



UNIVERSITY *of* CAMBRIDGE
ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

VOCABULARY LIST

Key English Test (KET)

Key English Test for Schools (KETfS)

Introduction to the KET Vocabulary List

The KET Vocabulary List gives teachers a guide to the vocabulary needed when preparing students for the KET and KET for Schools examinations.

Background to the List

The KET Vocabulary List was originally developed by Cambridge ESOL in consultation with external consultants to guide item writers who produce materials for the KET examination. It includes vocabulary from the Council of Europe's Waystage (1990) specification and other vocabulary which has been shown by corpus evidence to be high-frequency.

The list covers vocabulary appropriate to this level of English and includes receptive vocabulary (words that the candidate is expected to understand but which is not the focus of a question), and productive vocabulary (words that the candidate needs to know in order to answer a question).

The list does not provide an exhaustive list of all words which appear on the KET and KET for Schools question papers and candidates should not confine their study of vocabulary to the list alone.

How the List is Updated

The vocabulary of English changes over time, with words being added and other words falling into disuse. In order to maintain its currency, the list is updated on an annual basis by the addition and removal of words, using a corpus-based approach. Suggested additions to the wordlist are collated and the frequency of these words is obtained by reference to established corpora (electronic databases). The corpora in question represent receptive and productive language in general contexts. The main corpora used for the validation of the KET Vocabulary List are:

- the Cambridge Learner Corpus (CLC) which includes over 20 million words of written learner English;
- the British National Corpus (BNC) which includes 100 million words of written and spoken native speaker data.

Organisation of the List

- **Word sets**

Some categories of words a learner at this level might be expected to know are not included in the alphabetical list but are listed separately. Words formed with common affixes, some compounds and words from some common word sets, e.g. days of the week are described below and in Appendix 1. Although some 'grammar words' (pronouns, modals, etc.) are included, the Language Specifications section of the KET and KET for Schools Handbooks (available from www.cambridgeesol.org) should be consulted for a more complete listing.

- **Exemplification**

Example phrases and sentences showing how words might be used are given only where words with different meanings need to be constrained e.g. the use of *bank* is followed by 'I changed my money in a bank' i.e. is limited to the idea of a financial institution: candidates are not expected to know other meanings, such as 'a river bank'.

- **Prefixes and Suffixes**

A list of possible prefixes and suffixes is provided in Appendix 2, and these may be combined with the vocabulary items in the list as appropriate. Words with an affix which is not included in the appendix are listed separately in the alphabetical list.

- **Compound Words**

Compound words are not included in the list where both individual words are present and the meaning of the compound is literal and transparent, e.g. *coursebook*, *school children*, *shopping centre*.

- **Multi-word Verbs**

All multi-word (or phrasal) verbs that a KET or KET for Schools candidate might be expected to know are included in the list. These verbs include 'literal' verbs (i.e. where the meaning is transparent) e.g. *sit down*, *go out* and 'non-literal' verbs e.g. *look after*, *get up*.

- **Topic Lists**

In Appendix 3 words have been grouped together under common KET and/or KET for Schools themes, such as 'House and Home', 'Work and Jobs' and 'Food and Drink'.

Unsuitable Topics

Cambridge ESOL examinations must not contain anything that might offend or upset candidates, potentially affect their performance or distract them during the examination. A number of 'sensitive' topics are considered unsuitable for use in KET and KET for Schools, for example, war and politics, and vocabulary relating to these is not included in the KET Vocabulary List.

Personal Vocabulary

The content of the KET Vocabulary List is general in nature and is unlikely to cover completely the productive vocabulary that may be required by candidates. Candidates should know the specific lexis they will need to describe themselves and their lives, for example, work, hobbies, likes and dislikes.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in the Vocabulary List are:

abbrev	abbreviation or acronym
adj	adjective
adv	adverb
Am Eng	American English
art	article
Br Eng	British English
conj	conjunction
det	determiner
exclam	exclamation
int	interjection
n	noun
phr v	phrasal verb
pl	plural
prep	preposition
prep phr	prepositional phrase
pron	pronoun
sing	singular
v	verb

Summary of Points to be noted

- The list does not include every word that may appear on a KET or KET for Schools paper.
- The list covers receptive and productive vocabulary.
- The list is updated every year.

A

a, an (**art**)

able (**adj**)

- be able to

about (**adv & prep**)

- What about a cold drink?
- I have about £3. (**adv**)
- a book about animals (**prep**)

above (**prep**)

act (**v**)

accident (**n**)

across (**prep**)

- The bank's across the road.
- He walked across the bridge.

activity (**n**)

actor (**n**)

actually (**adv**)

add (**v**)

address (**n**)

adult (**adj & n**)

advanced (**adj**)

adventure (**n**)

advertisement (**n**)

aeroplane (**n**)

afraid (**adj**)

after (**adv & prep**)

afternoon (**n**)

afterwards (**adv**)

again (**adv**)

against (**prep**)

- We watched England play against France.

age (**n**)

- I don't know his age.

ago (**adv**)

agree (**v**)

- Yes, I agree with you.
- Don't you agree, Sam?

air (**n**)

- to travel by air

airport (**n**)

all (**det & pron**)

all right/alright (**adv**)

almost (**adv**)

alone (**adj & adv**)

already (**adv**)

also (**adv**)

always (**adv**)

a.m. (**adv**)

amazing (**adj**)

ambulance (**n**)

among (**prep**)

and (**conj**)

angry (**adj**)

animal (**n**)

another (**det & pron**)

answer (**n & v**)

any (**det and pron**)

anybody (**pron**)

anyone (**pron**)

anything (**pron**)

anyway (**adv**)

anywhere (**adv**)

apartment (**n**)

apple (**n**)

appointment (**n**)

- an appointment with the doctor

area (**n**)

arm (**n**)

(a)round (**adv & prep**)

- to travel around (**adv**)
- to sit around the table (**prep**)

arrive (**v**)

art (**n**)

article (**n**)

- an article about skiing

artist (**n**)

as (**prep**)

- as good as
- as soon as possible
- the same as

ask (**v**)

assistant (**n**)

as well (**adv**)

as well as (**prep phr**)

at (**prep**)

at / @ (**n**)

- My email address is david@cambridgeesol.org

at all (**adv**)

- It doesn't matter at all.

aunt (**n**)

autumn (**n**)

away (**adv**)

- He's gone away.
- It's two miles away.

B

baby (**n**)

back (**n, adv & adj**)

bad (**adj**)

bag (**n**)

ball (**n**)

banana (**n**)

band (**n**)

bank (**n**)

- I changed my money in the bank.

barbecue (n)
baseball (n)
basketball (n)
bath (n)
bathroom (n)
be (v)
beach (n)
bear (n)
beautiful (adj)
because (conj)
become (v)
bed (n)
bedroom (n)
before (adv & prep)
begin (v)
beginner (n)
behind (adv & prep)
believe (v)
belong (v)
below (prep)
belt (n)
between (prep)
bicycle (n)
big (adj)
bike (n)
bill (n)

- Can I have my bill, please?

bird (n)
birthday (n)
biscuit (n)
bit (n)

- Just a small bit of cake, please.

black (adj)
blanket (n)
blond(e) (adj)
blouse (n)
blue (adj)
board (n)

- The teacher's writing on the (black/white)board.

boat (n)
body (n)
boil (v)
book (n & v)
bookshelf (n)
bookshop (n)
boot (n)

- football boots

bored (adj)
boring (adj)
born (adj)

- I was born in Manchester.

borrow (v)

- She borrowed a book from the library.

boss (n)
both (pron & det)
bottle (n)
bottom (n)

- at the bottom of the stairs

bowl (n)
box (n)
boy (n)
brake (n & v)
bread (n)
break (n & v)

- a break for lunch (n)
- Someone's broken the window.(v)

breakfast (n)
bridge (n)
brilliant (adj)

- I thought the film was brilliant!

bring (v)
brother (n)
brown (adj)
build (v)
building (n)
burger (n)
burn (v)

- He has burnt his hand.

bus (n)
business (n)
businessman (n)
businesswoman (n)
bus station (n)
bus stop (n)
busy (adj)
but (conj)
butter (n)
buy (v)
by (prep)

C

cafe/café (n)
cake (n)
call (v)

- I'll call (phone) again later this afternoon.
- He's called John.

camel (n)
camera (n)
camp (n & v)
campsite (n)
can (n & v)
canal (n)
car (n)
card (n)

- birthday card
- credit card

career (n)
careful (adj)

- Be careful!

carpet (n)
carrot (n)
carry (v)
cartoon (n)
cash (n & v)

- I'd like to cash this cheque. (v)

castle (n)
cat (n)
catch (v)
cathedral (n)
CD (n)
CD player (n)
cent (n)
centre (n)
centimetre (n)
century (n)
certain (adj)

- I'm certain (+ that clause)

certainly (not) (adv)
chair (n)
change (v & n)
channel (n)
chat (n)
chatroom (n)
cheap (adj)
check (v)
cheers! (exclam)
cheese (n)
chemist (n)
cheque (n)
chicken (n)
child (n)
chips (n pl)

- egg and chips

chocolate (n)
choose (v)
church (n)
cinema (n)
circus (n)
city (n)
class (n)

- a language class
- a first-class ticket

class member (n)
classical (adj)
classmate (n)
classroom (n)
clean (adj & v)
clear (adj)

- It's not clear to me.

clever (adj)
click (v)

- Click here to go to our website.

climb (v)
clock (n)
close (v)
closed (adj)
close to (prep phr)
clothes (n pl)
cloud (n)
cloudy (adj)
clown (n)
club (n)

- to join a club

coach (n)

- a coach trip
- a tennis coach

coat (n)
coffee (n)
cold (adj & n)
colleague (n)
collect (v)
college (n)
colour (n)
comb (n)
come (v)
comfortable (adj)
company (n)

- What's the name of your company?

competition (n)
computer (n)
concert (n)
congratulations! (exclam)
conversation (n)
cook (n & v)
cooker (n)
cool (adj)

- That's a cool bike!

corner (n)

- the corner of the street

correct (adj)
cost (n & v)
costume (n)

- I forgot my swimming costume.
- The dancers wore colourful costumes.

could (v)
country (n)
countryside (n)
course (n)

- a university course
- a main course
- of course (not)

cousin (n)

cow (n)
cream (n)
credit card (n)
cross (v)
• Don't cross the road here!
crossing (n)
• Use the crossing to cross the street.
crossroads (n)
crowd (n)
crowded (adj)
cry (v)
• The baby's crying.
cup (n)
cupboard (n)
curtains (n)
customer (n)
cut (v)
cycle (v)

D

dad(dy) (n)
daily (adj & adv)
dance (n & v)
dancing (n)
danger (n)
dangerous (adj)
dark (adj)
date (n)
• What's the date today?
daughter (n)
day (n)
dead (adj)
dear (adj)
• Dear Anne,
decide (v)
degree (n)
• The temperature's 30 degrees today.
delay (n & v)
• There will be a delay of two hours. (n)
• The flight is delayed. (v)
dentist (n)
department (n)
describe (v)
desk (n)
diary (n)
dictionary (n)
die (v)
difference (n)
different (adj)
difficult (adj)
digital (adj)
dining room (n)

dinner (n)
dinosaur (n)
diploma (n)
dirty (adj)
disco (n)
discount (n)
dish (n)
• Chicken and chips is my favourite dish.
do (v)
doctor (n)
dog (n)
dollar (n)
dolphin (n)
door (n)
dot (n)
• dot com
double (adj)
• a double room
down (adv & prep)
download (n & v)
• I downloaded the songs from the internet. (v)
• Can you get these as a download? (n)
downstairs (adv)
dragon (n)
draw (v)
drawing (n)
dream (n & v)
dress (n & v)
drink (n & v)
drive (v)
driving licence (n)
drum (n)
dry (adj & v)
during (prep)
DVD (n)
DVD player (n)

E

each (det & pron)
ear (n)
early (adj & adv)
earn (v)
east (n, adj & adv)
easy (adj)
eat (v)
egg (n)
electric (adj)
electricity (n)
elephant (n)
else (adv)
• Anything else?

email (**n & v**)
empty (**adj & v**)
end (**v & n**)
engine (**n**)
engineer (**n**)
enjoy (**v**)
enough (**det & pron**)
enter (**v**)

- Are you going to enter the poster competition?
- Please enter through the side door.

entrance (**n**)
envelope (**n**)
euro (**n**)
even (**adv**)
evening (**n**)
ever (**adv**)
every (**det**)
everybody (**pron**)
everyone (**pron**)
everything (**pron**)
everywhere (**adv**)
examination/exam (**n**)
example (**n**)

- Look at the example first.
- for example

excellent (**adj**)
except (**prep**)
exercise (**n & v**)
excited (**adj**)
exciting (**adj**)
excuse (**v**)

- Excuse me!

exhibition (**n**)

- art exhibition

exit (**n**)
expensive (**adj**)
explain (**v**)
explore (**v**)

- When I travel, I love exploring new cities.

explorer (**n**)

- This book's about famous explorers.

extra (**det & adj**)

F

face (**n**)
factory (**n**)
fan (**n**)
fail (**v**)
fair (**adj**)

- She has fair hair.

fall (**v**)

family (**n**)
famous (**adj**)
far (**adv**)

- How far is the next garage?

farm (**n**)
fashion (**n**)
fast (**adj & adv**)
fast food (**n**)
fat (**adj**)
father (**n**)
favourite (**adj**)
feel (**v**)

- to feel well

festival (**n**)
few (**det & adj**)
field (**n**)
fill (**v**)
fill in (**phr v**)

- to fill in a form

film (**n & v**)
find (**v**)
fine (**adj**)

- That's fine!
- I'm fine, thank you.
- The weather is fine.

finish (**v**)
fire (**n**)
first (**adv & adj**)

- First... then... (**adv**)
- John came first. (**adv**)
- first name (**adj**)

fish (**n & v**)
fit (**adj**)
flat (**n**)
flight (**n**)
floor (**n**)

- The bedrooms are on the first floor.
- Don't leave your clothes on the floor.

flower (**n**)
fly (**n & v**)
fog (**n**)
foggy (**adj**)
follow (**v**)
food (**n**)
foot (**n**)

- my right foot

football (**n**)
for (**prep**)
foreign (**adj**)
forest (**n**)
forget (**v**)
fork (**n**)

- knife and fork

form (**n**)

- Fill in this form.

free (**adj**)

fresh (**adj**)

- fresh fruit

fridge (**n**)

fried (**adj**)

friend (**n**)

friendly (**adj**)

from (**prep**)

front (**n**)

- in the front of the train
- Stand in front of me.

fruit (**n**)

fry (**v**)

full (of) (**adj**)

fun (**n**)

funny (**adj**)

furniture (**n**)

G

game (**n**)

garage (**n**)

garden (**n**)

gas (**n**)

- a gas cooker

gate (**n**)

get (**v**)

get fit (**v**)

get off (**phr v**)

- to get off the bus

get on (**phr v**)

- to get on the bus

get up (**phr v**)

- to get up in the morning

girl (**n**)

give (**v**)

glad (**adj**)

glass (**n & adj**)

glasses (**n pl**)

go (**v**)

go out (**phr v**)

- Are you going out this evening?

golf (**n**)

gold (**n & adj**)

good (**adj**)

goodbye (**exclam**)

gram(me) (**n**)

grandchild (**n**)

grand(d)ad (**n**)

granddaughter (**n**)

grandfather (**n**)

grandma (**n**)

grandmother (**n**)

grandpa (**n**)

grandparent (**n**)

grandson (**n**)

grape (**n**)

grass (**n**)

great (**adj**)

green (**adj**)

grey (**adj**)

grill (**v**)

grilled (**adj**)

group (**n**)

grow (**v**)

grow up (**phr v**)

guest (**n**)

guest-house (**n**)

guide (**n**)

guidebook (**n**)

guitar (**n**)

guy (**n**)

- He's a really nice guy.

H

hair (**n**)

hairdresser (**n**)

hairdryer (**n**)

half (**n & pron**)

hall (**n**)

hallo/hello! (**exclam**)

hand (**n**)

happen (**v**)

happy (**adj**)

hard (**adj & adv**)

- hard wood (**adj**)
- the homework was hard (**adj**)
- to work hard (**adv**)

hat (**n**)

hate (**v**)

have (**v**)

have got (**v**)

have to (**v**)

he (**pron**)

head (**n**)

- My head hurts.

health (**n**)

healthy (**adj**)

hear (**v**)

heart (**n**)

heating (**n**)

- Can you turn the heating on?

heavy (**adj**)

- a heavy blanket

helicopter (n)
help (v)
her (det & pron)
herself (pron)
here (adv)
hers (pron)
high (adj)
hill (n)
him (pron)
himself (pron)
hip hop (n)
his (det & pron)
hit (v)
hobby (n)
hockey (n)
holiday(s) (n)
home (n & adv)
homework (n)
hope (v)
horse (n)
hospital (n)
hot (adj)
hotel (n)
hour (n)
house (n)
how (adv)
hungry (adj)
hurry (v)
hurt (v)
husband (n)

I

I (pron)
ice (n)
ice cream (n)
ice skating (n)
idea (n)
if (conj)
ill (adj)
immediately (adv)
important (adj)
impossible (adj)
improve (v)
in (adv & prep)
include (v)
indoor (adj)
indoors (adv)
information (n)
in front of (prep phr)
insect (n)
inside (adv & prep)
instead (adv)
instead of (prep phr)

instructions (n pl)
instrument (n)
insurance (n)
 • car insurance
interested (adj)
interesting (adj)
international (adj)
internet (n)
into (prep)
invite (v)
island (n)
it (pron)
its (det)
itself (pron)

J

jacket (n)
jam (n)
 • fruit jam
jeans (n pl)
job (n)
join (v)
journalist (n)
journey (n)
juice (n)
jump (v)
just (adv)
 • I've just seen Tom.
 • Just a moment.

K

keep (v)
 • May I keep this?
 • Keep right!
key (n)
keyboard (n)
 • I play the keyboard in a band.
 • The keyboard for my computer is broken.
kilo(gram[me]) / kg (n)
kilometre / km (n)
kind (adj & n)
 • That's very kind of you.
 • What kind of book do you want?
king (n)
kitchen (n)
kite (n)
knife (n)
know (v)

L

lake (n)
lamp (n)
language (n)
laptop (computer) (n)
large (adj)
last (adj & adv)
late (adj & adv)

- The train is going to be late.

later (adv)

- I'll see you later.

laugh (v)
learn (v)
leather (n & adj)
leave (v)

- The train leaves at 10 o'clock.
- I left my bag in the cinema.
- There isn't any milk left.

left (n, adj & adv)

- Go to the left. (n)
- left hand (adj)
- Turn left. (adv)

leg (n)
lemon (n)
lemonade (n)
less (adj, det, pron & adv)
lesson (n)
let (v)
letter (n)
level (n)

- language level

library (n)
licence (n)

- driving licence

lie down (phr v)
life (n)
lift (n)

- Take the lift to the third floor.

light (n & adj)
like (v, prep & adv)

- I'd like a drink. (v)
- It's like an orange but bigger. (prep)
- What's the weather like? (adv)

line (n)

- draw a line
- the next line

lion (n)
listen (v)
litre (n)
little (adj, det & pron)
live (v)
living room (n)

long (adj)
look (v)

- You look happy.
- Don't look now!

look after (phr v)
look at (phr v)
look for (phr v)
look out (phr v)

- Look out – it's going to fall!

lorry (n)
lose (v)

- We lost the game.
- I've lost my passport.

lot (n)

- a lot of homework.

lots (n)
loud (adj)
love (n & v)
lovely (adj)
low (adj)
luck (n)
lucky (adj)
luggage (n)
lunch (n)

M

machine (n)
magazine (n)
make (v)
make up (n)
man (n)
manager (n)
many (det, adj & pron)
map (n)
market (n)
married (adj)
match (n)

- football match

matter (v)

- It doesn't matter.

maybe (adv)
me (pron)
meal (n)
mean (v)
meat (n)
mechanic (n)
medicine (n)
meet (v)
meeting (n)
member (n)

- a member of a club

menu (n)

message (n)
metre (n)
middle (n)
 • in the middle
midnight (n)
mile (n)
milk (n)
million (n)
mind (v)
 • Do you mind if I close the window?
 • I don't mind if...
 • Mind your head!
mine (pron)
mineral water (n)
minute (n)
mirror (n)
Miss (n)
miss (v)
mistake (n)
mobile (phone) (n)
modern (adj)
moment (n)
 • Just a moment.
money (n)
monkey (n)
month (n)
monthly (adj & adv)
moon (n)
more (adj, det, pron & adv)
morning (n)
most (adj, det, pron & adv)
mother (n)
motorbike (n)
motorway (n)
mountain (n)
mouse (n)
mouth (n)
move (v)
MP3 player (n)
Mr (n)
Mrs (n)
Ms (n)
much (adj, det, pron & adv)
mum(my) (n)
museum (n)
music (n)
musician (n)
must (v)
my (det)
myself (pron)

N

name (n)
national (adj)
nationality (n)
nature (n)
near (adv & prep)
nearly (adv)
neck (n)
need (v)
neighbour (n)
never (adv)
new (adj)
news (n)
newsagent (n)
newspaper (n)
next (adj & adv)
next to (prep)
nice (adj)
night (n)
no (det & exclam)
nobody (pron)
no one (pron)
noisy (adj)
noon (n)
no one (pron)
none (pron)
normal (adj)
north (n, adj & adv)
nose (n)
not (adv)
note (n & v)
nothing (pron)
now (adv)
nowhere (adv)
number (n)
nurse (n)

O

occupation (n)
o'clock (adv)
of (prep)
of course (not) (adv)
off (adv)
office (n)
often (adv)
oil (n)
 • car oil
 • cooking oil
OK/okay (exclam)
old (adj)

omelette (n)
 on (prep & adv)
 once (adv)

- only once

 one (pron, det & num)
 onion (n)
 online (adj & adv)
 only (adv & adj)

- I only wanted to help.
- the only one

 open (adj & v)
 opera (n)
 opposite (prep)
 or (conj)
 orange (adj & n)
 order (n)
 other (det)
 our (det)
 ours (pron)
 ourselves (pron)
 out (adv)
 outdoor (adj)
 outdoors (adv)
 outside (prep & adv)
 over (prep & adv)

- over 60 people (adv)
- to travel all over the world (prep)

 own (adj)

- They cook their own meals.

P

pack (v)

- pack a suitcase

 page (n)
 pain (n)
 paint (v & n)
 pair (n)

- a pair of shoes

 paper (n & adj)
 pardon (exclam)

- Pardon?

 parent (n)
 park (n & v)
 parrot (n)
 part (n)

- the best part of the day

 party (n)
 pass (v)

- You pass the station on the left.
- to pass a driving test

 passenger (n)
 passport (n)

past (prep)
 pasta (n)
 path (n)
 pay (v)
 pen (n)
 pence (n pl)
 pencil (n)
 pencil case (n)
 pen-friend (n)
 penny (n)
 people (n pl)
 pepper (n)
 per (prep)
 perhaps (adv)
 person (n)
 pet (n)
 petrol (n)
 petrol station (n)
 pharmacy (n)
 phone (v & n)
 photo(graph) (n)
 photography (n)
 piano (n)
 picnic (n)
 picture (n)
 piece (n)

- a piece of cake

 pillow (n)
 pilot (n)
 pink (adj)
 pity (n)

- What a pity!

 pizza (n)
 place (n)
 plan (n & v)
 plane (n)

- The plane was late.

 plant (n)
 plastic (n & adj)
 plate (n)
 platform (n)

- Your train leaves from Platform 8.

 play (v & n)

- to play football (v)
- to play the guitar (v)
- a play at the theatre (n)

 playground (n)
 pleasant (adj)
 please (v & exclam)

- I'm very pleased for you. (v)
- Please be quiet!

 p.m. (adv)
 pocket (n)
 point (v)

police (n)
police car (n)
police officer (n)
police station (n)
pool (n)

- swimming pool

poor (adj)
pop (n & adj)

- pop music

popular (adj)
possible (adj)
post (v & n)

- to post a letter
- What's in the post today?

postcard (n)
post office (n)
poster (n)
potato (n)
pound (£) (n)
practice (n)

- football practice

practise (v)

- You must practise if you want to play well.

prefer (v)
present (n)

- a birthday present

pretty (adj)
price (n)
prize (n)
problem (n)
programme (n)

- TV programme

project (n)

- a school project

pull (v)
pupil (n)
purple (adj)
purse (n)
push (v)
put (v)
put on (phr v)

Q

quarter (n)

- a quarter of an hour

queen (n)
question (n)
quick (adj)
quiet (adj)
quite (adv)

- Are you quite sure?
- quite old

quiz (n)

R

race (n & v)

- a running race (n)
- She raced her brother to the bus stop. (v)

racket (n)

- Can I borrow your tennis racket?

radio (n)
railway (n)
rain (n & v)
raincoat (n)
rap (n)
rather (adv)

- rather old

read (v)
ready (adj)

- When will it be ready?

real (adj)
really (adv)
receptionist (n)
red (adj)
reggae (n)
remember (v)
rent (v)
repair (v)
rest (n & v)

- to have a rest
- 'Try to rest', the doctor said.

restaurant (n)
return (n & v)

- my return from holiday (n)
- He returned home late. (v)
- She returned her library books. (v)

rice (n)
rich (adj)
ride (n & v)
right (n, adj & adv)

- He swam to the right. (n)
- your right hand (adj)
- That's the right answer. (adj)
- Turn right here. (adv)

river (n)
road (n)
roast (v & adj)
rock (n)

- rock concert

roof (n)
room (n)

- a double room

round (adj)
roundabout (n)

run (v)

S

sad (adj)

safe (adj)

sail (v)

sailing (n)

salad (n)

sale (n)

- for sale

salt (n)

same (adj & pron)

- at the same time (adj)
- Your watch is the same as mine. (pron)

sandwich (n)

save (v)

- to save money
- to save time

say (v)

school (n)

screen (n)

scooter (n)

sea (n)

seat (n)

second (n & adj)

secretary (n)

see (v)

sell (v)

send (v)

sentence (n)

several (det & adj)

shall (v)

shampoo (v & n)

she (pron)

sheet (n)

- a bed sheet

shelf (n)

ship (n)

shirt (n)

shoe (n)

shop (n & v)

shop assistant (n)

short (adj)

- a short time

shorts (n pl)

should (v)

shout (v)

show (v & n)

- Show me your photos. (v)
- a film show (n)

shower (n)

shut (v)

sick (adj)

side (n)

- this side of the room

silver (n & adj)

since (prep)

sincerely (adv)

- Yours sincerely

sing (v)

single (adj)

sister (n)

sit (v)

sit down (phr v)

sitting room (n)

size (n)

skate (v)

skateboard (n)

ski (v)

skirt (n)

sky (n)

sleep (v)

slice (n)

slow (adj)

small (adj)

smoke (v)

snack (n)

snow (n & v)

snowboard (n)

snowboarding (n)

so (conj & adv)

- So, I think it's right. (conj)
- He ate too much, so he felt ill. (conj)
- He wanted to go but he didn't say so. (adv)

soap (n)

sock (n)

sofa (n)

soft (adj)

some (det & pron)

somebody (pron)

someone (pron)

something (pron)

sometimes (adv)

somewhere (adv)

son (n)

song (n)

soon (adv)

sorry (adj)

- I'm sorry I'm late.
- Sorry, I don't understand that.

sound (v)

- That sounds nice.

soup (n)

south (n, adj & adv)

space (n)

speak (v)

special (**adj**)
spell (**v**)
spend (**v**)
spoon (**n**)
sport (**n**)
sports centre (**n**)
spring (**n**)
• I hate winter but I love spring.
square (**n & adj**)
stadium (**n**)
staff (**n**)
stage (**n**)
stairs (**n pl**)
stamp (**n**)
• Put a stamp on the envelope.
stand (**v**)
• She was standing at the bus stop.
star (**n & v**)
start (**v**)
station (**n**)
stay (**v**)
steak (**n**)
steal (**v**)
• Someone's stolen my bag!
still (**adv**)
stomach (**n**)
stop (**n & v**)
store (**n**)
storm (**n**)
story (**n**)
straight (**adj**)
straight on (**adv**)
strange (**adj**)
• That's a strange story!
street (**n**)
strong (**adj**)
student (**n**)
studies (**n pl**)
study (**v**)
subject (**n**)
• What's your favourite subject at school?
• the subject of a talk
success (**n**)
such (**det & adj**)
suddenly (**adv**)
sugar (**n**)
suit (**n**)
• He was wearing a grey suit.
suitcase (**n**)
summer (**n**)
sun (**n**)
sunny (**adj**)
supermarket (**n**)
supper (**n**)

suppose (**v**)
• I suppose so.
• I suppose you're right.
sure (**adj**)
• I'm (not) sure.
surfboard (**n**)
surfing (**n**)
surname (**n**)
surprise (**n**)
surprised (**adj**)
sweater (**n**)
sweet (**n & adj**)
swim (**v**)

T

table (**n**)
table-tennis (**n**)
take (**v**)
• I'll take it to your room.
• It takes three hours.
take off (**phr v**)
• She took off her shoes.
talk (**n & v**)
tall (**adj**)
taxi (**n**)
tea (**n**)
teach (**v**)
team (**n**)
teenager (**n**)
telephone (**n & v**)
television (**n**)
tell (**v**)
temperature (**n**)
• The temperature was below zero.
tennis (**n**)
tent (**n**)
term (**n**)
terrible (**adj**)
test (**n**)
text (**n & v**)
text book (**n**)
text message (**n**)
than (**prep & conj**)
thank (**v**)
the (**det**)
theatre (**n**)
their (**det**)
theirs (**pron**)
them (**pron**)
themselves (**pron**)
then (**adv**)
there (**adv**)

these (**det & pron**)
they (**pron**)
thin (**adj**)
thing (**n**)
think (**v**)
thirsty (**adj**)
this (**det & pron**)
those (**det & pron**)
through (**prep**)
throw (**v**)
thunderstorm (**n**)
ticket (**n**)
tidy (**adj & v**)
tidy up (**v**)
tiger (**n**)
tights (**n pl**)
till (**prep**)
time (**n**)
tired (**adj**)
to (**prep**)
today (**n & adv**)
together (**adv**)
toilet (**n**)
tomato (**n**)
tomorrow (**n & adv**)
tonight (**n & adv**)
too (**adv**)
tooth (**n**)
toothbrush (**n**)
top (**n**)
 • the top of the page
total (**adj & n**)
tour (**n & v**)
tour guide (**n**)
tourist (**n**)
tourist information centre (**n**)
towel (**n**)
town (**n**)
toy (**n**)
traffic (**n**)
traffic lights (**n pl**)
train (**n**)
trainers (**n pl**)
tram (**n**)
travel (**v**)
travel agent (**n**)
tree (**n**)
trip (**n**)
trouble (**n**)
trousers (**n pl**)
try (**v**)
try on (**phr v**)
T-shirt (**n**)
turn (**v**)
turn off (**phr v**)

 • Turn the gas off.
turn on (**phr v**)
 • Turn the heating on.
twice (**adv**)
type (**n**)
tyre (**n**)

U

umbrella (**n**)
uncle (**n**)
under (**prep**)
underground (**n & adj**)
understand (**v**)
uniform (**n**)
university (**n**)
until (**prep**)
up (**prep & adv**)
upstairs (**adv**)
us (**pron**)
use (**v**)
useful (**adj**)
usual (**adj**)

V

v / versus (**prep**)
 • Manchester United v Liverpool
variety (**n**)
vegetable (**n**)
very (**adv**)
video (**n**)
video recorder (**n**)
village (**n**)
violin (**n**)
visit (**v**)
visitor (**n**)
volleyball (**n**)

W

wait (**v**)
waiter (**n**)
waitress (**n**)
wake up (**phr v**)
walk (**v**)
wall (**n**)
wallet (**n**)
want (**v**)
warm (**adj**)
wash (**v**)

wash up (**phr v**)
watch (**n & v**)
water (**n**)
way (**n**)

- Do it this way.
- one-way street
- Is this the quickest way home?

we (**pron**)
wear (**v**)
weather (**n**)
website (**n**)
wedding (**n**)
week (**n**)
weekday (**n**)
weekend (**n**)
weekly (**adj & adv**)
welcome (**v**)

- Welcome to London!

well (**adv & adj**)
west (**n, adj & adv**)
wet (**adj**)
whale (**n**)
what (**det & pron**)
wheel (**n**)
when (**adv**)
where (**adv**)
which (**det & pron**)
while (**conj**)
white (**adj**)
who (**pron**)
whole (**adj & n**)

- the whole world (**adj**)
- the whole of July (**n**)

whose (**pron**)
why (**adv**)
wife (**n**)
wild (**adj**)

- wild animals

will ('ll) (**v**)
win (**v**)
wind (**n**)
window (**n**)

windsurfing (**n**)
windy (**adj**)
winter (**n**)
wishes (**n pl**)

- Best wishes

with (**prep**)
without (**prep**)
woman (**n**)
wonderful (**adj**)
wood (**n**)
wool (**n**)
word (**n**)
work (**n & v**)
world (**n**)
worry (**v**)
would (**v**)
write (**v**)
write down (**phr v**)
wrong (**adj**)

Y

year (**n**)
yellow (**adj**)
yes (**exclam**)
yesterday (**n & adv**)
yet (**adv**)

- Has he arrived yet?

you (**pron**)
young (**adj**)
your (**det**)
yours (**pron**)
yourself (**pron**)

Z

zero (**n**)
zoo (**n**)

Appendix 1

Word sets

In addition to the words in the alphabetical list, KET and KET for Schools candidates are expected to know:

Cardinal numbers

one, two, three, etc. *to* one thousand

Ordinal numbers

first, second, third, fourth, etc. *to* thirty-first

Days of the week

Monday, Tuesday, etc.

Months of the year

January, February, etc.

Seasons of the year

spring, summer, autumn, winter

Countries, languages and nationalities

English-speaking countries and others, for example Brazil/Brazilian, Canada/Canadian, China/Chinese, France/French, Ireland/Irish, India/Indian, Italy/Italian, Spain/Spanish, etc.

Continents

Africa, Australia, North America, South America, Asia, Antarctica, Europe

School subjects

geography, history, mathematics, science, etc.

Appendix 2

Affixes

The words in the alphabetical list may be extended by the use of these affixes:

- er** with verbs and nouns to make nouns, e.g. *driver, farmer, footballer, shopper, teacher, etc.*
- ing** with verbs to make nouns (activities), e.g. *fishing, parking, reading, sailing, shopping, etc.*
- ly** with adjectives to form adverbs, e.g. *carefully, quickly, slowly, usually, etc.*
- un-** with adjectives and adverbs to make negative forms, e.g. *uncertain, unhappy, unhappily, uninteresting, etc.*

Appendix 3

Topic Lists

Appliances

camera	electric	lamp	radio
CD (player)	electricity	laptop	telephone
clock	fridge	lights	television
computer	gas	mobile (phone)	TV
cooker	hairdryer	MP3 player	video
DVD (player)	heating	phone	video recorder

Clothes and Accessories

bag	fashion	shirt	trousers
belt	glasses	shoes	try on (v)
blouse	hat	shorts	T-shirt
boots	jacket	skirt	umbrella
clothes	jeans	suit	uniform
coat	pocket	sweater	wallet
costume	purse	tights	watch
dress (n & v)	raincoat	trainers	wear (v)

Colours

light/dark	brown	orange	red
black	green	pink	white
blue	grey	purple	yellow

Communication and Technology

address	computer	information	photograph
at / @	conversation	internet	photography
by post	digital	keyboard	phone
call (v)	dot	laptop (computer)	screen
camera	download (n & v)	mobile (phone)	talk
CD (player)	DVD (player)	mouse	text (n & v)
chat	email (n & v)	MP3 player	telephone
click (v)	envelope	online	website

Documents and Texts

advertisement	diploma	magazine	postcard
article	email	menu	project
bill	form	message	text (n & v)
book	insurance	newspaper	ticket
card	letter	note	
diary	licence	passport	

Education

advanced	diploma	library	studies
beginner	exam(ination)	Mathematics	study (v)
board	Geography	note	subject
book	History	practice	teach
bookshelf	homework	practise	teacher
class(room)	information	project	term
clever	instructions	pupil	test (n)
coach	know	read	university
college	language	remember	
course	learn	school	
desk	lesson	Science	
dictionary	level	student	

Entertainment and Media

act	drawing	museum	radio
actor	drum	music	read (v)
adventure	DVD (player)	musician	reggae
advertisement	exhibition	news	rock (concert)
art	festival	newspaper	screen (n)
article	film	opera	show (n)
book	fun	paint (v)	sing
card	go out	painter	singer
cartoon	group	photograph	song
CD (player)	guitar	photographer	television
cinema	hip hop	photography	theatre
circus	instrument	piano	ticket
classical (music)	journalist	picture	watch (v)
competition	keyboard	play (n)	writer
concert	laugh	pop (music)	
dance (n & v)	listen to	practice (n)	
dancer	look at	practise (v)	
disco	magazine	programme	
draw	MP3 player	project	

Family and Friends

boy	girl	group	Ms
brother	grandchild	guest	mum(my)
child	grand(d)ad	guy	neighbour
cousin	granddaughter	husband	parent
dad(dy)	grandfather	love (n & v)	pen-friend
daughter	grandma	married	sister
family	grandmother	Miss	surname
father	grandpa	mother	teenager
friend	grandparent	Mr	wife
friendly	grandson	Mrs	

Food and Drink

apple	coffee	ice cream	potato
banana	cook (n & v)	jam	rice
barbecue	cooker	juice	roast (v & adj)
biscuit	cream	kitchen	salad
bit of cake	cup	knife	salt
boil	cut (n)	lemon	sandwich
bottle	dinner	lemonade	slice (n)
bowl	dish (n)	lunch	snack (n)
box	drink	main course	soup
bread	eat	meal	steak
break (n)	egg	meat	sugar
breakfast	fish	menu	sweet (n & adj)
burger	food	milk	tea
burn	fork	mineral water	thirsty
butter	fridge	oil	tomato
cafe/café	fried	omelette	vegetable
cake	fruit	onion	waiter
can (n)	fry	orange	waitress
carrot	glass	pasta	wash up
cheers!	grape	pepper	
cheese	grill (v)	picnic	
chicken	grilled	piece of cake	
chips	hungry	pizza	
chocolate	ice	plate	

Health, Medicine and Exercise

accident	danger	head	pharmacy
ambulance	dangerous	health	problem
appointment	dead	hear (v)	rest (n & v)
arm	dentist	heart	run
baby	die	hospital	sick
back	doctor	hurt (v)	soap
body	ear	ill	stomach
break (v)	exercise	insurance	swim
burn (v)	face	leg	temperature
check (v)	fall (v)	lie down	tired
chemist	feel (v)	medicine	tooth
clean (adj & v)	fit	neck	toothbrush
cold (n)	foot	nose	walk
comb (n)	hair	nurse	well (adj)
cut (v)	hand	pain	

Hobbies and Leisure

barbecue	club	hobby	paint (n & v)
beach	collect (v)	holidays	park
bicycle	computer	join	party
bike	dance (n & v)	magazine	photograph (n & v)
book	draw	member	picnic
camera	DVD (player)	MP3 player	quiz
camp	festival	museum	tent
campsite	go out	music	
CD (player)	guitar	musician	

House and Home

address	computer	furniture	live (v)
apartment	cooker	garage	living room
bath	cupboard	garden	pillow
bathroom	curtains	gas	roof
bed	desk	gate	room
bedroom	dining room	hall	safe (adj)
blanket	door	heating	shelf
bookshelf	downstairs	home	shower
bowl	DVD (player)	house	sitting room
box	entrance	key	sofa
carpet	flat	kitchen	stay (v)
chair	floor	lamp	toilet
clock	fridge	light	towel

Measurements

centimetre	hour	mile	temperature
day	kilo(gram[me]) / kg	minute	week
degree	Kilometre / km	moment	year
gram(me)	litre	quarter	
half	metre	second	

Personal Feelings, Opinions and Experiences (adjectives)

able	different	interested	right
afraid	difficult	interesting	slow
alone	excellent	kind	small
amazing	famous	lovely	sorry
angry	fast	lucky	soft
bad	favourite	married	special
beautiful	fine	modern	strange
better	free	nice	strong
big	friendly	noisy	sure
bored	funny	old	sweet
boring	good	pleasant	tall
brilliant	great	poor	terrible
busy	happy	pretty	tired
careful	hard	quick	unhappy
certain	heavy	quiet	useful
clear	high	ready	well
clever	hungry	real	wrong
cool	important	rich	young

Places: Buildings

apartment	department store	house	shop
bank	disco	library	sports centre
bookshop	entrance	lift	stadium
building	exit	museum	supermarket
cafe/café	factory	newsagent	swimming pool
castle	flat	office	theatre
cathedral	garage	police station	university
church	guest-house	post office	
cinema	hospital	railway station	
college	hotel	school	

Places: Countryside

area	field	mountain	sea
beach	forest	path	sky
campsite	hill	railway	village
canal	island	rainforest	wood
farm	lake	river	

Places: Town and City

airport	corner	petrol station	street
bridge	crossing	playground	town
bus station	crossroads	road	underground
bus stop	market	roundabout	zoo
car park	motorway	square	
city centre	park	station	

Services

bank	garage	post office	tourist information centre
café	hairdresser	restaurant	travel agent
cinema	hotel	sports centre	
dentist	library	swimming pool	
doctor	museum	theatre	

Shopping

advertisement	close (v)	open (v & adj)	shopping
assistant	closed (adj)	pay (for)	spend
bill	cost (n & v)	pence	store
bookshop	credit card	penny	supermarket
buy (v)	customer	pound	try on
cash (n & v)	department store	price	
cent	dollar	rent	
change (n & v)	euro	shop	
cheap	expensive	shop assistant	
cheque	for sale	shopper	

Sport

ball	game	sailing	team
baseball	golf	sea	tennis
basketball	hockey	skate (v)	tennis player
beach	luck	skateboard (n)	throw (v)
bicycle	member	ski	ticket
bike	play (v)	skiing	tired
boat	player	snowboard (n)	trainers
catch (v)	pool (n)	snowboarding	versus / v
climb (v)	practice (n)	sport(s)	volleyball
club	practise (v)	sports centre	walk (v)
coach (n)	prize	stadium	watch (v)
competition	race (n & v)	surfboard	win (v)
cycle (v)	racket	surfboarding	winner
enter (a competition)	rest (n & v)	swim	
fishing	ride (n & v)	swimming	
football	riding	swimming costume	
footballer	run (v)	table-tennis	

The Natural World

air	grass	outdoor	tree
beach	grow	plant	water
country	hill	river	west
countryside	hot	sea	winter
east	ice	sky	wood
explore	island	south	wool
field	lake	space	world
fire	moon	spring	
flower	mountain	star	
forest	north	summer	

Time

afternoon	evening	monthly	today
a.m./p.m.	half (past)	morning	tomorrow
appointment	holidays	night	tonight
autumn	hour	noon	week
birthday	January - December	o'clock	weekday
century	meeting	past	weekend
clock	midnight	quarter (past / to)	weekly
daily	minute	second	winter
date	moment	spring	working hours
day	Monday - Sunday	summer	year
diary	month	time	yesterday

Travel and Transport

(aero)plane	explore(er)	park (v)	straight on
airport	far	passenger	street
ambulance	flight	passport	suitcase
boat	fly	petrol	taxi
brake (n & v)	garage	petrol station	ticket
bridge	helicopter	pilot	tour (n & v)
bus	journey	plane	tour guide
bus station	leave	platform	tourist
bus stop	left	police car	tourist information centre
canal	light	problem	traffic
car	lorry	railway	traffic lights
coach	luggage	repair (v)	tram
country	machine	return (n & v)	travel
crossing	map	ride	travel agent
crossroads	mechanic	right	trip (n)
delay (n & v)	mile	road	tyre
delayed	mirror	roundabout	underground (n)
drive	miss	sailing	visit
driver	motorbike	seat	visitor
driving licence	motorway	ship	way (n)
engine	move	station	wheel
engineer	oil	stop	window

Weather

cloud	hot	sun	wet
cloudy	ice	sunny	wind
cold	rain	thunderstorm	windy
fog	snow	warm	
foggy	storm	weather	

Work and Jobs

actor	doctor	letter	shop assistant
artist	driver	manager	shopper
boss	earn	mechanic	singer
break (n)	email (n & v)	meeting	staff
business	engineer	message	student
businessman	explorer	musician	teacher
businesswoman	factory	nurse	tennis player
chemist	farm	occupation	tour guide
cleaner	farmer	office	travel agent
coach (n)	footballer	painter	uniform
company	guest	pharmacy	waiter
computer	guide (n)	photographer	waitress
customer	hairdresser	pilot	work
dentist	instructions	police officer	worker
desk	job	queen	working hours
diary	journalist	receptionist	
diploma	king	secretary	