

ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE IELTS

My Words

Write the words that are new to you. Look them up in the dictionary and write their definitions.

Words

Definitions

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Word Families

noun	efficiency	Efficiency is an important quality for any new product.
adjective	efficient	Efficient headlamps made safe travel at night possible.
adverb	efficiently	Candles do not light a room very efficiently.

noun	generator	If the power lines are down, you can use a gasoline generator to have electricity in your house.
noun	generation	The generation of electricity can cause air pollution.
verb	generate	There are a variety of ways to generate electricity.

noun	illuminator	An illuminator can provide an area with light.
noun	illumination	The illumination of an electric lamp is stronger than that of a candle.
verb	illuminate	In the past, people used candles to illuminate their houses.

noun	innovation	The innovation of electric headlamps made travel much easier.
noun	innovator	Several innovators worked on the development of electric headlamps.
adjective	innovative	The development of electric headlamps was the work of a number of innovative people.

noun	intensity	A locomotive needs a headlamp with high intensity.
verb	intensify	Using a stronger battery will intensify light.
adjective	intense	The light from candles is not very intense.
adverb	intensely	Some materials burn more intensely than others.

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noun	reflector	A reflector on a lamp makes the light more intense.
noun	reflection	You can see your reflection in a mirror.
verb	reflect	A piece of metal can be used to reflect light.
adjective	reflective	If a lamp is coated with reflective material, it will cast a stronger light.

Word Family Practice

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

Traveling at night was tricky before people had developed headlamps that worked **1**..... . Early **2**..... for use on locomotives included lamps that **3**..... by burning pine knots or whale oil. Some of these lamps used metal as a **4**..... material to **5**..... the light. Later, electric headlamps were developed. The problem with these lamps involved finding a portable way to **6**..... the electricity that they used.

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| 1. efficiency | efficient | efficiently |
| 2. innovators | innovations | innovative |
| 3. illumination | illuminator | illuminated |
| 4. reflector | reflect | reflective |
| 5. intensity | intensify | intensely |
| 6. generation | generators | generate |