

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. Xenophobia (noun)

- Definition: Dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.
- Synonyms: prejudice, bigotry, chauvinism
- Antonyms: acceptance, tolerance, openness
- Example: The politician's speech fueled xenophobia among voters.

2. Xerophyte (noun)

- Definition: A plant adapted to survive in dry conditions.
- Synonyms: succulent, desert plant, drought-resistant plant
- Example: Cacti are a well-known example of a xerophyte.

3. Xylophone (noun)

- Definition: A musical instrument with wooden bars that are struck to produce sounds.
- Synonyms: glockenspiel, marimba, vibraphone
- Example: The child enjoyed playing the xylophone.

4. Xenon (noun)

- Definition: A colorless, odorless noble gas used in lighting.
- Synonyms: noble gas, inert gas, element
- Example: Xenon is used in high-intensity lamps.

5. Xeric (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to or adapted to a dry environment.
- Synonyms: arid, dry, desert
- Example: The garden was designed with xeric landscaping.

6. Xenial (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to hospitality, especially to visiting strangers.
- Synonyms: hospitable, welcoming, friendly
- Example: The family's xenial nature made the guests feel welcome.

7. Xylem (noun)

- Definition: The vascular tissue in plants that conducts water and dissolved nutrients upward from the root.
- Synonyms: vascular tissue, plant tissue, wood
- Example: The xylem transports water throughout the plant.

8. Xanthic (adjective)

- Definition: Yellow or yellowish.
- Synonyms: yellowish, yellow, gold



- **Antonyms:** blue, red, green
- Example: The xanthic leaves signaled the arrival of autumn.

9. Xyst (noun)

- Definition: An open portico or garden used by Greek athletes.
- **Synonyms:** colonnade, portico, covered walk
- Example: The athletes trained in the xyst.

10. Xenolith (noun)

- Definition: A rock fragment which becomes enveloped in a larger rock during the latter's development and solidification.
- **Synonyms:** inclusion, foreign rock, fragment
- Example: The geologist discovered a xenolith within the igneous rock.

11. Xerography (noun)

- Definition: A dry copying process in which black powder is used to create an image on paper.
- **Synonyms:** photocopying, duplication, printing
- Example: Xerography revolutionized the office copying process.

12. Xylography (noun)

- Definition: The art of engraving on wood.
- **Synonyms:** wood engraving, woodcut, block printing
- Example: The museum exhibited examples of ancient xylography.

13. Xiphoid (adjective)

- Definition: Sword-shaped or resembling a sword.
- **Synonyms:** sword-shaped, ensiform, pointed
- Example: The xiphoid process is part of the sternum.

14. Xylose (noun)

- Definition: A sugar present in wood and straw.
- **Synonyms:** wood sugar, pentose, sugar
- Example: Xylose is a component of hemicellulose.

15. Xylol (noun)

- Definition: A clear, colorless, flammable liquid aromatic hydrocarbon.
- **Synonyms:** xylene, dimethylbenzene, solvent
- Example: Xylol is used as a solvent in various industries.

16. Xmas (noun)



- Definition: A common abbreviation for Christmas.
- Synonyms: Christmas, Yuletide, Noel
- Example: We are planning a big party for Xmas.

17. Xanthophyll (noun)

- Definition: A yellow or brown carotenoid pigment in plants.
- Synonyms: carotenoid, pigment, plant pigment
- Example: Xanthophyll contributes to the color of autumn leaves.

18. Xyridine (noun)

- Definition: A poisonous organic compound.
- Synonyms: poison, toxin, toxic substance
- Example: Xyridine can be toxic if ingested.

19. Xystus (noun)

- Definition: A long portico or open court for athletic exercises, especially in ancient Greece.
- Synonyms: gymnasium, training area, exercise court
- Example: The athletes prepared in the xystus.

20. Xylocarp (noun)

- Definition: A hard, woody fruit.
- Synonyms: woody fruit, hard fruit, nut
- Example: The coconut is an example of a xylocarp.

21. Xylopyrography (noun)

- Definition: The art of burning designs on wood.
- Synonyms: wood burning, pyrography, wood art
- Example: The artist practiced xylopyrography to create intricate designs.

22. Xenogeneic (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to or involving tissues or organs from different species.
- Synonyms: heterologous, interspecies, transspecies
- Example: Xenogeneic transplantation faces many immunological challenges.

23. Xeranthemum (noun)

- Definition: A genus of Eurasian plants in the daisy family, known for their dry, papery flowers.
- Synonyms: everlasting flower, immortelle, dried flower
- Example: Xeranthemum flowers retain their shape and color when dried.

24. Xyloma (noun)



- Definition: A disease of plants characterized by woody outgrowths.
- Synonyms: plant disease, woody growth, tumor
- Example: The tree suffered from xyloma, causing abnormal growth.

25. Xenodiagnosis (noun)

- Definition: A diagnostic method involving the use of a live vector to detect the presence of a disease organism.
- Synonyms: biological diagnosis, vector diagnosis, parasite detection
- Example: Xenodiagnosis is used to detect Chagas disease.

26. Xylidine (noun)

- Definition: Any of several isomeric compounds that are amino derivatives of xylene.
- Synonyms: amino xylene, organic compound, dye precursor
- Example: Xylidine is used in the manufacture of dyes.

27. Xiphosuran (noun)

- Definition: An order of marine chelicerate arthropods that includes horseshoe crabs.
- Synonyms: horseshoe crab, marine arthropod, chelicerate
- Example: The xiphosuran is considered a living fossil.

28. Xenocryst (noun)

- Definition: A crystal found in an igneous rock that is foreign to the rock's origin.
- Synonyms: foreign crystal, inclusion, mineral impurity
- Example: The xenocryst provided clues about the magma's source.

29. Xylitol (noun)

- Definition: A sugar alcohol used as a sweetener.
- Synonyms: sugar alcohol, sweetener, birch sugar
- Example: Xylitol is often used in sugar-free gum.

30. Xylophile (noun)

- Definition: An organism that thrives on or in wood.
- Synonyms: wood-loving organism, wood dweller, wood inhabitant
- Example: Certain fungi are xylophiles, decomposing wood.

31. Xenial (adjective)

- Definition: Hospitable, especially to strangers.
- Synonyms: hospitable, friendly, welcoming
- Antonyms: inhospitable, unfriendly, unwelcoming
- Example: The xenial host made all the guests feel at home.



32. Xenogamy (noun)

- Definition: Cross-fertilization.
- Synonyms: cross-pollination, outcrossing, allogamy
- Example: Xenogamy leads to greater genetic diversity in plants.

33. Xyrosipira (noun)

- Definition: A genus of filamentous green algae.
- Synonyms: filamentous algae, green algae, freshwater algae
- Example: Xyrosipira can be found in freshwater habitats.

34. Xerogel (noun)

- Definition: A solid formed from a gel by drying with unhindered shrinkage.
- Synonyms: dried gel, solid gel, porous solid
- Example: Xerogels are used in various applications, including insulation.

35. Xenoblastic (adjective)

- Definition: Describing a mineral grain in a metamorphic rock that has no distinct crystal faces.
- Synonyms: anhedral, irregular, formless
- Example: The xenoblastic grains were formed under high pressure.

36. Xyloma (noun)

- Definition: A tumor-like swelling on plants caused by fungi.
- Synonyms: gall, tumor, swelling
- Example: The tree was affected by xyloma.

37. Xerorate (verb)

- Definition: To make something very dry.
- Synonyms: desiccate, dry out, dehydrate
- Example: The sun can xerorate the soil quickly.

38. Xenophobia (noun)

- Definition: An obsolete term for xenophobia.
- Synonyms: xenophobia, prejudice, bigotry
- Example: The old text used the term xenophobia to describe fear of strangers.

39. Xylanthrax (noun)

- Definition: Fossil wood resembling charcoal.
- Synonyms: fossil charcoal, petrified wood, mineralized wood
- Example: The archeologist found xylanthrax during the excavation.



40. Xylidin (noun)

- Definition: A chemical compound used in dyes and pharmaceuticals.
- Synonyms: amino xylene, organic compound, chemical intermediate
- Example: Xylidin is a precursor in the synthesis of certain chemicals.

41. Xylylene (noun)

- Definition: A chemical compound used in polymer synthesis.
- Synonyms: divinylbenzene, organic compound, polymer precursor
- Example: Xylylene is used to create thin polymer films.

42. Xerarch (adjective)

- Definition: Starting in a dry environment.
- Synonyms: dry succession, arid beginning, desert start
- Example: The xerarch succession began on the rocky outcrop.

43. Xiphias (noun)

- Definition: The scientific name for the genus of swordfish.
- Synonyms: swordfish, billfish, marine fish
- Example: Xiphias gladius is the most common species of swordfish.

44. Xanthopsia (noun)

- Definition: A condition in which objects appear to be yellow.
- Synonyms: yellow vision, yellow perception, color vision defect
- Example: The patient experienced xanthopsia after taking the medication.

45. Xerasere (noun)

- Definition: A series of ecological communities that originate in an extremely dry habitat.
- Synonyms: ecological succession, dryland series, habitat development
- Example: The xerasere eventually led to a more diverse ecosystem.

46. Xeroradiography (noun)

- Definition: A type of X-ray imaging using a metal plate coated with selenium.
- Synonyms: dry radiography, selenium imaging, X-ray technique
- Example: Xeroradiography was an earlier form of mammography.

47. Xenial (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to the relationship between a host and guest; hospitable.
- Synonyms: hospitable, friendly, welcoming
- Antonyms: unwelcoming, unfriendly, inhospitable
- Example: The xenial atmosphere made us feel welcome.



48. Xenium (noun)

- Definition: A gift given to a guest or envoy.
- Synonyms: gift, present, offering
- Example: The ambassador received a xenium upon his arrival.

49. Xyloma (noun)

- Definition: A tumor-like growth on plants.
- Synonyms: gall, growth, tumor
- Example: The tree suffered from xyloma on its branches.

50. Xenotime (noun)

- Definition: A phosphate mineral of yttrium.
- Synonyms: yttrium phosphate, rare earth mineral, phosphate mineral
- Example: Xenotime is a source of rare earth elements.

51. Xylosemia (noun)

- Definition: The presence of xylose in the blood.
- Synonyms: blood xylose, xylose in blood, metabolic condition
- Example: Xylosemia can be a sign of certain metabolic disorders.

52. Xenogenic (adjective)

- Definition: Originating from a foreign source, particularly a different species.
- Synonyms: heterologous, foreign, allogeneic
- Antonyms: autologous, isogeneic, syngeneic
- Example: Xenogenic transplants involve tissues from other species.

53. Xanthochromia (noun)

- Definition: Yellow discoloration of the cerebrospinal fluid.
- Synonyms: CSF discoloration, yellow CSF, cerebrospinal fluid discoloration
- Example: Xanthochromia can indicate bleeding in the brain.

54. Xylopyrography (noun)

- Definition: The art of burning designs on wood.
- Synonyms: wood burning, pyrography, wood art
- Example: She practiced xylopyrography to create detailed artwork.

55. Xenomorphic (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to or denoting a crystal that does not have its own characteristic shape.
- Synonyms: anhedral, irregular, shapeless
- Example: The xenomorphic mineral filled the gaps in the rock.



56. Xylophage (noun)

- Definition: An organism that feeds on wood.
- Synonyms: wood-eater, wood-borer, lignivore
- Example: Termites are xylophages, causing damage to wooden structures.

57. Xiphoid (adjective)

- Definition: Shaped like a sword.
- Synonyms: sword-shaped, ensiform, pointed
- Example: The xiphoid process is a small bony projection.

58. Xenolite (noun)

- Definition: A rock fragment embedded in an igneous rock.
- Synonyms: inclusion, foreign rock, embedded fragment
- Example: The geologist studied the xenolite to understand the rock's history.

59. Xenial (adjective)

- Definition: Friendly, especially to strangers.
- Synonyms: hospitable, welcoming, friendly
- Antonyms: unfriendly, unwelcoming, inhospitable
- Example: The xenial villagers welcomed us with open arms.

60. Xylem (noun)

- Definition: Plant tissue that transports water and nutrients from roots to stems and leaves.
- Synonyms: vascular tissue, wood tissue, plant conduit
- Example: The xylem carries water up the tree.

61. Xenophobia (noun)

- Definition: Fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners.
- Synonyms: prejudice, bigotry, chauvinism
- Antonyms: tolerance, acceptance, openness
- Example: The politician's rhetoric incited xenophobia.

62. Xeriscaping (noun)

- Definition: Landscaping using drought-tolerant plants to conserve water.
- Synonyms: drought-resistant landscaping, water-wise gardening, arid landscaping
- Example: We opted for xeriscaping to reduce our water bill.

63. Xerophyte (noun)

- Definition: A plant adapted to survive in dry conditions.
- Synonyms: drought-resistant plant, succulent, arid plant



- Example: Cacti are xerophytes.

64. Xerography (noun)

- Definition: A dry photocopying technique.
- Synonyms: photocopying, duplication, electrostatic printing
- Example: Xerography made copying documents easier.

65. Xylose (noun)

- Definition: A sugar found in wood and straw.
- Synonyms: wood sugar, pentose, aldopentose
- Example: Xylose is a component of hemicellulose.

66. Xylophone (noun)

- Definition: A musical instrument with wooden bars that are struck to produce sounds.
- Synonyms: percussion instrument, glockenspiel, marimba
- Example: She played a melody on the xylophone.

67. Xanthous (adjective)

- Definition: Of a yellow color.
- Synonyms: yellow, golden, amber
- Antonyms: blue, red, green
- Example: The xanthous flowers brightened the garden.

68. Xenolith (noun)

- Definition: A foreign rock fragment within a larger rock.
- Synonyms: inclusion, foreign rock, fragment
- Example: The xenolith provided clues about the origin of the magma.

69. Xyloglyphy (noun)

- Definition: The art of carving on wood.
- Synonyms: wood carving, wood sculpture, wood engraving
- Example: The museum displayed ancient examples of xyloglyphy.

70. Xerodermia (noun)

- Definition: A skin condition characterized by dryness and roughness.
- Synonyms: dry skin, xerosis, skin dryness
- Example: Xerodermia can be treated with emollients.

71. Xerotic (adjective)

- Definition: Dry; affected by dryness.



- Synonyms: arid, dry, desiccated
- Antonyms: humid, moist, wet
- Example: The desert climate is xerotic.

72. Xylocarpous (adjective)

- Definition: Having a hard, woody fruit.
- Synonyms: woody-fruited, hard-fruited, nut-bearing
- Example: The coconut palm produces xylocarpous fruits.

73. Xiphoidalgia (noun)

- Definition: Pain in the xiphoid process.
- Synonyms: xiphoid pain, sternal pain, chest pain
- Example: The patient complained of xiphoidalgia after the injury.

74. Xyloma (noun)

- Definition: A woody tumor-like growth on plants.
- Synonyms: gall, tumor, plant growth
- Example: The tree suffered from xyloma on its branches.

75. Xylophonic (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to or resembling the sound of a xylophone.
- Synonyms: percussive, melodic, instrumental
- Example: The music had a distinct xylophonic quality.

76. Xenophile (noun)

- Definition: A person who is attracted to foreign peoples, cultures, or customs.
- Synonyms: multiculturalist, cosmopolitan, globetrotter
- Antonyms: xenophobe, nationalist, isolationist
- Example: As a xenophile, she loves traveling to new countries.

77. Xiphos (noun)

- Definition: A double-edged, short sword used by the ancient Greeks.
- Synonyms: short sword, Greek sword, ancient weapon
- Example: The hoplite carried a xiphos as a secondary weapon.

78. Xenon (noun)

- Definition: A chemical element that is an inert gas.
- Synonyms: inert gas, noble gas, element
- Example: Xenon is used in certain types of lighting.



79. Xystarch (noun)

- Definition: An official in charge of a xystus.
- Synonyms: gymnasium director, training supervisor, athletic manager
- Example: The xystarch oversaw the training of athletes.

80. Xerogel (noun)

- Definition: A solid gel dried with shrinkage.
- Synonyms: dried gel, solid gel, porous material
- Example: Xerogels are used in various applications due to their porosity.

81. Xylotomy (noun)

- Definition: The dissection of wood.
- Synonyms: wood anatomy, wood dissection, wood study
- Example: Xylotomy is used in the study of wood anatomy.

82. Xylopyrography (noun)

- Definition: The art of burning designs on wood.
- Synonyms: wood burning, pyrography, wood art
- Example: He demonstrated xylopyrography at the craft fair.

83. Xenocracy (noun)

- Definition: Government by foreigners.
- Synonyms: foreign rule, alien government, foreign domination
- Example: The country suffered under a xenocracy.

84. Xenodochium (noun)

- Definition: A place for receiving strangers; a hospice.
- Synonyms: hospice, guest house, inn
- Example: The monks maintained a xenodochium for travelers.

85. Xylophagous (adjective)

- Definition: Wood-eating.
- Synonyms: wood-eating, lignivorous, wood-boring
- Example: Termites are xylophagous insects.

86. Xiphoid (noun)

- Definition: The small bony projection at the lower end of the sternum.
- Synonyms: xiphoid process, ensiform process, sternal appendage
- Example: The xiphoid process is located below the breastbone.



87. Xylograph (noun)

- Definition: A woodcut.
- Synonyms: woodcut, wood engraving, block print
- Example: The book was illustrated with xylographs.

88. Xenoplastic (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to the grafting of tissue from one species to another.
- Synonyms: heterograft, xenograft, transplant
- Example: Xenoplastic grafts are used in certain medical procedures.

89. Xanthoma (noun)

- Definition: A yellowish deposit of fatty material under the skin.
- Synonyms: fatty deposit, cholesterol deposit, skin lesion
- Example: Xanthomas can be a sign of high cholesterol.

90. Xertz (verb)

- Definition: To gulp down greedily or rapidly.
- Synonyms: gulp, swig, devour
- Antonyms: sip, savor, nibble
- Example: He xertzed his drink after the race

91. Xenial (adjective)

- Definition: Relating to hospitality, especially between a host and a guest.
- Synonyms: hospitable, friendly, welcoming
- Antonyms: inhospitable, unfriendly, unwelcoming
- Example: The xenial atmosphere made the visitors feel at home.

92. Xenodochial (adjective)

- Definition: Hospitable to strangers.
- Synonyms: hospitable, welcoming, friendly
- Antonyms: unwelcoming, unfriendly, inhospitable
- Example: The innkeeper was known for his xenodochial nature.

93. Xylol (noun)

- Definition: A solvent used in paints and varnishes.
- Synonyms: xylene, dimethylbenzene, solvent
- Example: Xylol is a common ingredient in paint thinners.

94. Xerarch (adjective)

- Definition: Ecological succession that begins in a dry environment.



- Synonyms: dry succession, arid succession, desert succession
- Example: The xerarch succession gradually transformed the landscape.

95. Xerophagy (noun)

- Definition: The eating of dry food, especially as a religious fast.
- Synonyms: dry food diet, fasting, religious diet
- Example: During Lent, they practiced xerophagy.