

# The List of Essential Vocabulary to Help You to Pass Your B2 to C2 English Exams.

1. **Pragmatic** - a pragmatic way of dealing with something is based on practical considerations, rather than theoretical ones, a pragmatic person deals with things in a practical way
2. **Reluctant** - if you are reluctant to do something, you are unwilling to do it and hesitate before doing it, or do it slowly and without enthusiasm
3. **Dispassionate** - someone who is dispassionate is calm and reasonable and not affected by emotions
4. **Disposition** - someone's disposition is the way that they tend to behave or feel (dispassionate disposition)
5. **Candid** - when you are candid about something or with someone, you speak honestly
6. **Naive** - if you describe someone as naive, you think they lack experience and so expect things to be easy or people to be honest or kind
7. **Gullible** - if you describe someone as gullible, you mean they are easily tricked because they are too trusting
8. **Cliche** - a phrase or expression that has been used so often that it is no longer original or interesting or effective
9. **Horried** - shocked, terrified, frightened, stricken with horror
10. **Horrid** - if you describe someone as horrid, you mean that they behave in a very unpleasant way toward other people
11. **Contemptuous** - if you are contemptuous of someone or something, you do not like or respect them at all

12. **Liminal** - of intermediate or in-between state or condition (liminal being)

13. **Decree** - a decree is an official order or decision, especially one made by the ruler of a country

14. **Precedence** - if one thing takes precedence over another, it is regarded as more important than the other thing (took precedence over)

15. **Meritorious** - if you describe something as meritorious, you approve of it for its good or worthwhile qualities (meritorious life)

16. **Hermit** - a hermit is a person who lives alone, away from people and society

17. **Consort** - if you say that someone consorts with a particular person or group, you mean that they spend a lot of time with them (sakthi is his consort)

18. **Wax and wane** - to become stronger and then weaker, to increase and then decrease

19. **Elude** - if something that you want eludes you, you fail to obtain it, if a fact or idea eludes you, you do not succeed in understanding it, realizing it, or remembering it, if you elude someone or something, you avoid them or escape from them

20. **Lineage** - someone's lineage is the series of families from which they are directly descended

21. **Ambiguity** - if you say that there is ambiguity in something, you mean that it is unclear or confusing, or it can be understood in more than one way (gender ambiguity)

22. **Manifest** - if you say that something is manifest, you mean that it is clearly true and that nobody would disagree with it if they saw it or considered it

23. **Insensitive** - if you describe someone as insensitive, you are criticizing them for being unaware of or unsympathetic to other people's feelings

24. **Obliged** - if you are obliged to do something, a situation, rule, or law makes it necessary for you to do that thing

25. **Fortune** - luck

26. **Misfortune** - bad luck

27. **Trait** - a trait is a particular characteristic, quality, or tendency that someone or something has

28. **Obsessed** - if someone is obsessed with a person or thing, they keep thinking about them and find it difficult to think about anything else

29. **Indulge** - if you indulge in something or if you indulge yourself, you allow yourself to have or do something that you know you will enjoy, if you indulge someone, you let them have or do what they want, even if this is not good for them

30. **Hurl** - if you hurl something, you throw it violently and with a lot of force

31. **Stricken** - if a person or place is stricken by something such as an unpleasant feeling, an illness, or a natural disaster, they are severely affected by it

32. **Weep** - if someone weeps, they cry

33. **Scour** - if you scour something such as a place or a book, you make a thorough search of it to try to find what you are looking for

34. **Elusive** - something or someone that is elusive is difficult to find, describe, remember, or achieve

35. **Ethereal** - someone or something that is ethereal has a delicate beauty (most ethereal romantic heroin)

36. **Dashing** - a dashing person or thing is very stylish and attractive

37. **Celibacy** - state of not being married (took the vow of celibacy), someone who is celibate does not marry or have sex because of their religious beliefs (I was celibate for 2 years) (stay celibate)

38. **Vow** - if you vow to do something, you make a serious promise or decision that you will do it

39. **Ascetic** - an ascetic person has a way of life that is simple and strict, usually because of their religious beliefs (ascetic practices)

40. **Displace** - if one thing displaces another, it forces the other thing out of its place, position, or role, and then occupies that place, position, or role itself

41. **Damsel** - a damsel is a young, unmarried woman

42. **Monumental** - very important, very great or extreme (monumental failure), you can use monumental to emphasize the large size or extent of something

43. **Pilgrimage** - if you make a pilgrimage to a holy place, you go there for a religious reason

44. **Coy** - a coy person is shy, or pretends to be shy, about love and sex (she turned coy) (she smiled coyly)

45. **Smite** - to smite something means to hit it hard

46. **Smitten** - if you are smitten, you find someone so attractive that you are or seem to be in love with them (they were totally smitten with each other) (she is smitten by him)

47. **Venture** - if you venture somewhere, you go somewhere that might be dangerous

48. **Alleged** - an alleged fact has been stated but has not been proved to be true

49. **Caustically** - harshly

50. **Caustic** - a caustic remark is extremely critical, cruel, or bitter

51. **Indignant** - if you are indignant, you are shocked and angry, because you think that something is unjust or unfair

52. **Admonish** - if you admonish someone, you tell them very seriously that they've done something wrong

53. **Churn** - to move or mix something with force

54. **Stigma** - if something has a stigma attached to it, people think it is something to be ashamed of (social stigma)

55. **Indifferent** - if you accuse someone of being indifferent to something, you mean that they have a complete lack of interest in it

56. **Uncharacteristic** - if you describe something as uncharacteristic of someone, you mean that it is not typical of them (uncharacteristic moment of lust)

57. **Hurried** - a hurried action is done quickly, because you do not have much time to do it in (dress up hurriedly) (a hurried breakfast)

58. **Livid** - someone who is livid is extremely angry

59. **Huff** - if you huff, you indicate that you are annoyed or offended about something, usually by the way that you say something, if someone is in a huff, they are behaving in a bad-tempered way because they are annoyed and offended (he drove off in a huff)

60. **Wail** - if someone wails, they make long, loud, high-pitched cries which express sorrow or pain

61. **Disguise** - if you are in disguise, you are not wearing your usual clothes or you have altered your appearance in other ways, so that people will not recognize you (blessing in disguise) (you've to travel in disguise) (she disguised herself as a man)

62. **Duped** - if a person dupes you, they trick you into doing something or into believing something which is not true

63. **Enrage** - if you're enraged by something, it makes you really angry

64. **Behest** - if something is done at someone's behest, it is done because they have ordered or requested it (at her behest)

65. **Renounce** - if you renounce a belief or a way of behaving, you decide and declare publicly that you no longer have that belief or will no longer behave in that way

66. **Stammer** - if you stammer, you speak with difficulty, hesitating and repeating words or sounds

67. **Stoop** - if you stoop, you stand or walk with your shoulders bent forward (stooped on a stick)

68. **Embrace** - if you embrace someone, you put your arms around them and hold them tightly, usually in order to show your love or affection for them. you can also say that two people embrace (embraced his wives)

69. **Virility** - the masculine property of being capable of copulation and procreation

70. **Contentment** - contentment is a feeling of quiet happiness and satisfaction

71. **Mannerism** - someone's mannerisms are the gestures or ways of speaking that are very characteristic of them, and which they often use, peculiarity of how someone behaves, traits

72. **Consensus** - a consensus is general agreement among a group of people

73. **Patriarch** - a patriarch is the male head of a family or tribe

74. **Illustrious** - if you describe someone as an illustrious person, you mean that they are extremely well known because they have a high position in society or they have done something impressive

75. **Conjugal** - conjugal means relating to marriage and the relationship between a husband and wife, especially their sexual relationship (sacrificed his conjugal life)

76. **Beget** - to beget something means to cause it to happen or be created, when a man begets a child, he becomes the father of that child

77. **Maiden** - a maiden is a young girl or woman

78. **Commodity** - a commodity is something that is sold for money

79. **Futility** - futility is a total lack of purpose or usefulness (I realise the futility of rage)

80. **Cost dearly** - if you pay dearly for doing something or if it costs you dearly, you suffer a lot as a result

81. **Endure** - if you endure a painful or difficult situation, you experience it and do not avoid it or give up, usually because you cannot

82. **Exploit** - if you say that someone is exploiting you, you think that they are treating you unfairly by using your work or ideas and giving you very little in return

83. **Garment** - a garment is a piece of clothing; used especially in contexts where you are talking about the manufacture or sale of clothes (her upper garment fell)

84. **Spellbound** - if you are spellbound by something or someone, you are so fascinated that you cannot think about anything else

85. **Unashamedly** - if you describe someone's behaviour or attitude as unashamed, you mean that they are open and honest about things that other people might find embarrassing or shocking

86. **Unbridled** - if you describe behaviour or feelings as unbridled, you mean that they are not controlled or limited in any way (unbridled passion)

87. **Stead** - place or position, if you say that something will stand someone in good stead, you mean that it will be very useful to them in the future

88. **Mendicant** - someone who lives by asking people for money

89. **Pitiless** - someone or something that is pitiless shows no pity or kindness

90. **Inherit** - if you inherit money or property, you receive it from someone who has died (inherit the throne)

91. **Spontaneous** - spontaneous acts are not planned or arranged, but are done because someone suddenly wants to do them

92. **Folly** - if you say that a particular action or way of behaving is folly or a folly, you mean that it is foolish (human folly)

93. **Speculate** - if you speculate about something, you make guesses about its nature or identity, or about what might happen

94. **Ferried** - if a vehicle ferries people or goods, it transports them, usually by means of regular trips between the same two places (ferried men across Ganga)

95. **Remorse** - remorse is a strong feeling of sadness and regret about something wrong that you have done

96. **Castrated** - to castrate a male animal or a man means to remove his testicles (castrated himself)

97. **Spurt** - when liquid or fire spurts from somewhere, it comes out quickly in a thin, powerful stream

98. **Dreadfully** - awfully or terribly

99. **Indiscretion** - if you talk about someone's indiscretion, you mean that they have done or said something that is risky, careless, or likely to upset people

100. **Weakling** - if you describe a person or an animal as a weakling, you mean that they are physically weak

101. **Affront** - if something affronts you, you feel insulted and hurt because of it

102. **Mortified** - if you say that someone is mortified, you mean that they feel extremely offended, ashamed, or embarrassed

103. **Imperiously** - if you describe someone as imperious, you mean that they have a proud manner and expect to be obeyed



104. **Avenge** - if you avenge a wrong or harmful act, you hurt or punish the person who is responsible for it (she went in search of a warrior who would avenge her humiliation)

105. **Ensue** - if something ensues, it happens immediately after another event, usually as a result of it (a terrible fight ensued)

106. **Despair** - despair is the feeling that everything is wrong and that nothing will improve (he looked at his wife in despair)

107. **Nemesis** - the nemesis of a person or thing is a situation, event, or person which causes them to be seriously harmed, especially as a punishment

108. **Deterioration** - if something deteriorates, it becomes worse in some way

109. **Chattels** - chattels are things that belong to you

110. **Desperate** - if you are desperate, you are in such a bad situation that you are willing to try anything to change it

111. **Matted** - if you describe someone's hair as matted, you mean that it has become a thick and tangled mass, often because it is wet or dirty

112. **Coarse** - coarse things have a rough texture because they consist of thick threads or large pieces

113. **Gaunt** - if someone looks gaunt, they look very thin, usually because they have been very ill or worried (his gaunt features will scare the women)

114. **Pale** - if someone looks pale, their face looks a lighter colour than usual, usually because they are ill, frightened, or shocked (she grew pale on seeing him)

115. **Impale** - to impale something on a pointed object means to cause the point to go into it or through it (he was tortured and impaled) (you took delight in impaling tiny insects on a straw)

116. **Irony** - irony is a subtle form of humor that involves saying things that are the opposite of what you really mean, if you talk about the irony of a situation, you mean that it is odd or amusing because it involves a contrast

117. **Meticulously** - if you describe someone as meticulous, you mean that they do things very carefully and with great attention to detail (karma is followed meticulously)

118. **Repercussions** - if an action or event has repercussions, it causes unpleasant things to happen sometime after the original action or event

119. **Frailties** - if you refer to the frailties or frailty of people, you are referring to their weaknesses (frailties of human laws)

120. **Ordain** - if some authority or power ordains something, they decide that it should happen or be in existence (nature has ordained)

121. **Concubine** - in former times, a concubine was a woman who had a sexual relationship with a man of higher social rank without being married to him

122. **Prosperous** - prosperous people, places, and economies are rich and successful

123. **Liaison** - a usually secretive or illicit sexual relationship (premarital liaison)

124. **Illicit** - an illicit activity or substance is not allowed by law or the social customs of a country, illegal

125. **Supersede** - if something is superseded by something newer, it is replaced because it has become old-fashioned or unacceptable (Pandu superseded Dhritarashtra)

126. **Quirk** - a quirk is something unusual or interesting that happens by chance (he was well versed with the quirks of laws)

127. **Bypass** - if you bypass someone or something that you would normally have to get involved with, you ignore them, often because you want to achieve something more quickly (he is bypassed and his younger brother was made king)

128. **Distraught** - if someone is distraught, they are so upset and worried that they cannot think clearly

129. **Faze** - if something fazes you, it surprises, shocks, or frightens you, so that you do not know what to do

130. **Unfazed** - unperturbed

131. **Dismay** - dismay is a strong feeling of fear, worry, or sadness that is caused by something unpleasant and unexpected, if you are dismayed by something, it makes you feel afraid, worried, or sad

132. **Whim** - a whim is a wish to do or have something that seems to have no serious reason or purpose behind it, and often occurs suddenly (abandoned it to a river's whim)

133. **Volition** - if you do something of your own volition, you do it because you have decided for yourself that you will do it and not because someone else has told you to do it

134. **Invoke** - if you invoke something such as a principle, a saying, or a famous person, you refer to them in order to support your argument, if you invoke a law, you state that you are taking a particular action because that law allows or tells you to (kunti invoked indra of her own volition)

135. **Afterthought** - if you do or say something as an afterthought, you do or say it after something else as an addition, perhaps without careful thought

136. **Eunuch** - a eunuch is a man who has had his testicles removed

137. **Deemed** - if something is deemed to have a particular quality or to do a particular thing, it is considered to have that quality or do that thing

138. **Fidelity** - fidelity is being loyal to your husband, wife, or partner by not having a sexual relationship with anyone else (women expect fidelity from their men)

139. **Reluctant** - if you are reluctant to do something, you are unwilling to do it and hesitate before doing it, or do it slowly and without enthusiasm

140. **Quiver** - if something quivers, it shakes with very small movements

141. **Occult** - the occult is the knowledge and study of supernatural or magical forces (record of occult secrets)

142. **Miscarriage** - if a pregnant woman has a miscarriage, her baby dies and she gives birth to it before it is properly formed

143. **Rational** - a rational person is someone who is sensible and is able to make decisions based on intelligent thinking rather than on emotion

144. **Invocation** - an invocation is a request for help or forgiveness made to a god, an invocation is a prayer at a public meeting, usually at the beginning

145. **Compensate** - to compensate someone for money or things that they have lost, means to pay them money or give them something to replace those things, if you compensate for a lack of something or for something you have done wrong, you do something to make the situation better, something that compensates for something else balances it or reduces its effects

146. **Inadequacy** - the inadequacy of something is the fact that there is not enough of it, or that it is not good enough (compensate for the inadequacies of pandu)

147. **Tryst** - a tryst is a meeting between lovers in a quiet secret place (kunti's premarital tryst)

148. **Glorify** - to make something seem much better or more important than it really is

149. **Sorely** - sorely is used to emphasize that a feeling such as disappointment or need is very strong (sorely missed it, sorely disappointed)

150. **Draped** - if you drape a piece of cloth somewhere, you place it there so that it hangs down in a casual and graceful way, if someone or something is draped in a piece of cloth, they are loosely covered by it

151. **Pyre** - a pyre is a high pile of wood built outdoors on which people burn a dead body or other things in a ceremony

152. **Avert** - if you avert something unpleasant, you prevent it from happening (avert the inevitable)

153. **Decipher** - if you decipher a piece of writing or a message, you work out what it says, even though it is very difficult to read or understand

154. **Wistful** - someone who is wistful is sad because they want something and know that they cannot have it

155. **Forlorn** - if someone is forlorn, they feel alone and unhappy

156. **Cohabit** - if two people are cohabiting, they are living together and have a sexual relationship, but are not married

157. **Colloquial** - colloquial words and phrases are informal and are used mainly in conversation

158. **Alms** - alms are gifts of money, clothes, or food to poor people