

Primary 5 English Vocabulary List for 2020 Singapore School Test Papers  
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Word	Meaning
Burgled	To enter a building illegally to steal items
Recite	To repeat a poem or list from memory
Rhyme	Correspondence of sound between words
Accused	Charged with a crime or wrongdoing
Belief	Acceptance of something as true
Disrupted	Interrupted or disturbed
Dismiss	To decide that something isn't important
Discard	To get rid of something
Disregard	To ignore or pay no attention to
Warily	Cautiously or suspiciously
Wearily	In a tired way
Briskly	In a quick, energetic manner
Effortless	Requiring no effort or struggle
Painstakingly	With great care and thoroughness
Funds	Money for a specific purpose
Resource	A source of help or support
Fell out	To have a disagreement or conflict
Fell back	To move back or retreat
Fell apart	To break down or disintegrate
Fell through	To fail to happen or be completed
Priority	Something that is regarded as more important
Seniority	Superiority in age, rank, or status
Authority	The power to influence or command
Superiority	The quality of being better than others
Debate	A formal discussion on a particular topic
Exude	To display an emotion or quality strongly
Emitted	To give off or release
Engulf	To surround or cover completely
Embraced	To accept or support willingly

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Essential	Absolutely necessary or important
Supervision	The act of overseeing or managing
Whip up	To prepare quickly or easily
Nutritious	Containing nutrients that benefit health
Incorporate	To include or combine
Routine	A regular way of doing things
Ingredient	A component in a mixture or recipe
Readily	Easily or without hesitation
Research	Systematic investigation into a subject
Urgent	Requiring immediate action or attention
Demanding	Requiring much effort or attention
Challenging	Testing one's abilities or resources
Regulation	A rule or directive made and maintained
Assistance	Help or support
Surveillance	Close observation or monitoring
Management	The act of controlling or organizing
Fuse	To join or blend
Merge	To combine or unite
Secure	Safe or protected
Identify	To recognize or be able to name
Acquire	To obtain or gain possession of
Resilience	The ability to recover from difficulties
Perseverance	Persistence in doing something
Conviction	A strong belief or opinion
Academic	Relating to education or scholarship
Aspire	To have a strong desire to achieve
Sought	Past tense of seek; to try to find
Holistic	Considering the whole rather than parts

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Emphasis	Special importance, value, or prominence
Rote memorization	Learning by repetition without understanding
Concepts	Abstract ideas or general notions
Core	The central or most important part
Elective	Optional course or subject in a curriculum
Modules	Units of study or teaching
Cultivate	To develop or improve through education
Recreation	Activity done for enjoyment or relaxation
Special interest	A specific subject or activity of interest
Staged	Planned or presented in a deliberate way
Exhibition	A public display of works, products, or skills
Fairs	Events for entertainment or trade
Cultural	Relating to the arts, ideas, or customs
Reputation	The beliefs or opinions held about someone
Annual	Occurring once a year
Vibrant	Full of energy and enthusiasm
Enthusiasm	Intense and eager enjoyment or interest
Compassion	Sympathy for the suffering of others
Sincere	Genuine or heartfelt
Appoint	To assign a job or role to someone
Consecutive	Following one another in order
Undoubtedly	Certainly or without doubt
Establish	To set up or create
Community	A group of people living in the same area
Leaflet	A printed sheet of paper for distribution
Queries	Questions or inquiries
Facility	A place or resource designed for a purpose
Convey	To communicate or make known

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Invaluable	Extremely useful or valuable
Aspect	A particular feature or part of something
Agile	Able to move quickly and easily
Interval	A period of time between events or actions
Grappling	Struggling or dealing with a problem
Ensare	To catch or trap in a difficult situation
Nauseous	Feeling sick or nauseated
Social	Relating to society or interactions
Masseurs	Professionals who give massages
Receptionist	A person who greets and assists visitors
Impose	To force or place something on others
Adverse	Negative or harmful
Depression	A state of unhappiness or low mood
Anxiety	A feeling of worry or unease
Subsequently	Following or coming after something
Academic	Relating to education or scholarly pursuits
Withdrawn	Not wanting to communicate with others
Trot	A moderately fast pace of running
Startlingly	Surprisingly or shockingly
Stride	A long step when walking or running
Flailing	Waving or swinging wildly
Pursue	To follow or chase after
Lush	Rich in growth or vegetation
Frantic	Wild or distraught with fear or anxiety
Spurt	A sudden burst or increase in speed
Instantaneously	Immediately or without delay
Bounding	Leaping or jumping energetically
None the worse	Unharmd or unaffected by an ordeal

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Unaffected	Not influenced or changed
Embrace	To accept or support willingly
Incredulous	Unwilling or unable to believe something
Gaping	Wide open, as in astonishment or wonder
Relief	A feeling of reassurance or relaxation
Courage	Bravery or the ability to face danger or challenges
Approachable	Friendly and easy to talk to
Took to	Developed a liking for or began doing something
Took in	Absorbed or understood
Took up	Began to do or pursue
Took after	Resembled or followed in the footsteps of
Outwit	Outsmart or outthink
Task	A piece of work or duty
Strategy	A plan of action or policy
Challenge	A demanding task or situation
Like a raging bull	Extremely angry or aggressive
Like a moth to a flame	Irresistibly attracted to something dangerous
Like a cat on hot bricks	Very nervous, restless, or agitated
Like ripples from...	Gradually spreading effects or consequences
Subsided	Became less intense or severe
Debris	Remains or wreckage
Intruding	Trespassing or entering without permission
Inquisitive	Curious or eager to learn
Interfering	Meddling or getting involved in others' affairs
Informative	Providing useful information
Fatal	Causing death or disaster
Ruthless	Without pity or compassion
Empathy	The ability to understand and share others' feelings

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Protected	Kept safe or defended
Retreated	Moved back or withdrew
Testimony	A formal written or spoken statement
Unthinkable	Impossible to imagine or consider
Strict	Demanding obedience or following rules
Hostile	Unfriendly or aggressive
Severe	Harsh, stern, or serious
Vicious	Cruel or violent
Option	A choice or alternative
Motive	A reason for doing something
Consent	Permission or agreement
Restricted	Limited or confined
Influenced	Affected or changed
Concerned	Worried or anxious
Evade	Escape or avoid
Withdrew	Retracted or took back
Abandoned	Deserted or left
Response	A reply or reaction
Allegation	A claim or accusation
Statement	A declaration or expression
Discussion	A conversation or debate
Heritage	Cultural or historical traditions passed down
Rediscover	To find or learn about something again
Organiser	A person who arranges or plans events
Re-live	To experience something again
Unveil	To reveal or disclose
Oasis	A peaceful or pleasant place in a difficult environment
Peace	Freedom from disturbance or tranquility

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Tranquil	Calm, peaceful, and quiet
Cuisine	A style or method of cooking
Maze	A complex network of paths or passages
Documented	Recorded in writing or another permanent form
Serenity	The state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled
Ambience	The atmosphere or mood of a place
Sacred	Connected with a deity or religious purpose
Incorporate	Include or contain within something
Architecture	The art or practice of designing and constructing buildings
Enchanted	Delighted or charmed
Cultural	Relating to the arts, customs, or beliefs of a society
Showcasing	Presenting or displaying
Depart	Leave or go away from
Dismissal	The act of ordering or allowing someone to leave
Indulge	Allow oneself to enjoy a pleasure or desire
Entails	Involves or requires
Assemble	Gather together in one place
Asterisk	A symbol (*) used to mark a reference or footnote
Emphasise	Give special importance or prominence to
Origin	The beginning or cause of something
Inspired	Guided or influenced by something
Aspects	A particular part or feature of something
Recycle	Convert waste materials into new, usable products
Offshore	At sea, away from the coast
Alternative	Another option or possibility
Consequence	A result or effect of an action or condition
Contributor	A person who contributes or adds to something
Curb	Restrain or keep in check

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Territory	An area of land under the jurisdiction of a ruler or state
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal or plant
Conducive	Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible
Wetlands	Land consisting of marshes or swamps
Inhabit	Live in or occupy a place or environment
Regulate	Control or maintain the rate or speed of
Metabolism	The chemical processes in a living organism
Chameleon	A lizard with the ability to change color
Unique	Being the only one of its kind
Panoramic	Providing a wide or comprehensive view
Independently	Without the help or influence of others
Trials	A test of the performance, qualities, or suitability
Opponent	A person who competes against or opposes another
Ravine	A deep, narrow gorge with steep sides
Abundance	A large quantity or amount
Emerge	Come into view or become known
Haven	A place of safety or refuge
Sanctuary	A place of refuge or safety
Leisurely	Unhurried or relaxed
Accustomed	Familiar with or used to
Stroll	A leisurely walk
Amplified	Increased in volume or strength
Extinction	The state of a species no longer existing
Deforestation	The removal of forests or trees
Conclusion	The end or close of an event or process
Partially	To some extent, not completely
Ransacked	Searched thoroughly and roughly



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Bring up	Raise (a child); mention or introduce a topic
Bring out	Publish or make something available; emphasize
Bring round	Revive or restore someone's consciousness
Bring forward	Move something to an earlier time or date
Situation	A set of circumstances or the way things are
Subsided	Become less intense, violent, or severe
Mounted	Organized and initiated an event or campaign
Rickety	Poorly made and likely to collapse
Cautiously	Carefully avoiding potential problems or dangers
Considerately	Showing thoughtfulness for the feelings of others
Conscientiously	Wishing to do what is right, especially one's duty
Indirect	Not going straight to the point or target
Indistinct	Not clear or sharply defined
Inaudible	Unable to be heard
Led by the nose	Controlled or manipulated easily
Played second fiddle	Hold a subordinate role to someone else
Blew his own trumpet	Boast about one's own achievements or abilities
Forecast	Predict or estimate a future event
Rice paddies	Flooded fields used for cultivating rice
Haunt	A place frequented by a particular person or group
Explore	Travel through an unfamiliar area to learn about it
Nook and cranny	Every part or aspect of something, hidden places
Ventured	Dare to do something or go somewhere that may be risky
Stashing	Store something safely and secretly
Clambered	Climb, move, or get out of something in an awkward way
Frantic	Distraught with fear, anxiety, or other emotion
Dashed	Run or travel somewhere in a great hurry

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Combed	Search carefully and systematically
Weaved	Move in a twisting or zigzag pattern
Scrambled	Move quickly or hurriedly, especially with difficulty
Meagre	Lacking in quantity or quality, insufficient
Adequate	Satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity
Intermittent	Occurring at irregular intervals
Accommodation	A place to live, work, or stay
Hangout	A place where someone regularly spends time
Retreat	A quiet or secluded place in which one can rest
Checking in	Register one's arrival at a hotel or event
Checking off	Mark items on a list as completed or acquired
Checking out	Pay and leave a hotel; observe or investigate
Checking up on	Investigate or look into someone's actions or wellbeing
Horried	Filled with horror or shock
Stupefied	Unable to think or react properly; astonished
Anxiety	A feeling of worry or unease
Combat	Fighting between armed forces or people
Contribute	Help to cause or bring about
Edible	Fit to be eaten
Foster	Encourage or promote the development of
Green thumb	A natural talent for growing plants
Climate	The weather conditions in an area over a long period
Requirements	A thing that is needed or wanted
Management	The process of dealing with or controlling things
Participants	A person who takes part in something
Sow	Plant (seed) by scattering it on or in the earth
Stem cuttings	A piece of a plant cut to be used for propagation

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Harvest	The process or period of gathering in crops
Globe	A spherical representation of the earth
Nutrient	A substance that provides nourishment essential for growth
Convenient	Fitting in well with a person's needs, activities, plans
Fulfilling	Making someone satisfied or happy through allowing self-
Obvious	Easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident
Scarcity	The state of being scarce or in short supply
Fortunate	Favored by or involving good luck or fortune
Import	Bring goods or services into a country from abroad
Venture	A risky or daring journey or undertaking
Seasonally	In a way that relates to or is characteristic of a season
Appreciate	Recognize the full worth of; be grateful for
Vast	Of very great extent or quantity; immense
Reflect on	Think deeply or carefully about
Pre-grown	Grown or developed before a specific time or stage
Conducted	Organize and carry out
Bullet points	An item in a list that has a large dot (bullet) in front
Parental	Relating to a person's parent or parents
Homegrown	Produced or originating in one's own country or area
Brochure	A small book or magazine containing information or pictures
Domestically	Within the home or country
Protein	A nutrient found in food, necessary for growth and repair
Processed meat	Meat that has been preserved by curing, smoking, or other methods
Ready meals	Prepackaged meals requiring minimal preparation
Lasagne	An Italian dish made of layers of pasta, cheese, and meat sauce
Casserole	A kind of stew cooked slowly in an oven
From scratch	From the very beginning, without using anything pre-made

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Fibre	A thread-like structure that forms the basis of a textile or fabric.
Digestive	Relating to the process of breaking down food in the digestive system.
Steer clear	To avoid or stay away from someone or something.
Marked	Clearly noticeable or evident.
Self-confessed	Admitting to something that is generally considered negative or embarrassing.
Encounter	A meeting or an unexpected face-to-face interaction with someone or something.
Recall	The act of remembering something.
Sprinting	Running or moving quickly for a short distance.
Potential	The capacity or ability to do or become something in the future.
Character	The mental and moral qualities unique to an individual that define their personality.
Excel	To be exceptionally good at something.
Niche	A specific area of expertise, interest or market that is not widely catered to.
Valuable	Having worth or usefulness.
Nervous	Feeling anxious or worried about something.
Anxiety	A feeling of unease, such as worry or fear.
Ashamed	Feeling guilty, embarrassed or humiliated about something one has done or failed to do.
Skill	A learned ability to perform a task effectively.
Jolt	A sudden, sharp shock or jerk.
Contrast	The state of being strikingly different from something else.
Marathon	A long-distance running race that is typically 26.2 miles or 42.2 kilometers long.
Successful	Having achieved the desired aim or result.
Cat on hot bricks	Being extremely nervous or restless.
Exclaim	To cry out or speak suddenly and loudly, often expressing strong emotion or surprise.
Marvelled	To be filled with wonder or astonishment.
Adorned	Decorated or embellished in an attractive way.

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Stern	Serious or strict in manner or attitude.
Reprimanded	To be scolded or rebuked for doing something wrong.
Subsequently	Later or afterwards.
Snapped	To say something quickly or sharply.
Uttered	To speak or pronounce something out loud.
Gleefully	Doing something with joy, delight or happiness.
Eager	Being enthusiastic or excited about something.
Tour guide	A person who shows tourists around a place or location.
Features	Distinctive attributes or characteristics of something or someone.
Automated	Operated by machines or computers, without human intervention.
Screening	The process of evaluating or checking something carefully.
Over-	To have consumed or done something excessively or beyond what is
Plush	Rich or luxurious, often used to describe comfortable furniture or
Lounge	A comfortable room in a house, hotel or public building where people can
Options	Choices or alternatives that are available.
Spree	A period of unrestrained or excessive activity or indulgence.
Obstacles	Things that prevent or hinder progress or achievement

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