

What is Lexical Range?

Worksheet

Lexical range is using varied, sophisticated vocabulary — employing diverse synonyms and precise words instead of repeating the same basic vocabulary throughout your writing.

Questions

1. Which shows the best lexical range?

- A) The problem is a big problem that causes problems for society.
- B) The challenge presents multifaceted obstacles that undermine societal wellbeing.
- C) The issue is bad and makes bad effects on society.
- D) The problem is very big and affects the whole society.

2. What is the main weakness here? 'Technology is good. Technology helps people. Technology changes how we live'

- A) Too formal and complex
- B) Lacks lexical range due to word repetition
- C) Grammatically incorrect
- D) Too many ideas in one section

3. Which strategy best improves lexical range?

- A) Using the longest words you know
- B) Repeating important terms for emphasis
- C) Learning synonyms and using varied expressions
- D) Copying academic journal phrases

4. Lexical range means...

- A) Using as many adjectives as possible
- B) Using different words at random
- C) Using sophisticated vocabulary correctly applied
- D) Repeating the same words in different orders

5. Improve this sentence using better vocabulary: 'The movie was good and I liked the story very much.'

6. Show lexical range: 'I use my phone every day. My phone helps me work. My phone is useful.'

7. Upgrade this phrase: 'The government should do something about pollution.'

8. Define: What is lexical range in IELTS?

9. Define: Why does lexical range matter?

10. Define: How do you improve lexical range?

Answer Key

1. B) The challenge presents multifaceted obstacles that undermine societal wellbeing. — Option B uses varied vocabulary, precise words ('multifaceted', 'obstacles', 'undermine'), and avoids repetition — hallmarks of good lexical range.
2. B) Lacks lexical range due to word repetition — 'Technology' is repeated three times, and verbs are basic. Better: use pronouns, employ stronger verbs like 'revolutionizes' or 'facilitates'.
3. C) Learning synonyms and using varied expressions — Learning synonyms and using contextually appropriate varied expressions genuinely demonstrate lexical range — not memorized complex words.
4. C) Using sophisticated vocabulary correctly applied — Lexical range is using varied, precise, contextually appropriate vocabulary — sophistication applied correctly, not random language.
5. Replace 'good' with precise adjective: 'captivating' or 'exceptional' Replace 'liked...very much' with stronger phrase: 'thoroughly enjoyed' or 'found compelling' Result: 'The film was captivating and I found the narrative thoroughly compelling.'
6. Identify repetition of 'phone' and weak verbs Use pronouns and varied words: 'I rely on my mobile device daily. It facilitates my productivity. This technology proves indispensable.'
7. Replace vague 'do something' with specific action: 'implement stringent regulations' Replace 'pollution' with precise term: 'environmental degradation' Result: 'The government should implement stringent regulations to address environmental degradation.'
8. Using varied, sophisticated vocabulary — employing diverse synonyms and avoiding unnecessary repetition.
9. It demonstrates language proficiency. Examiners award higher scores for varied, advanced vocabulary use.
10. Learn synonyms, master advanced words, use precise verbs and adjectives, avoid repetition, study idiomatic expressions.

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