



IELTS Writing

20 collocations

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Here are 20 collocations that you can use to improve your essay in IELTS Writing Task 2

1. To play/have a(n) important/key/vital/crucial role in (doing) something to play an important part in something

- University education plays a crucial role in improving the quality of the human workforce.

2. To make significant/substantial/valuable/great/outstanding contribution to sth

- The medical advances have made outstanding contributions to the public's health care.

3. To solve the problem

- Whoever created this problem should solve it.

4. To be key factors influencing something

- The number of vehicles used is the key factors influencing pollution.

5. To reap the benefits (of something) – gain benefit from something/ make the most of something

- The customers reap the benefits of globalization.

6. To be a contributing factor: to be one of the main causes of something

- The vaccination program has been a contributing factor in the improvement of health standards.

7. To contribute to something

- Alcohol contributes to 100,000 deaths a year in the US.

8. To gain/derive benefit (from sth)

- Many students derived enormous benefit from the course.

9. To have a right to do something = to be entitled to do something

- Everyone should have the right to freedom of expression.
- Full-time employees are entitled to receive health insurance.

10. To benefit greatly/enormously/considerably from something

- Many thousands have benefited considerably from the new treatment.

11. To have/enjoy/achieve a huge/great success in doing something

- We want all our students to achieve huge success in the exam

12. To launch a full-scale investigation into something

- The authorities are planning to launch a full-scale investigation into the crash.

13. To meet the need of/demand

- The charity exists to meet the needs of elderly people.

14. To fulfil a role/duty/function/ an aim/a goal/an objective/dream/ambition/hope

- Visiting Disneyland has fulfilled a boyhood dream.

15. To fulfil a requirement/condition/obligation

- Britain was accused of failing to fulfil its obligation under the EU Treaty.

16. To fulfil a promise/pledge = to keep a promise

- I'd like to see him fulfil his promise to reorganize the army.

17. To satisfy somebody's needs/demands/desires/requirements

- The program is designed to satisfy the needs of adult learners.

18. To have/gain knowledge/understanding of something

- The need to gain knowledge about birth control.

19. To have/make common cause (with/against)

- S officials expect other Western governments to make common cause with them over the arrests.

20. To cause somebody to do something

- What caused you to change your mind?