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Vocabulary for IELTS



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Growing up

NOUNS

adolescence= the time in a person's life when he or she develops from a child into an adult.

adulthood= the stage of being an adult.

adult= a fully grown person who is legally responsible for their actions.

bond= sth that forms a connection between people or groups, such as a feeling of friendship.

brotherhood= relationship of brothers.

character= strong personal qualities , such as the ability to deal with difficult or dangerous situations.

childhood= the period of sb's life when they are a child.

conflict= a situation in which there are opposing ideas, opinions , feelings or wishes.

connection= sth that connects two facts, ideas, etc.

fatherhood= the state of being a father.

friendship= a relationship between friends.

instinct= a natural tendency for people and animals to behave in a particular way using the knowledge and abilities that they were born with rather than thought or training.

interaction= to communicate with somebody, especially while you work, play or spend time with them.

motherhood= the state of being a mother.

nature= the usual way that a person or an animal behaves that is part of their character.

parent= a person's father or mother.

relation= the way in which two people , groups, or countries behave towards each other or deal with each other.

relationship= the way in which a person is related to somebody else in a family.

relative= a person who is in the same family as somebody else.

resemblance= the fact of being or looking similar to sb/sth.

rivalry= a state in which two people, companies, etc. are competing for the same thing_ competition.

sibling= a brother or sister

teenager= a person who is between 13 and 19 years old.

temperament= a person's or animals nature as shown in the way they behave or react to situations or people.

ties= strong connections between people or organizations.

upbringing= the way in which a child is cared for and thought how to behave while it is growing up.

COMPOUND NOUNS

active role=Ex: my parents played a very active role in my school life.

Ex: The media play an active role in influencing people's opinions.

extended family= noun a family group with a close relationship among the members that includes not only parents and children but also uncles, aunts, grandparents, etc.

family gathering=Ex: last night my father had a family gathering with my mother and my brother.

immediate family= Ex: my immediate family is relatively small, just my parents, my two brothers and me.

maternal instinct= Ex: I think I have a very strong maternal instinct, because I love taking care of small children.

sibling rivalry= competition between brothers and sisters.

stable upbringing=Ex: he was a catholic by stable upbringing.

striking resemblance=EX: she bears a striking resemblance to Barbara Streisand.

ADJECTIVE

close= knowing sb very well and liking them very much.

close-knit= having strong relationship with each other and taking a close, friendly interest in each other's activities and problems.

maternal= having feeling that are typical of a caring mother toward a child.

parental= connected with a parent or parents.

rewarding= satisfying _ worth doing; that makes you happy because you think it is useful or important.

stable= firmly fixed _ steady

VERB

accommodate= to help sb by doing what they want _ oblige

adopt= to start to use a particular method or to show a particular attitude toward sb/sth.

break down= to become very bad _ to fail

develop= to gradually grow or become bigger, more advance, stronger, etc.

endure= to experience and deal with sth that is painful or unpleasant, especially without complaining.

establish= set up

have sth in common= to have the same interests, ideas, etc. as somebody else.

inherit= to receive money, property, etc. from sb when they die.

interact= to communicate with sb, especially while you work, play, or spend time with them.

nurture= to care for and protect sb/sth while they are growing and developing.

relate (to)= to be connected with sb/ sth _ to refer to sb/ sth.

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Vocabulary note



Group together words that are similar in meaning or form, e.g. adulthood, brotherhood, fatherhood. NB hood is used to form a noun and shows something belongs to a particular group or has reached a particular stage (adulthood= the stage of being an adult).

Vocabulary note



Look for familiar words in longer words to work out their meaning. e.g. **correlation** (one thing is linked with another); **interrelated** (the relationship between two or more things). NB the prefix co, (**co**relation or **co**operate) often means with or together. The prefix inter- (**inter**act or **inter**city) often means between.

Vocabulary note



Note these collocations with the word relationship.
Verbs: **build** a relationship, develop a relationship, establish a relationship, form a relationship, have a relationship
Adjectives: a **close** relationship, a **long-standing** relationship, a **working** relationship, a **successful** relationship
Prepositions: a relationship **with** someone, a relationship **between** two things or people (NOT relationship to someone)

Error warning

Note the following common errors: I am writing **in relation to/ with** your job advertisement. NOT ~~in relation of~~... my **relationship with** my parents is very strong. NOT ~~my relation with my~~ parents.....

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