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English for Speakers of Other Languages

VOCABULARY LIST

Key English Test (KET)

Introduction to the KET Vocabulary List

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

Background to the List

The KET 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 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 Specification' section of the KET Handbook (available under 'Downloads') 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 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 themes, such as 'The Home', 'Jobs and Work', '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, for example, war and politics, and vocabulary relating to these is not included in the Vocabulary List.

Personal Vocabulary

The content of the KET 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 paper.
- The list covers receptive and productive vocabulary.
- It is updated every year.

A

a, an (**art**)

able (**adj**)

- be able to

about (**prep**)

- What about a cold drink?
- I have about £3.
- a book about animals

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 (**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**)

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**)

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**)

at (**prep**)

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
boring (adj)
born (adj)
• I was born in Manchester.
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)
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
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

cash (**n & v**)

- I'd like to cash this cheque.

cassette (**n**)

cassette player (**n**)

cassette recorder (**n**)

castle (**n**)

cat (**n**)

catch (**v**)

cathedral (**n**)

CD (**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

city (**n**)

class (**n**)

- a language class
- a first-class ticket

class member (**n**)

classical

classmate (**n**)

classroom (**n**)

clean (**adj & v**)

clear (**adj**)

- It's not clear to me.

clever (**adj**)

click (**v**)

climb (**v**)

clock (**n**)

close (**v**)

closed (**adj**)

close to (**prep**)

clothes (**n pl**)

cloud (**n**)

cloudy (**adj**)

clown

club (**n**)

- to join a club

coach (**n**)

- a coach trip

coat (**n**)

coffee (**n**)

cold (**adj & n**)

colleague (**n**)

collect

collecting/to 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**)

corner (**n**)

- the corner of the street

correct (**adj**)

cost (**n & v**)

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
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
dining room (n)
dinner (n)
dinosaur
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)
double (adj)
• a double room
down (adv & prep)
downstairs (adv)
dragon
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 (pron)
• Anything else?
email (n & v)
empty (adj & v)
end (v & n)
engine (n)
engineer (n)
enjoy (v)
enough (det & pron)
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)

exercise (v)

excited

exciting (adj)

excuse (v)

- Excuse me!

exhibition (n)

- art exhibition

exit (n)

expensive (adj)

explain (v)

extra (det)

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

fast (adj & adv)

fast food

fat (adj)

father (n)

favourite (adj)

feel (v)

- to feel well

few (det)

field (n)

fill (v)

fill in (phr v)

- to fill in a form

film (n)

find (v)

fine (adj)

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

finish (v)

fire (n)

first (det, adv & adj)

- First... then... (det)
- 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 (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)

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.
healthy (adj)
hear (v)
heart (n)
heating (n)
• Can you turn the heating on?
heavy (adj)
• a heavy blanket
• How heavy is it?
helicopter (n)
help (v)
her (det & pron)
herself (pron)
here (adv)
hers (pron)
high (adj)
hill (n)
him (pron)
himself (pron)
hip hop
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)

H

how (**adv**)
hungry (**adj**)
hurry (**v**)
hurt (**v**)
husband (**n**)

I

I (**pron**)
ice (**n**)
ice cream (**n**)
ice skating
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**)
insect (**n**)
inside (**adv & prep**)
instead (**adv**)
instead of (**prep**)
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
 • Instrument and computer
kilo(gram[me]) (**n**)
kilometre (**n**)
kind (**adj & n**)
 • That's very kind of you.
 • What kind of book do you want?
king (**n**)
kitchen (**n**)
kite
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.
 • left hand
leg (**n**)
lemon (**n**)
lemonade (**n**)

less (**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**)
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 (**det**)

- a lot of homework.

lots (**det**)
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
man (**n**)
manager (**n**)
many (**det**)
map (**n**)
market (**n**)
married (**adj**)
match (**n**)

- football match

matter (**v**)

- It doesn't matter.

maybe
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 (det, pron & adv)
morning (n)
most (det, pron & adv)
mother (n)
motorbike (n)
motorway (n)
mountain (n)
mouse (n)
mouth (n)
move (v)
Mr (n)
Mrs (n)
Ms (n)
much (det, pron & adv)
mum(my) (n)
museum (n)
music (n)
must (v)
my (det)
myself (pron)

N

name (n)
national (adj)
nationality (n)
nature
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)
off (adv)
office (n)
often (adv)
oil (n)

- car oil
- cooking oil

OK/O.K./okay (exclam)
old (adj)
omelette (n)
on (prep & adv)
once (adv)

- only once

one (pron, det & num)
onion (n)
online
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 (prep)
- to travel all over the world (adv)

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

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)

pay for (phr v)

pen (n)

pence (n pl)

pencil (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)

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

pleasant (adj)

please (v)

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 (n)
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

R

race (n & v)
• a running race
• She raced her brother to the bus stop.
radio (n)
railway (n)
rain (n & v)
raincoat (n)
rap
rather (adv)
• rather old
read (v)
ready (adj)
• When will it be ready?
real (adj)
really (adv)
receptionist (n)
red (adj)
reggae
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)
ride (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)
ruin(s) (n)
• Let's visit the castle ruins today.
run (v)

S

sad (adj)
safe (adj)
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
sea (n)
seat (n)
second (n & det)
secretary (n)
see (v)
sell (v)
send (v)
sentence (n)

several (**det**)
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.
• a film show
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**)
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**)
star (**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
such (det)
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.

surfing
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
terrible (adj)
test (n)
text (v)
text book
text message
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
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

variety (n)
vegetable (n)
very (adv)
video (n)
video recorder (n)
village (n)

violin
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
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)
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
will ('ll) (v)
win (v)
wind (n)
window (n)
windsurfing
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 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.

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

Appendix 3

Topic Lists

Natural World and Weather

air	grass	sea	water
beach	grow	sky	weather
cloud	hill	snow (n & v)	west
cloudy	hot	south	wet

cold
country
countryside
east
field
fire
flower
fog
foggy
forest

ice
island
lake
moon
mountain
north
outdoor
plant
rain **(n & v)**
river

space
spring
star
storm
summer
sun
sunny
thunderstorm
tree
warm

wind
windy
winter
wood
wool
world

Colours

light/dark
black
blue

brown
green
grey

orange
pink
purple

red
white
yellow

Buildings and Places We Live and Work

airport
apartment
bank
bookshop
building
bus station
café
campsite
canal
castle
cathedral
centre
church
cinema
club
city
college

corner
crossing
crossroads
department store
disco
entrance
exhibition
exit
factory
farm
flat
guesthouse
hospital
hotel
house
library
lift

market
museum
newsagent
office
park
petrol station
police station
post office
railway station
restaurant
river
road
roundabout
ruin
school
shop
sports centre

square
stadium
station
street
supermarket
swimming pool
theatre
tourist information centre
town
travel agent
underground
university
village
zoo

Travel and Transport

(aero)plane
airport
ambulance
boat
brake
bridge
bus
bus station

far
flight
fly
garage
helicopter
journey
leave
left

passport
petrol
petrol station
pilot
plane
platform
police car
problem

suitcase
taxi
ticket
tour **(n & v)**
tour guide
tourist
tourist information centre
traffic

bus stop
canal
car
coach
country
crossing
crossroads
delay (**n & v**)
delayed (**adj**)
drive
driver
driving licence
engine
engineer

lights
lorry
luggage
machine
map
mechanic
mile
mirror
miss
motorway
move
oil
park (**v**)
passenger

railway
repair (**v**)
return (**n & v**)
ride
right
road
roundabout
sailing
seat
ship
station
stop
straight on
street

traffic lights
tram
travel
travel agent
trip (**n**)
tyre
underground (**n**)
visit
visitor
way (**n**)
wheel
window

Food and Drink

apple
banana
barbecue
chips
biscuit
bit of cake
boil
bottle

chocolate
coffee
cook (**n & v**)
cooker
cream
cup
cut
dinner

hungry
ice
ice cream
jam
juice
kitchen
knife
lemon

piece of cake
pizza
plate
potato
rice
roast (**v & adj**)
salad
salt

bowl	dish	lemonade	sandwich
box	drink	lunch	slice
bread	eat	main course	snack
break (n)	egg	meal	soup
breakfast	food	meat	steak
burger	fork	menu	sugar
burn	fish	milk	sweet (n & adj)
butter	fridge	mineral water	tea
cafe	fried	oil	thirsty
cake	fruit	omelette	tomato
carrot	fry	onion	vegetable
can (n)	glass	orange	waiter
cheers!	grape	pasta	waitress
cheese	grill (v)	pepper	wash up
chicken	grilled	picnic	

Time

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

Communication, Culture and Entertainment

advertisement	cinema	drum	guidebook
art	click (v)	DVD	guitar
band	competition	exhibition	information
book	concert	email (n & v)	internet
call (v)	conversation	film	journalist
camera	dance (n & v)	fun	laugh
card	disco	game	listen to
cassette	draw	go out	look at
CD	drawing	group	magazine

mobile (phone)
mouse
museum
music
news
newspaper
opera
paint (v)
painter
party

photo(graph)
photographer
photography
piano
picture
play (n)
pop (music)
practice
practise
present (n)

prize
programme
project
radio
read
rock (concert)
show (n)
sing
singer
song

talk (n)
telephone
television
theatre
ticket
watch (v)
website
writer

Jobs and Work

actor
artist
boss
break
business
businessman
businesswoman
chemist
cleaner
colleague
company
computer
customer
dentist
desk
diary

diploma
doctor
driver
earn
email (n & v)
engineer
factory
farm
farmer
footballer
guest
guide
hairdresser
instructions
job
journalist

king
letter
manager
mechanic
meeting
message
nurse
occupation
office
painter
pharmacy
photographer
pilot
police officer
queen
receptionist

secretary
shop assistant
shopper
singer
staff
student
teacher
tennis player
tour guide
travel agent
uniform
waiter
waitress
work
worker

Body and Health

accident
ambulance
appointment
arm
baby
back
body
break (v)

burn
check (v)
chemist
clean (adj & v)
comb (n)
cut
danger
dangerous

dead
dentist
die
doctor
ear
face
fall (v)
feel (v)

foot
hair
hand
head
hear (v)
heart
hospital
hurt (v)

ill
insurance
leg
lie down
medicine

neck
nose
nurse
pain
pharmacy

problem
rest (**n & v**)
sick
sleep
soap

stomach
tired
tooth
toothbrush
well (**adj**)

Appliances and Services

camera
cassette
player/recorder
CD
clock
computer

cooker
DVD
electric
electricity
fridge
gas

hairdryer
heating
lamp
lights
mobile (phone)
radio

tape recorder
(tele)phone
television
TV
video
video recorder

Measurements

centimetre
day
degree
gram(me)
half

hour
kilo(gram)
kilometre
litre
metre

mile
minute
moment
quarter
second

temperature
week
year

Documents and Texts

bill
book
card
diploma
email

form
insurance
letter
licence
magazine

menu
message
newspaper
note
passport

postcard
project
ticket

Shopping and Money

assistant
bill
bookshop
buy (**v**)
cash (**n & v**)
cent
change (**n & v**)
cheap

cheque
close (**v**)
closed (**adj**)
cost (**n & v**)
customer
department store
dollar
Euro

expensive
for sale
open (**v & adj**)
pay (for)
pence
penny
pound
price

shop
shop assistant
shopper
shopping
spend
supermarket
try on

Studies

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

Family and Friends

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

Sport and Leisure

ball	camera	football	magazine
baseball	camp	footballer	member
basketball	campsite	game	park (n)
beach	catch (v)	golf	party
bicycle	climb	hobby	picnic
bike	club	hockey	play (v)
boat	competition	holidays	player
book	fishing	luck	pool

practice
practise
prize
race (n & v)
rest (n & v)
ride
riding
run (v)

sailing
sea
ski
skiing
sport(s)
sports centre
stadium
swim

swimming
table-tennis
team
tennis
tennis player
tent
throw (v)
ticket

tired
trainers
volleyball
walk (v)
watch (v)
win (v)
winner

The Home

address
bath
bathroom
bed
bedroom
blanket
bookshelf
bowl
box
chair
clock

cup
cupboard
desk
dining room
door
downstairs
flat
floor
furniture
garage
garden

gate
hall
home
house
key
kitchen
lamp
lights
live (v)
living room
pillow

plate
roof
room
safe (adj)
shelf
shower
sitting room
sofa
stay (v)
toilet
towel

Clothes and Accessories

bag
belt
blouse
boot
clothes
coat
dress (n & v)
glasses

hat
jacket
jeans
pocket
purse
raincoat
shirt
shoe

shorts
skirt
suit
sweater
tights
trainers
trousers
try on (v)

T-shirt
umbrella
uniform
wallet
wear (v)