

### 67. Abrogate (verb)

- Definition: Repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement).
- Synonyms: repeal, revoke, rescind



- **Antonyms:** enact, validate, institute
- Example: A proposal to abrogate treaty.

## 68. Abscond (verb)

- Definition: Leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to avoid detection of or arrest for an unlawful action such as theft.
- **Synonyms:** flee, escape, decamp
- **Antonyms:** remain, stay, appear
- Example: She absconded with the stolen money.

## 69. Abstemious (adjective)

- Definition: Not self-indulgent, especially when eating and drinking.
- **Synonyms:** temperate, moderate, restrained
- **Antonyms:** gluttonous, intemperate, indulgent
- Example: An abstemious diet.

## 70. Abstruse (adjective)

- Definition: Difficult to understand; obscure.
- **Synonyms:** obscure, esoteric, recondite
- **Antonyms:** clear, obvious, straightforward
- Example: An abstruse philosophical essay.

## 71. Accede (verb)

- Definition: Agree to a demand, request, or treaty.
- **Synonyms:** agree, consent, assent
- **Antonyms:** refuse, reject, decline
- Example: The authorities did not accede to the strikers' demands.

## 72. Accolade (noun)

- Definition: An award or privilege granted as a special honor or as an acknowledgment of merit.
- **Synonyms:** award, honor, tribute
- **Antonyms:** criticism, reproach, disapproval
- Example: He received accolades for his bravery.

## 73. Accoutrements (noun)

- Definition: Additional items of dress or equipment, or other items used for a particular activity.
- **Synonyms:** equipment, paraphernalia, gear
- **Antonyms:** essentials, necessities, basics
- Example: The accoutrements of religious worship.



## 74. Acerbic (adjective)

- Definition: (Especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright.
- Synonyms: sharp, sarcastic, caustic
- Antonyms: mild, kind, pleasant
- Example: His acerbic wit.

## 75. Acrimony (noun)

- Definition: Bitterness or ill feeling.
- Synonyms: bitterness, rancor, resentment
- Antonyms: harmony, peace, goodwill
- Example: The dispute ended in acrimony.

## 76. Acumen (noun)

- Definition: The ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain.
- Synonyms: shrewdness, astuteness, intelligence
- Antonyms: stupidity, naivety, ignorance
- Example: His business acumen.

## 77. Adamant (adjective)

- Definition: Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.
- Synonyms: unyielding, inflexible, stubborn
- Antonyms: flexible, yielding, compliant
- Example: He is adamant that he is not guilty.

## 78. Adduce (verb)

- Definition: Cite as evidence.
- Synonyms: cite, quote, present
- Antonyms: withdraw, conceal, hide
- Example: He adduces several reasons to support his argument.

## 79. Adherent (noun)

- Definition: Someone who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas.
- Synonyms: supporter, follower, disciple
- Antonyms: opponent, detractor, critic
- Example: He is a staunch adherent of the party.

## 80. Adjunct (noun)

- Definition: A thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part.
- Synonyms: addition, supplement, accessory
- Antonyms: main, essential, core



- Example: Computer technology is an adjunct to learning.

### 81. Admonish (verb)

- Definition: Warn or reprimand someone firmly.
- Synonyms: reprimand, rebuke, scold
- Antonyms: praise, commend, applaud
- Example: She admonished him for his behavior.

### 82. Adroit (adjective)

- Definition: Clever or skillful in using the hands or mind.
- Synonyms: skillful, adept, dexterous
- Antonyms: clumsy, awkward, inept
- Example: He is an adroit negotiator.

### 83. Adulterate (verb)

- Definition: Render (something) poorer in quality by adding another substance, typically an inferior one.
- Synonyms: debase, spoil, contaminate
- Antonyms: purify, refine, improve
- Example: The food was adulterated with harmful ingredients.

### 84. Adumbrate (verb)

- Definition: Indicate faintly.
- Synonyms: outline, suggest, hint
- Antonyms: clarify, illuminate, specify
- Example: The walls were adumbrated by candle light.

### 85. Affable (adjective)

- Definition: Likeable or easy to talk to.
- Synonyms: amiable, genial, cordial
- Antonyms: unfriendly, reserved, surly
- Example: The hostess was affable and welcoming.

### 86. Alacrity (noun)

- Definition: Eagerness or willingness.
- Synonyms: eagerness, readiness, enthusiasm
- Antonyms: apathy, reluctance, indifference
- Example: The new employee performed his duties with alacrity.

### 87. Ameliorate (verb)

- Definition: To improve.



- Synonyms: improve, enhance, better
- Antonyms: worsen, exacerbate, aggravate
- Example: Measures taken to ameliorate the environmental impact.

## 88. Amenable (adjective)

- Definition: Responsive to suggestion.
- Synonyms: responsive, cooperative, tractable
- Antonyms: uncooperative, resistant, intractable
- Example: The employees are amenable to change.

## 89. Anachronism (noun)

- Definition: Something out of place or time.
- Synonyms: misdating, out of time, out of place
- Antonyms: contemporary, modern, relevant
- Example: A horse and carriage would be an anachronism in modern society.