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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**)

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**)

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

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.
camera (n)
camp (n & v)
campsite (n)
can (n & v)
canal (n)
car (n)
card (n)
• birthday card
• credit card
careful (adj)
• Be careful!
carrot (n)
carry (v)
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)
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)
city (n)
class (n)
 • a language class
 • a first-class ticket
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)
club (n)
 • to join a club
coach (n)
 • a coach trip
coat (n)
coffee (n)
cold (adj & n)
colleague (n)
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)
customer (n)
cut (v)

D

dad(dy) (n)
daily (adj & adv)
dance (n & v)
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**)
dining room (**n**)
dinner (**n**)
diploma (**n**)
dirty (**adj**)
disco (**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**)
draw (**v**)
drawing (**n**)
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**)
excuse (**v**)

- Excuse me!

exhibition (**n**)

- art exhibition

exit (**n**)
expensive (**adj**)
explain (**v**)
extra (**det**)

F

face (**n**)
factory (**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**)

fast (**adj & adv**)

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**)

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 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**)

H

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.

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**)

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

I

I (**pron**)
ice (**n**)
ice cream (**n**)
idea (**n**)
if (**conj**)
ill (**adj**)
important (**adj**)
improve (**v**)
in (**adv & prep**)
indoor (**adj**)
indoors (**adv**)
information (**n**)
in front of (**prep**)
insect (**n**)
inside (**adv & prep**)
instead (**adv**)
instead of (**prep**)
instructions (**n pl**)
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)

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)

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

- football match

matter (**v**)

- It doesn't matter.

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**)
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**)
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**)
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)
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)
only (adv & adj)

- I only wanted to help.
- the only one

open (adj & v)
opera (n)
opposite (prep)
or (conj)
orange (adj & 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)
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)

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

R

race (n & v)

- a running race
- She raced her brother to the bus stop.

radio (n)
railway (n)
rain (n & v)
raincoat (n)
rather (adv)

- rather old

read (v)
ready (adj)

- When will it be ready?

real (adj)
really (adv)
receptionist (n)
red (adj)
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 (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)
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)
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**)
 stairs (**n pl**)
 stamp (**n**)

- Put a stamp on the envelope.

 stand (**v**)

- She was standing at the bus stop.

 star (**n**)
 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

 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.

 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**)
 terrible (**adj**)
 test (**n**)
 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**)
 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

vegetable (**n**)
 very (**adv**)
 video (**n**)
 video recorder (**n**)
 village (**n**)
 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)
week (n)
weekday (n)
weekend (n)
weekly (adj & adv)
welcome (v)
 • Welcome to London!
well (adv & adj)
west (n, adj & adv)
wet (adj)
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)
will ('ll) (v)
win (v)
wind (n)
window (n)
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)
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	ice	space	wind
country	island	spring	windy
countryside	lake	star	winter
east	moon	storm	wood
field	mountain	summer	wool
fire	north	sun	world
flower	outdoor	sunny	
fog	plant	thunderstorm	
foggy	rain (n & v)	tree	
forest	river	warm	

Colours

light/dark	brown	orange	red
black	green	pink	white
blue	grey	purple	yellow

Buildings and Places We Live and Work

airport	corner	market	square
apartment	crossing	museum	stadium
bank	crossroads	newsagent	station
bookshop	department store	office	street
building	disco	park	supermarket
bus station	entrance	petrol station	swimming pool
café	exhibition	police station	theatre
campsite	exit	post office	tourist information centre
canal	factory	railway station	town
castle	farm	restaurant	travel agent
cathedral	flat	river	underground
centre	guesthouse	road	university
church	hospital	roundabout	village
cinema	hotel	ruin	zoo
club	house	school	
city	library	shop	
college	lift	sports centre	

Travel and Transport

(aero)plane	far	passport	suitcase
airport	flight	petrol	taxi
ambulance	fly	petrol station	ticket
boat	garage	pilot	tour (n & v)
brake	helicopter	plane	tour guide
bridge	journey	platform	tourist
bus	leave	police car	tourist information centre
bus station	left	problem	traffic
bus stop	lights	railway	traffic lights
canal	lorry	repair (v)	tram
car	luggage	return (n & v)	travel
coach	machine	ride	travel agent
country	map	right	trip (n)
crossing	mechanic	road	tyre
crossroads	mile	roundabout	underground (n)
delay (n & v)	mirror	sailing	visit
delayed (adj)	miss	seat	visitor
drive	motorway	ship	way (n)
driver	move	station	wheel
driving licence	oil	stop	window
engine	park (v)	straight on	
engineer	passenger	street	

Food and Drink

apple	chocolate	hungry	piece of cake
banana	coffee	ice	pizza
barbecue	cook (n & v)	ice cream	plate
chips	cooker	jam	potato
biscuit	cream	juice	rice
bit of cake	cup	kitchen	roast (v & adj)
boil	cut	knife	salad
bottle	dinner	lemon	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	DVD	museum	programme
art	exhibition	music	project
band	email (n & v)	news	radio
book	film	newspaper	read
call (v)	fun	opera	rock (concert)
camera	game	paint (v)	show (n)
card	go out	painter	sing
cassette	group	party	singer
CD	guidebook	photo(graph)	song
cinema	guitar	photographer	talk (n)
click (v)	information	photography	telephone
competition	internet	piano	television
concert	journalist	picture	theatre
conversation	laugh	play (n)	ticket
dance (n & v)	listen to	pop (music)	watch (v)
disco	look at	practice	website
draw	magazine	practise	writer
drawing	mobile (phone)	present (n)	
drum	mouse	prize	

Jobs and Work

actor	diploma	king	secretary
artist	doctor	letter	shop assistant
boss	driver	manager	shopper
break	earn	mechanic	singer
business	email (n & v)	meeting	staff
businessman	engineer	message	student
businesswoman	factory	nurse	teacher
chemist	farm	occupation	tennis player
cleaner	farmer	office	tour guide
colleague	footballer	painter	travel agent
company	guest	pharmacy	uniform
computer	guide	photographer	waiter
customer	hairdresser	pilot	waitress
dentist	instructions	police officer	work
desk	job	queen	worker
diary	journalist	receptionist	

Body and Health

accident	cut	hand	nurse
ambulance	danger	head	pain
appointment	dangerous	hear (v)	pharmacy
arm	dead	heart	problem
baby	dentist	hospital	rest (n & v)
back	die	hurt (v)	sick
body	doctor	ill	sleep
break (v)	ear	insurance	soap
burn	face	leg	stomach
check (v)	fall (v)	lie down	tired
chemist	feel (v)	medicine	tooth
clean (adj & v)	foot	neck	toothbrush
comb (n)	hair	nose	well (adj)

Appliances and Services

camera	cooker	hairdryer	tape recorder
cassette	DVD	heating	(tele)phone
player/recorder	electric	lamp	television
CD	electricity	lights	TV
clock	fridge	mobile (phone)	video
computer	gas	radio	video recorder

Measurements

centimetre	hour	mile	temperature
day	kilo(gram)	minute	week
degree	kilometre	moment	year
gram(me)	litre	quarter	
half	metre	second	

Documents and Texts

bill	form	menu	postcard
book	insurance	message	project
card	letter	newspaper	ticket
diploma	licence	note	
email	magazine	passport	

Shopping and Money

assistant	cheque	expensive	shop
bill	close (v)	for sale	shop assistant
bookshop	closed (adj)	open (v & adj)	shopper
buy (v)	cost (n & v)	pay (for)	shopping
cash (n & v)	customer	pence	spend
cent	department store	penny	supermarket
change (n & v)	dollar	pound	try on
cheap	Euro	price	

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	football	practice	swimming
baseball	footballer	practise	table-tennis
basketball	game	prize	team
beach	golf	race (n & v)	tennis
bicycle	hobby	rest (n & v)	tennis player
bike	hockey	ride	tent
boat	holidays	riding	throw (v)
book	luck	run (v)	ticket
camera	magazine	sailing	tired
camp	member	sea	trainers
campsite	park (n)	ski	volleyball
catch (v)	party	skiing	walk (v)
climb	picnic	sport(s)	watch (v)
club	play (v)	sports centre	win (v)
competition	player	stadium	winner
fishing	pool	swim	

The Home

address	cup	gate	plate
bath	cupboard	hall	roof
bathroom	desk	home	room
bed	dining room	house	safe (adj)
bedroom	door	key	shelf
blanket	downstairs	kitchen	shower
bookshelf	flat	lamp	sitting room
bowl	floor	lights	sofa
box	furniture	live (v)	stay (v)
chair	garage	living room	toilet
clock	garden	pillow	towel

Clothes and Accessories

bag	hat	shorts	T-shirt
belt	jacket	skirt	umbrella
blouse	jeans	suit	uniform
boot	pocket	sweater	wallet
clothes	purse	tights	wear (v)
coat	raincoat	trainers	
dress (n & v)	shirt	trousers	
glasses	shoe	try on (v)	

