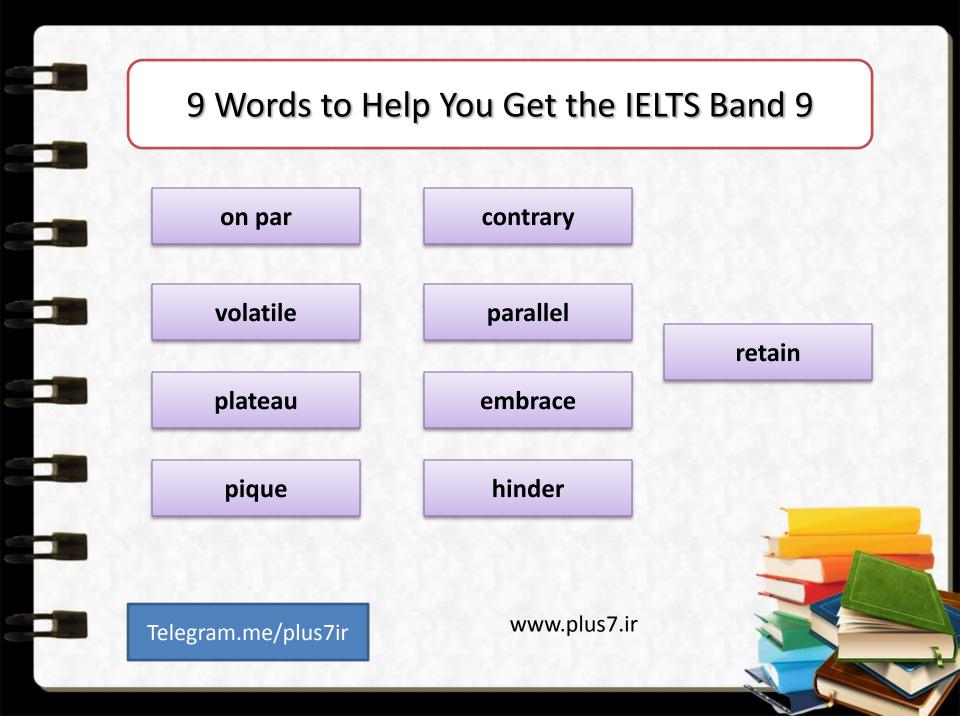
# 9 Words To Help You Get the IELTS Band 9







### on par

equal to someone or something

speaking

I'm diligent and I am not afraid of hard work. My grades last semester were <u>on par</u> with the best students in my program, so I feel it would be accurate to say I am motivated by success. E

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#### on par

equal to someone or something

writing

After looking at both sides of this discussion, my personal sentiments are <u>on par</u> with the idea that strict parental control produces a more productive member of society.

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# volatile

something unstable/ negative in nature

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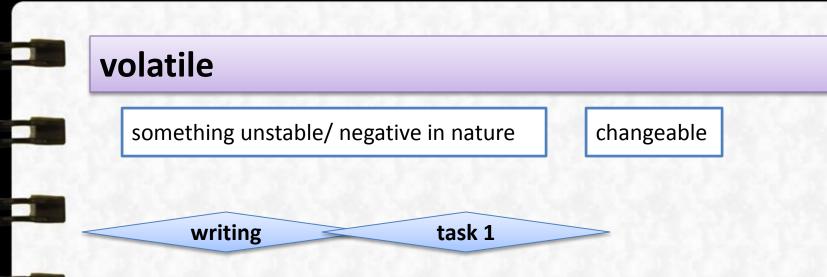
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speaking

My professional schedule has been quite volatile this past year. I've thus found it difficult to maintain hobbies. I tend to exercise when I can, but I wouldn't say there is a regular pattern to it.

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The figures exhibit **volatility** between the years 1996 and 2000; however, a reversion to stability is seen in 2002.



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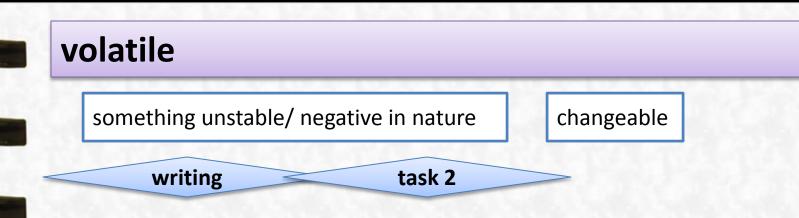
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For example, the **volatile** nature of weather in Caribbean countries can make tourism unpredictable and therefore, unreliable. For these countries, providing people with greater access to the Internet would empower workers and allow them to both educate themselves and develop online businesses in the services sector. Thus, because a varied economy promotes stability, tourist dependent countries should do what they can to establish other industries.

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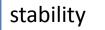
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# plateau

a period of time that shows inactivity



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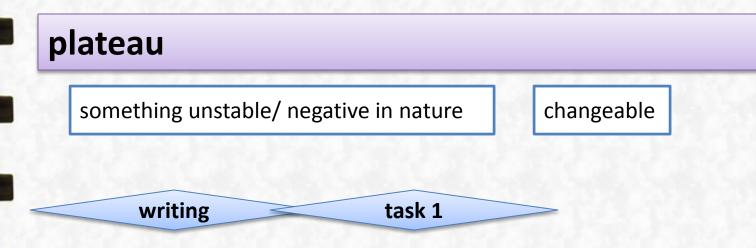
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When I first started studying English in Australia, my skills grew rapidly. However, after I returned to my home country, my language abilities unfortunately **plateaued/hit a plateau**. I attribute this to the fact that I did not have anyone to practice English with.



Following a rapid growth from 60 to 180 barrels in the first month of 2002, corn oil production hit **plateau** of 200 barrels between February and April. In May, however, the trend once again reverts to climbing and reaches the highest for the year at 275 barrels.

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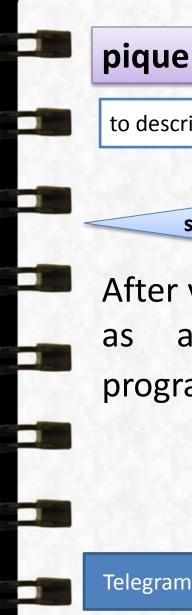
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to describe something that stimulates interests

to provoke; arouse

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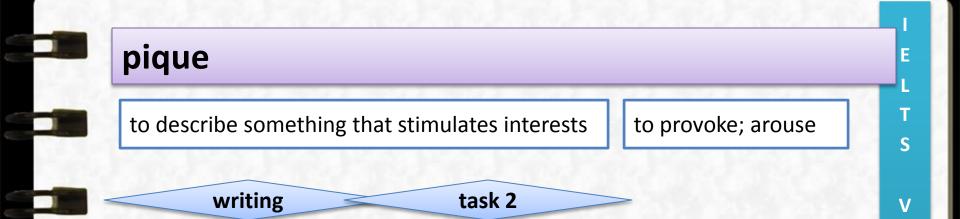
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After visiting a science and technology museum child, my interest in computer а as programming was **piqued**.





Firstly, technology can **pique** the interest of students in a way that encourages focus and information retention. For example, modern university lecture halls make it possible for classrooms in Canada to use music, video and the Internet as a means of maintaining the attention of students during class time.

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# contrary

to introduce opposing ideas

a fact or condition incompatible with another

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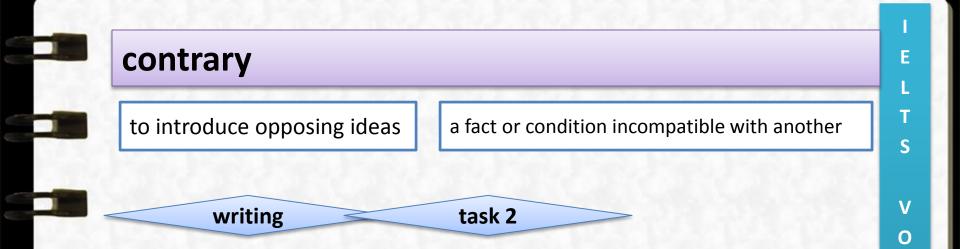
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**Contrary** to my personality, my sister is very outgoing and tends to make friends easily.

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# On the **contrary**, several disadvantages stem from the use of technology in the classroom.

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# parallel

something that occurs in the same manner

very similar and often happening at the same time

speaking

My university experiences **paralleled** those of my brother.

There are clear **parallels** between my university experiences and those of my brother.

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# parallel

something that occurs in the same manner

very similar and often happening at the same time

Firstly, several **parallels** exist between Harry Potter and other fantasy series you likely have enjoyed. If you liked the setting of The Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter will not disappoint you, as it takes place in a medieval world richly populated by both humans and other forms of intelligent life.

task 2

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# embrace

something that is accepted willingly and can be used in one's advantage

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# I embraced the opportunity to study abroad.

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## embrace

something that is accepted willingly and can be used in one's advantage



Thus, it is clear that students who <u>embrace</u> the study of another language are positioning themselves for future academic and professional opportunities. S

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# hinder

to make (something, such as a task or action) slow or difficult or weaker

hold back

speaking

Distraction has definitely been a challenge for me. Being social, I feel, is a big part of the university experience. However, being too social can **hinder** a student's ability to focus, and this can directly impact academic performance. E

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# hinder

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hold back

#### writing

task 2

Firstly, addressing corruption around the world can bring protection to the rights of the poor, and this helps better the economic situation of those in need. For example, corruption in China has historically hindered the development of a legal system able to protect the poor against extortion. However, recent anti-corruption campaigns have shed some light on this problem, and this has led to modest improvement in the rights of those that lack wealth.

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## retain

to keep (someone) in a position, job, etc.

speaking

Yes, I believe I will someday. I've travelled quite a bit, but I've always <u>retained</u> a feeling that I'd like to live in my home country long term.



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# retain

to keep (someone) in a position, job, etc.

writing task 2

Firstly, if a single language is spoken and taught the world over, this could make it difficult for people to **retain** their cultural identity. S

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