

Educake English Skills: KS3 Vocabulary Lists

Educake's Key Stage 3 English Skills content contains 12 vocabulary lists of 10 words each.

Lists 1.1 and 1.2 are the lowest challenge, whereas lists 6.1 and 6.2 are the highest challenge.

List	Word	Word class	Definition	Variants tested
1.1	thorough	adj.	complete and/or detailed	thoroughness
1.1	coincidence	n.	an unexplained connection between two or more events	coincidental
1.1	individual	adj.	single or separate	individuality
1.1	sacrifice	n.	something valued that is willingly given up for a greater purpose	
1.1	conscious	adj.	aware and intentional	consciousness
1.1	immense	adj.	very large	
1.1	seize	v.	to take something suddenly	
1.1	compassion	n.	a feeling of concern for others who may be suffering	compassionate
1.1	anxious	adj.	feeling worried or nervous about something	anxiety
1.1	essential	adj.	extremely important	
1.2	awkward	adj.	uncomfortable or embarrassing	
1.2	foreign	adj.	in or from a country that is not your own	
1.2	interrupt	v.	to stop a person from speaking or a process from taking place	interruption
1.2	physical	adj.	relating to the body	
1.2	desperate	adj.	hopeless and full of despair	desperation
1.2	especially	adv.	particularly, or in particular	
1.2	recognise	v.	to know and remember someone or something	recognition
1.2	appreciate	v.	to admire or see the value in something	appreciation
1.2	aggressive	adj.	angry and behaving in a threatening way	
1.2	communicate	v.	to share information	
2.1	sufficient	adj.	enough	
2.1	controversy	n.	intense disagreement over something	controversial
2.1	mischievous	adj.	playfully causing trouble	mischievous
2.1	criticise	v.	to point out the failings of something	criticism
2.1	relevant	adj.	closely connected to the matter at hand	relevance
2.1	interfere	v.	to get involved with something unhelpfully or without permission	

2.1	contradict	v.	to disagree with someone by saying the opposite	contradiction
2.1	diligent	adj.	performing one's duties carefully and with hard work	diligence
2.1	stifle	v.	to prevent, restrain or silence something	stifling
2.1	predicament	n.	a difficult situation	
2.2	reign	n.	a period of time a king or queen rules a country	
2.2	breath	n.	the air that moves in and out of a person's lungs	breathe
2.2	century	n.	a period of a hundred years	
2.2	experiment	n.	a test under controlled conditions	experimental
2.2	pressure	n.	physical or mental force or weight	
2.2	intention	n.	something that you want or plan to do	intend
2.2	though	conj.	despite the fact that	
2.2	various	adj.	many different	variety
2.2	ordinary	adj.	usual or standard	
2.2	guarantee	n. or v.	to promise with certainty	
3.1	amateur	adj.	not professional	
3.1	representative	adj.	accurately presenting or symbolising something	
3.1	conscience	n.	a moral sense of right and wrong	
3.1	convenience	n.	usefulness; or the absence of difficulty	convenient
3.1	profession	n.	a paid job, often requiring education or training	professional
3.1	apparent	adj.	visible or obvious	
3.1	correspond	v.	to have a close similarity to something else	
3.1	bias	n.	an unfair opinion	biased
3.1	aspire	v.	to hope to accomplish something	aspiration
3.1	notorious	adj.	well-known, often for something bad	
3.2	occur	v.	to happen	occurrence
3.2	disastrous	adj.	extremely bad or unsuccessful	disaster
3.2	existence	n.	the state of existing or being alive	exist
3.2	accommodate	v.	to provide a place to live or stay	
3.2	exaggerate	v.	to make something seem more extreme than it really is	
3.2	possessive	adj.	wanting to own or control someone or something	
3.2	programme	n.	a broadcast on televisio or radio	
3.2	adventurous	adj.	willing to try new or difficult things	
3.2	conquer	v.	to defeat someone or something	
3.2	neglect	v.	to not give enough care or attention to something	
4.1	retrospect	n.	a consideration of past events	retrospective

4.1	hindrance	n.	something that gets in the way or makes a process difficult	hinder
4.1	prejudice	n.	an unfair opinion not based on real experience	
4.1	reluctant	adj.	unwilling to do something	
4.1	privilege	n.	a special advantage granted to a certain person or group	privileged
4.1	chronological	adj.	following the order of events in time	
4.1	nuisance	n.	something that causes annoyance	
4.1	agile	adj.	able to move quickly and precisely	agility
4.1	plausible	adj.	seeming likely or reasonable	
4.1	imperative	adj.	extremely important	
4.2	harass	v.	to annoy or upset someone repeatedly	harassment
4.2	signature	n. or adj.	something which a person or place is especially known for	
4.2	deceptive	adj.	hiding or obscuring the truth	deception
4.2	dominance	n.	power or control over someone or something	
4.2	disassemble	v.	to take apart	
4.2	naïve	adj.	having a lack of experience or knowledge	
4.2	remote	adj.	far away	
4.2	mundane	adj.	ordinary and not very interesting	
4.2	culprit	n.	someone who has done something wrong	
4.2	conventional	adj.	traditional and ordinary	convention
5.1	earnest	adj.	characterised by a firm, humourless belief in one's opinions	
5.1	assert	v.	to declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true	
5.1	contempt	n.	lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike	
5.1	retort	n. or v.	a quick reply to a question or remark, often a witty one	
5.1	dissent	n. or v.	disagreement; or to express disagreement	
5.1	hypocrisy	n.	claiming to hold beliefs, opinions or virtues that one does not possess	
5.1	rash	adj.	hasty or incautious	
5.1	aloof	adj.	not friendly or forthcoming, detached	
5.1	ominous	adj.	giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen	
5.1	quintessential	adj.	the perfect example of something	quintessence
5.2	melancholy	n.	a feeling of deep sadness	melancholic
5.2	apprehensive	adj.	feeling worried about something that is going to happen	

5.2	vulnerable	adj.	able to be easily hurt or influenced	
5.2	bewildered	adj.	confused or uncertain	
5.2	exile	v.	to send someone away from their country or home	
5.2	aesthetic	n. or adj.	relating to the enjoyment or study of beauty and art	
5.2	insinuate	v.	to suggest something in an indirect way	insinuation
5.2	conform	v.	to act according to the usual standards of behaviour	conformity
5.2	revelation	n.	a disclosure of something that was previously unknown	
5.2	coherent	adj.	clear and carefully considered	
6.1	eclectic	adj.	deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources	
6.1	callous	adj.	harsh, cold and/or unfeeling	
6.1	unprecedented	adj.	never having happened before	
6.1	scourge	n.	a person or thing that causes great trouble	
6.1	sceptical	adj.	not easily convinced, having doubts or reservations	
6.1	derogatory	adj.	showing a disrespectful or insulting attitude	
6.1	dutiful	adj.	fulfilling one's duty with sincere care and attention	
6.1	haughty	adj.	disdainfully proud	
6.1	morose	adj.	gloomy or sullen	
6.1	jubilant	adj.	extremely joyful, happy	jubilation
6.2	meticulous	adj.	doing something in a very careful and accurate way	meticulously
6.2	marginalise	v.	to treat people or things as though they aren't important	
6.2	perpetuate	v.	to allow or cause something to continue	
6.2	reconciliation	n.	the act of making up with someone after a disagreement	reconcile
6.2	monotonous	adj.	something that doesn't change and is often boring	monotony
6.2	volatile	adj.	likely to change suddenly and without warning	
6.2	conspire	v.	to secretly plot or plan, often in a group	conspiracy
6.2	idealistic	adj.	optimistic and believing in ambitious, sometimes impractical, goals	
6.2	ambiguous	n.	unclear, vague, or with more than one meaning	ambiguity
6.2	destitute	adj.	very poor with no money or possessions	destitution