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VOCABULARY FOR IELTS

HOW TO USE  
COMMENT ADVERBS  
PART 1

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# WHY WORRY ABOUT COMMENT ADVERBS?

- **COMMENT ADVERBS** make your opinion or position clear (Coherence and Cohesion)
- **COMMENT ADVERBS** are complex (Vocabulary)
- Using **COMMENT ADVERBS** correctly shows that you understand rules about adverbs (Grammar)
- **COMMENT ADVERBS** help the IELTS examiner to realise exactly what you are writing about (Task Achievement/Response)

# IELTS TASK 2 WRITING BAND DESCRIPTORS

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8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>sufficiently addresses all parts of the task</li><li>presents a well-developed response to the question with relevant, extended and supported ideas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>sequences information and ideas logically</li><li>manages all aspects of cohesion well</li><li>uses paragraphing sufficiently and appropriately</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a wide range of vocabulary fluently and flexibly to convey precise meanings</li><li>skilfully uses uncommon lexical items but there may be occasional inaccuracies in word choice and collocation</li><li>produces rare errors in spelling and/ or word formation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a wide range of structures</li><li>the majority of sentences are error-free</li><li>makes only occasional errors or inappropriacies</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>addresses all parts of the task</li><li>presents a clear position throughout the response</li><li>presents, extends and supports main ideas, but there may be a tendency to over-generalise and/ or supporting ideas may lack focus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>logically organises information and ideas; there is clear progression throughout</li><li>uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately although there may be some under/ over-use</li><li>presents a clear central topic within each paragraph</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to allow some flexibility and precision</li><li>uses less common lexical items with some awareness of style and collocation</li><li>may produce occasional errors in word choice, spelling and/ or word formation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a variety of complex structures</li><li>produces frequent error-free sentences</li><li>has good control of grammar and punctuation but may make a few errors</li></ul>

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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>addresses the task only partially; the format may be inappropriate in places</li><li>expresses a position but the development is not always clear and there may be no conclusions drawn</li><li>presents some main ideas but these are limited and not sufficiently developed; there may be irrelevant detail</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>presents information with some organisation but there may be a lack of overall progression</li><li>makes inadequate, inaccurate or over-use of cohesive devices</li><li>may be repetitive because of lack of referencing and substitution</li><li>may not write in paragraphs, or paragraphing may be inadequate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses a limited range of vocabulary, but this is minimally adequate for the task</li><li>may make noticeable errors in spelling and/ or word formation that may cause some difficulty for the reader</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>uses only a limited range of structures</li><li>attempts complex sentences but these tend to be less accurate than simple sentences</li><li>may make frequent grammatical errors and punctuation may be faulty; errors can cause some difficulty for the reader</li></ul>



# USING COMMENT ADVERBS TO IMPROVE YOUR IELTS GRADE

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# COMMENT ADVERBS CAN BE USED

- To indicate that something is important
- To indicate that something is surprising
- To indicate that something is interesting
- To indicate that something is unusual or not normal
- To indicate that something is known by everybody
- To indicate that something is certain
- To indicate that something is probable
- To indicate that something is bad or wrong



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- To indicate that something is silly or stupid
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- To indicate a future hope
- To indicate your opinion
- To indicate your perspective
- To indicate a time relationship
- To indicate a causal relationship
- To indicate the level of your comment

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS IMPORTANT

- There are many reasons why English became a dominant language. **Importantly**, it was spoken in The United States and this country became the major economic power of the twentieth century.
- It seems entirely clear that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to previous generations. **Significantly**, discoveries made in the nineteenth century such as the light-bulb and telephone paved the way for our modern world.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS SURPRISING

- The number of householders with satellite television rose steadily between 1999 and 2003. **Surprisingly**, over the next two years, it experienced a slight fall.
- **Astonishingly**, more than three quarters of all respondents admitted that at some time in the past they had committed a crime.
- **Almost unbelievably**, figures suggest that there are enough nuclear weapons on Earth to destroy our species more than a thousand times.
- The cost of gas and electricity rose steadily during the first five years of the period. **Unexpectedly**, there was a sharp fall in the price in 2012.
- **Astoundingly**, despite long-running awareness-raising campaigns and stories in the media almost every day, quite a large proportion of the population claims not to know anything about global warming or climate change.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS INTERESTING

- **Interestingly**, statistics suggest that the likelihood of having an accident whilst driving a black car is far higher than the probability of a crash for those behind the wheel of a yellow or green vehicle.
- **Fascinatingly**, although the cost of train travel has gone up in the last few years, the number of passengers has risen substantially.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS UNUSUAL OR NOT NORMAL

- **Unusually**, the weather was extremely hot and dry last spring. The temperature was well above average and practically no rain fell.
- **Remarkably**, one of the oldest people in the world is a chain-smoking whisky-drinking couch potato. Doctors say they would have expected him to die thirty years ago. He is the exception which proves the rule.
- **Strangely**, despite the fact that the majority of those asked state that they would love to live in the countryside, an ever-increasing number of people migrate to large urban centres each year.
- **Bizarrely**, the police have been offering free ice-cream to anyone who can give them information which leads to the arrest of a criminal. This extremely unusual strategy has so far proved quite ineffective.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS KNOWN BY EVERYBODY

- **Obviously**, if teachers punish their pupils for being disruptive in class, the children will learn to hate school and will probably continue behaving badly just to annoy the teachers.
- **Evidently**, most of us are motivated by the prospect of financial reward. Experiments have revealed that participants are willing to do almost anything for money.
- **Clearly**, the level of trust and confidence which we have in our political leaders has gone down. These days it is unusual to find a member of the public who believes what political leaders say.
- **Naturally**, as individuals get older, they become wiser but also more forgetful.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS CERTAIN

- **Undoubtedly**, the computer has had more impact on the modern world than any other innovation, development or invention.
- **Without a shadow of a doubt**, education is the key to a person's success. Anyone who receives a decent level of schooling will have the opportunity to do well in life.
- **Without doubt**, cancer is one of the biggest killers in the modern world. It is estimated that around a third of all adults will die as a consequence of developing this dreadful medical condition.
- **Certainly**, workers who are paid according to their level of productivity work harder.
- **Definitely**, average disposable incomes have risen markedly in recent years.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS PROBABLE

- **Probably**, if undergraduate students were given the guarantee of a well-paid and interesting job if they successfully completed their course, more of them would attend classes and work hard.
- **Conceivably**, making voting compulsory would result in more citizens being fully engaged in the political process.
- **Apparently**, most members of the public would be keener to visit museums and art galleries if they were more interactive and entertaining.
- **Presumably**, most people who shoplift believe that they will not be caught.



# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS BAD OR WRONG

- **Regrettably**, even though we produce plenty of food, thousands of children and adults die of starvation and malnutrition each year.
- **Sadly**, most of us do not seem to care that our actions are leading to the eradication of many of the world's most beautiful and precious species.
- **Unfortunately**, the number of children who die as a result of road traffic accidents is on the rise in many parts of the world.
- **Worryingly**, the amount of internet fraud has shot up over the past couple of years. Thousands of bank customers have lost significant amounts of money because of criminal activity online.
- **Shockingly**, a large number of cases of child cruelty are reported each year. It seems that it is not entirely unusual for relatives to physically or psychologically damage youngsters.
- **Rightly or wrongly**, the authorities have decided to offer a financial reward to anyone willing to donate blood.

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# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS SILLY OR STUPID

- **Ridiculously**, there are still plenty of misogynists who believe that women are less intelligent than men or that they make worse drivers. These attitudes are surely outdated and belong in a museum along with the individuals who hold them.
- **Nonsensically**, the college where I study punishes students who do not come to class by excluding them from college. It would be far more intelligent if teachers investigated the underlying reasons why their students do not attend lectures, seminars and tutorials.
- **Stupidly**, drivers found guilty of speeding are usually given a tiny fine and allowed back onto the roads. In my view, given the fact that their actions could kill an innocent pedestrian or road-user, they should be banned for at least five years.

# TO INDICATE THAT SOMETHING COULD OR SHOULD BE BETTER

- **Frustratingly**, although almost everybody seems to agree that drinking alcohol before driving is wrong, the police still catch thousands of motorists each year who are under the influence of beer, wine or spirits.
- **Annoyingly**, there are very few educational programmes on television. The vast majority of broadcasts are either game-shows, chat-shows, talent contests, quizzes or sporting events.

# TO INDICATE A FUTURE HOPE

- The issue of food waste is a very serious one. We throw away a huge proportion of the food we produce. **Hopefully**, consumers and governments will soon come to their senses and realise how disgraceful it is to discard foodstuffs when there are starving people on our planet.

# TO INDICATE YOUR **OPINION**

- Having a pet has probably never been more popular. **Personally**, I find this quite troubling. I am convinced that future generations will look back and wonder why we thought it was acceptable to keep animals like cats and dogs simply for our own entertainment and benefit.
- **Frankly**, I am amazed when I read statistics which show how much food is thrown away each year.
- **Honestly**, I find it difficult to comprehend the stupidity of drivers who use their mobile phones while behind the wheel of a motorcar.

# TO INDICATE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

- **Economically/Financially**, the government's decision to make more than a thousand teachers, doctors and nurses redundant makes perfect sense. However, this decision is devastating for each person concerned and for their families.
- **Politically**, it makes sense for candidates in elections to give speeches criticising immigrants and asylum-seekers. It wins them votes and popularity.
- **Ethically/Morally**, I believe it is totally wrong to carry out experiments on animals. They have rights to be treated with respect and decency.
- **Environmentally**, the prospects for our planet look bleak. Unless we radically alter our wasteful lives, we face the possibility of an ecological disaster.
- **Psychologically**, emigrating to another country can be quite traumatic. Loneliness and culture shock can debilitate anyone moving to a new region and the situation is often extremely stressful.

# TO INDICATE A TIME RELATIONSHIP

- At the beginning of the process, a mixture of water and sugar is slowly heated. **Simultaneously**, the bacteria are exposed to sunlight and warmth. It is essential that these two procedures happen at the same time. Otherwise, the experiment is unlikely to be successful.
- The next stage of the process involves the editor reading through the news story and making any changes or amendments necessary. **Subsequently**, the text is passed to the printer and included in the newspaper.
- Showing indecent images on television has been illegal since the 1980s. **Previously**, television companies were allowed to broadcast more or less whatever they wanted to.

# TO INDICATE A CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP

- There have been several awareness-raising campaigns highlighting the importance of an active lifestyle. **Consequently**, gym membership has risen and there has been a perceptible increase in the number of people going swimming.

# TO INDICATE THE LEVEL OF YOUR COMMENT

- **Generally**, there was an upward trend in output and productivity. However, in a couple of industries such as car manufacturing and shipbuilding, productivity actually fell.
- Street gangs often make life difficult for others living in the same neighbourhood. **Specifically**, the elderly, the disabled and the vulnerable are sometimes too terrified to go outside when it gets dark. They fear being harassed, verbally abused or even stabbed or shot.
- We obviously need to take great care to protect our children. **Especially** when they are online, parents should have a very clear idea about what activities they are involved in and who they are communicating with.





# STRATEGIES FOR USING COMMENT ADVERBS FOR A HIGH IELTS GRADE

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# STRATEGY: MODERATING COMMENT ADVERBS

- **Incredibly unusually**, residents in the region have reported sightings of brown bears this year. It is speculated that this is because the bears cannot find food in their natural habitat. The finger of blame has been pointed, as usual, at global warming.
- **Somewhat remarkably**, the fear of failure probably motivates more of us than anything else.
- **Rather worryingly**, the amount of money invested in dealing with preventable diseases has fallen in the last few years.
- **Quite interestingly**, it seems that offering incentives to employees and students can actually make them become lazier and less motivated.

# STRATEGY: USING COMMENT ADVERBS FOR TASK 1

- Generally, in Task 1 you do not give your opinion, but:
- **Remarkably/Strangely**, the number of people living in the village quadrupled during a twelve-year period.
- **Surprisingly/Astonishingly**, after remaining relatively low for a decade, sales more than doubled in 2005
- **Interestingly/Fascinatingly**, five out of every ten respondents claimed not to have been to the cinema in the previous seven days.
- **Worryingly**, there has been a significant rise in the number of victims of road-traffic accidents in the last year.

# STRATEGY: USING COMMENT ADVERBS FOR TASK 1

- **Generally**, the figures indicate an upward trend.
- In many European countries, sales of bicycles increased. **Specifically**, in France and The UK the level rose markedly.
- Between the months of May and July temperatures rose. **Simultaneously**, the number of cold drinks sold by restaurants went up.
- In 2001 fish exports were relatively high. **Previously**, they had been much lower.
- At the beginning of the period, the amount of coal produced was quite low. **Subsequently**, it rose slightly before falling back to the previous level.

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# PRACTICE WITH COMMENT ADVERBS

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# QUESTIONS 1-4

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# QUESTIONS 9-12

- **Wo\_\_\_\_\_**, it has recently been reported that new types of malaria are spreading throughout tropical regions. Doctors are incredibly concerned about these strains of the disease because they do not have a vaccine or any other treatments which can successfully fight them.
- Local governments in several major cities have decided to make all public transport free of charge. **Con\_\_\_\_\_**, the number of users of buses and trains has shot up and congestion has stopped being a problem as commuters and shoppers leave their cars at home.
- **An\_\_\_\_\_**, many pet-owners seem incapable of controlling their dogs. Neighbours are often infuriated when barking dogs keep them awake at night and pedestrians are understandably cross when they step in dog-dirt which owners have not bothered to clean from the pavement.
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# QUESTIONS 13-16

- Without a sh\_\_\_\_\_, the world needs to change. If we do not look after our planet, it will not look after us.
- Reg\_\_\_\_\_, although charities and aid organisations have put a great deal of effort into education projects for girls in Sub-Saharan Africa, the number of females who fail to complete primary education in this region is still alarmingly high.
- Env\_\_\_\_\_, our priorities must be reducing carbon emissions and finding alternatives to finite resources and fossil fuels.
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# QUESTIONS 17-20

- **Unu\_\_\_\_\_**, torrential rain and heavy snow have been falling this spring. Normally, the weather at this time of year is mild and dry. Experts are claiming that global warming is a factor in this strange weather.
- **Ge\_\_\_\_\_**, it is fair to say that people act in their own self-interest. However, all but the most cynical of us would accept that some individuals are completely unselfish and are motivated by the desire to help others.
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- **Astou\_\_\_\_\_**, there are still many individuals in the world with racist attitudes. **As far as I am concerned** it is almost impossible to imagine that a person would judge a fellow-human by the colour of her or his skin.
- **Eco\_\_\_\_\_**, perhaps the most serious problem facing us is unemployment. **Around a quarter of all adults** looking for a job cannot find one. **The figure is significantly higher** for those aged between eighteen and twenty-four.
- **Re\_\_\_\_\_**, a marathon was recently organised in **The USA** for competitors over the age of eighty. **More than two hundred octogenarians** entered the competition and nearly three quarters of them finished the race.
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# QUESTIONS 25-28

- During the experiment, a small quantity of methane is cooled quickly. Sim\_\_\_\_\_, several other chemicals are mixed together. These two steps need to be taken at the same time as each other in order to guarantee the success of the procedure.
- Str\_\_\_\_\_ although the internet provides us with a vast range of information, many individuals believe that they are less well informed about current issues than they were before the development of personal computers.
- Po\_\_\_\_\_, the country is extremely unstable. The government is incredibly unpopular and opposition groups demonstrate on the streets every day. Added to this is the threat of a military intervention.
- Fasc\_\_\_\_\_, scientific researchers have revealed that tiny organisms living in the oceans are capable of absorbing carbon dioxide and so may help us to tackle the issue of global warming.

# ANSWERS 25-28

- During the experiment, a small quantity of methane is cooled quickly. **Simultaneously**, several other chemicals are mixed together. These two steps need to be taken at the same time as each other in order to guarantee the success of the procedure.
- **Strangely**, although the internet provides us with a vast range of information, many individuals believe that they are less well informed about current issues than they were before the development of personal computers.
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- **Fascinatingly**, scientific researchers have revealed that tiny organisms living in the oceans are capable of absorbing carbon dioxide and so may help us to tackle the issue of global warming.



# QUESTIONS 29-32

- Unf\_\_\_\_\_, a significant number of people die each year from illnesses which are entirely preventable. We need to make strenuous efforts to ensure that better treatment and medicines are available to all.
- Sho\_\_\_\_\_, more than a third of young adults questioned stated that they would consider having cosmetic surgery if they could afford it. This suggests that many in their twenties are unhappy with their body image and see plastic surgery as a way of obtaining the perfect physical appearance.
- Ri \_\_\_\_\_, some schools punish students who do not attend classes by expelling them. It is obviously quite absurd that the so-called punishment is exactly the same as the offence.
- Ob\_\_\_\_\_, when people smoke in public, it has an effect on those around them. Others breathe in the toxic fumes which cigarette users exhale and this can have serious long-term implications for health. These days, everyone is aware of this.

# ANSWERS 29-32

- **Unfortunately**, a significant number of people die each year from illnesses which are entirely preventable. We need to make strenuous efforts to ensure that better treatment and medicines are available to all.
- **Shockingly**, more than a third of young adults questioned stated that they would consider having cosmetic surgery if they could afford it. This suggests that many in their twenties are unhappy with their body image and see plastic surgery as a way of obtaining the perfect physical appearance.
- **Ridiculously**, some schools punish students who do not attend classes by expelling them. It is obviously quite absurd that the so-called punishment is exactly the same as the offence.
- **Obviously**, when people smoke in public, it has an effect on those around them. Others breathe in the toxic fumes which cigarette users exhale and this can have serious long-term implications for health. These days, everyone is aware of this.

# QUESTIONS 33-36

- The level of pet ownership has soared recently. Ev\_\_\_\_\_ an increasing number of people have become aware of the joys and benefits of having a dog or cat at home.
- Psy\_\_\_\_\_, it can be extremely difficult for a successful sportsperson to return to top-level competition after a major injury. The athlete finds it difficult to trust his or her body and fears getting hurt again. These mental effects can be far more serious than the physical ones.
- Unex\_\_\_\_\_, the level of unemployment fell last month. It had been rising steadily for more than a year and economists predicted that it would continue to go up for the foreseeable future.
- Many people engage in extremely risky activities such as mountaineering. Pre\_\_\_\_\_ they enjoy the adrenaline rush and feel they are skilful enough or lucky enough not to be killed or seriously injured.

# ANSWERS 33-36

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- **Psychologically**, it can be extremely difficult for a successful sportsperson to return to top-level competition after a major injury. The athlete finds it difficult to trust his or her body and fears getting hurt again. These mental effects can be far more serious than the physical ones.
- **Unexpectedly**, the level of unemployment fell last month. It had been rising steadily for more than a year and economists predicted that it would continue to go up for the foreseeable future.
- Many people engage in extremely risky activities such as mountaineering. **Presumably**, they enjoy the adrenaline rush and feel they are skilful enough or lucky enough not to be killed or seriously injured.

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