200 Collocations for

IELTS Speaking Band 8

- 1. **technical problem**: a problem involving the way a machine or system works
- 2. be a big deal: to be a thing considered important.
- 3. **jealousy**: the state or feeling of being jealous.
- 4. **centre of attention**: a person or thing that excites everyone's interest or concern
- 5. flat broke: be completely out of money
- 6. throw a party: hold/ organise a party
- 7. **give a farewell party**: throw a party for someone who is leaving a job, city, etc
- 8. wolf something down: eat something very rapidly and in very large pieces
- 9. scrumptious: delicious
- 10. **to come of age**: to reach the age when you are legally considered to be an adult.
- 11. attach importance to: believe that something is important
- 12. **take pride in**: To take satisfaction in, be proud of, or highly value something one owns, has done, or is renowned for
- 13. **end up**: to reach a particular place or achieve a situation after other activities
- 14. **on second thoughts**: Having reconsidered or revised one's opinion of something

- 15. **be taken by surprise**: to be shocked or startled by someone or something
- 16. **be taken aback**: to be shocked or startled by someone or something
- 17. **make one's way to somewhere**: walk or travel to somewhere
- 18. **turn out**: to happen in a particular way or to have a particular result, especially an unexpected one
- 19. **a sense of accomplishment**: a proud feeling of having done something difficult and worthwhile
- 20. for a while: for some time
- 21. **fresh in one's memory**: remember clearly
- 22. **pull all-nighters**: to be awake all night long, especially to study or to complete something
- 23. on edge: nervous or worried
- 24. in hindsight: looking backward, reflecting on the past
- 25. **To get the most out of something**: to achieve the greatest output of work, effort, production, etc., out of someone or something
- 26. While-collar workers: people who work in offices, doing work that needs mental rather than physical effort
- 27. Adjacent to: next to or adjoining something else
- 28. To boil with rage: To express or feel an intensive anger
- 29. take up: start doing something
- 30. to be up to my ears in: extremely busy
- 31. have a crack at something: attempt to do something
- 32. **sedentary lifestyle**: spend a lot of time sitting down
- 33. **get lean**: have very little or no fat

- 34. Laze around: to spend a period of time being lazy
- 35. Catch up on: learn about something that one missed
- 36. **Binge-watch**: to watch several episodes of a television series or programme
- 37. Shut oneself off: isolate oneself from other people.
- 38. like the white on rice: close as anything can be
- 39. **inseparable**: very close
- 40. **buried in work**: very busy with work
- 41. **confide in**: to tell something secret or personal to someone who you trust
- 42. **cross-eyed drunk**: alcohol intoxicated.
- 43. **to roam**: to move about or travel, especially without a clear idea of what you are going to do
- 44. **in the middle of nowhere**: in a place that is remote and isolated
- 45. **shrill scream**: a high pitched scream that can really hurt your ears if you're too close
- 46. **life-changing**: having an effect that is strong enough to change someone's life
- 47. **real-estate agent**: a person who sells and rents out buildings and land for clients
- 48. **to make progress**: to move forward in one's work or activity
- 49. lucrative: producing a great deal of profit
- 50. **arduous**: involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring
- 51. ground rule: a basic principle

- 52. **retrospect**: a survey or review of a past course of events or period of time
- 53. to make the right move: to have a right decision
- 54. **role model**: a person looked to by others as an example to be imitated
- 55. to look up to sb: to admire and respect someone
- 56. to take different paths: to make different decisions
- 57. **to be highly capable**: to perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced levels when compared with others
- 58. to be diametrical to sb/st: to be completely different to sth/sb
- 59. approachable: easy to talk with; friendly
- 60. **further education**: formal education beyond school other than at a university or polytechnic
- 61. citywide: including or occurring in all parts of a city
- 62. **bump into**: to meet by chance
- 63. crack someone up: to make someone laugh
- 64. **be in awe**: fearful and respectful of someone or something
- 65. **Genre**: a particular style in arts
- 66. Hotspot: a popular and exciting place

- 67. Dance the night away: to spend the whole night dancing
- 68. Sing one's heart out: To sing with great enthusiasm
- 69. **Improvise a tune**: to perform without preparation.
- 70. Vividly remember: remember something accurately
- 71. coincidental: happening by chance, not planned
- 72. go to place: the best place to come
- 73. caught one's eye: attract one's attention
- 74. warm ambience: warm atmosphere
- 75. a hideaway: a place you can go to hide or to be alone
- 76. run away: escape from somebody/ a place
- 77. **the hustle and bustle**: noisy activity of a lot of people in one place
- 78. retain their clients: keep their customers
- 79. in the long run: a long period in the future
- 80. Adaptation: the transfer of a written work to a film
- 81. Hit the big screen: to be shown at the cinema
- 82. Exceeded my expectations: to be better that expected
- 83. Cry one's eyes out: cry a lot.

- 84. **be overwhelmed by something**: to get so much of something that it becomes a problem
- 85. to live in solitude: to live all alone
- 86. much less: not to mention
- 87. **heartfelt gratitude**: sincere readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
- 88. back in the day: in the past
- 89. take one's eyes off: to cease looking at something or someone
- 90. now and then: sometimes
- 91. make my dream come true: make a wish or a dream become a reality.
- 92. **Dormitory**: a building for college students to live in
- 93. A music festival: a community event oriented towards live performances of singing and instrument playing
- 94. Swarming with: to be full of something
- 95. **Stuffy atmosphere**: an unpleasantly warm atmosphere without enough fresh air
- 96. Elaborate on the story: Explain in greater detail.
- 97. Burst into laughter: A spontaneous and sudden fit of laughter.
- 98. To be all the rage: to be very popular or fashionable.

- 99. **To be caught up in all this hype**: to be involved in a discussion on TV, radio, etc. (disapproving)
- 100. **To show somebody the ropes**: To show somebody how something is done.
 - 101. **Easier said than done**: to be much more difficult to do than to talk about.
 - 102. **Misshapen beyond recognition**: with a shape that cannot be recognized.
 - 103. In retrospect: Thinking about a past situation
 - 104. An expat: a person living outside their own country
 - 105. A blackout: a period when there is no light as a result of an electrical power failure
 - 106. **The cultural differences**: the differences between 2 cultures
 - 107. **The language barrier**: the difficulties in communication experienced by people or groups speaking different languages
 - 108. **Adore**: love someone very much
 - 109. Glorious time: A time of greatness and prosperity.
 - 110. **Legends and myths**: Traditional stories, usually historical and unauthenticated (possibly not true).
 - 111. **Cultural practice**: an action committed by people of a particular culture, tradition or nationality.
 - 112. **To be tied up in something**: to be occupied by something/too busy doing something
 - 113. **To pass the exam with flying colors**: successfully pass the exam
 - 114. Ease my mind: to relax

- 115. Well-trodden area: an area with a lot of people traveling
- 116. Budget friendly: affordable
- 117. Cost an arm and a leg: very expensive
- 118. Make a killing: make a lot of money quickly
- 119. **suffer from**: be badly affected by
- 120. **excessive**: greater than what seems reasonable or appropriate
- 121. tolerable: moderate, acceptable
- 122. in full blossom: with the flowers fully open
- 123. morning chorus: early morning bird songs
- 124. pilgrimage: a journey to a holy place for religious reasons
- 125. **in the prime of**: in the best, most successful, most productive stage
- 126. **susceptible**: very likely to be influenced, harmed or affected
- 127. dictate: decide, determine
- 128. **hassle**: irritating inconvenience
- 129. emphasize: give special importance to
- 130. **voluntary**: done willingly
- 131. turbulent: full of sudden change and confusion
- 132. dedicated to: working hard at
- 133. **compassionate**: feeling or showing sympathy for people who are suffering
- 134. **be committed to**: willing to work hard and give your time and energy to
- 135. senior citizen: the aged

- 136. **nursing home**: a public or private residential facility providing a high level of long-term personal or nursing care for the elderly
- 137. rapport: a friendly relationship
- 138. **achievement**: a thing that somebody has done successfully
- 139. **To compose**: to write music
- 140. An expat: a person living outside their own country
- 141. To portray: to describe something or somebody
- 142. To be hooked: to enjoy something very much
- 143. **To reflect on**: to think carefully and deeply about something
- 144. To be irritated: to be annoyed
- 145. If my memory serves me right: If I remember correctly.
- 146. **Tolerant**: to be able to accept what other people say or do even if you do not agree with it
- 147. Calm my anger down: to make me become less angry and more relaxed
- 148. Charismatic: To have the powerful quality to attract and impress other people
- 149. Cool-headed: calm
- 150. **To weigh up the pros and cons**: to consider both advantages and disadvantages
- 151. To jump to a conclusion: to make a decision too quickly
- 152. In the trade: To be working in a particular business
- 153. To be taken aback: To be surprised by something
- 154. An embodiment of adventure and courage: A person or thing that represents adventure and courage

- 155. **The most unlikely places**: Places that no one would want to visit
- 156. In awe of: To admire somebody
- 157. Idolize: Admire, revere, or love greatly or excessively.
- 158. Renowned: Known or talked about by many people; famous.
- 159. A great inspiration: Someone that people aspire to be and are motivated by.
- 160. Live a miserable life: to have a very unhappy and uncomfortable life
- 161. A forced marriage: a marriage where the husband and wife are forced to get married
- 162. **Encounter difficulties and pains**: to experience difficulties
- 163. To the best of my recollection: if I remember correctly
- 164. **An influential person**: a person who has a lot of influence on other people
- 165. A torrential rain: the rain falling in large amounts
- 166. **The worst- case scenario**: the most unpleasant that could happen in a situation
- 167. **Be as wet as a drowned rat**: to be very wet, especially because you have been in heavy rain
- 168. **Rear-view mirror**: a mirror in which a driver can see the traffic behind
- 169. **Skeptical**: having doubts that something will happen
- 170. Humanity: the quality of being kind to people
- 171. To chill out: to relax
- 172. Nerve-racking: making you feel very nervous and worried

- 173. **High-end product**s: products that are expensive and of high quality
- 174. **To relieve everyday stress**: to reduce everyday stress
- 175. To ease my mind: to make myself less worried
- 176. metropolitan: connected with a large or capital city
- 177. settle down: start to have a quieter way of life
- 178. **co-existence**: the state of being together in the same place at the same time
- 179. **shrine**: a place where people come to worship
- 180. showcase: present
- 181. a short stroll from: not far from
- 182. flicker: keep going on and off as it shines or burns
- 183. **hectic**: full of activity
- 184. irresistible: cannot be stopped or resisted
- 185. since time immemorial: for a very long time
- 186. majestic: impressive
- 187. **agriculture**: the cultivation and breeding of animals and plants
- 188. mighty: very strong and powerful
- 189. discerning: able to judge the good quality of something
- 190. **bucket list**: a number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime
- 191. criss-cross: mark with intersecting lines
- 192. gem: a person, place or thing that is especially good
- 193. To take a stroll: to take a slow relaxed walk
- 194. To kick off: to start something

- 195. **Mental wellness**: the state of being mentally healthy
- 196. If my memory serves me right: if I remember correctly
- 197. **To put my feet up:** to sit down and relax
- 198. **socialize**: to meet and spend time with people in a friendly way
- 199. **oasis**: an area in the desert where there is water and where plants grow
- 200. **roller coaster**: a track at a fairground that goes up and down very steep slopes and that people ride on in a small train for fun and excitement

