

Word Families

noun	capability	If a wheelchair has certain capabilities, it is easier to take on a crowded bus or subway.
adjective	capable	Some wheelchairs are capable of being folded.
adverb	capably	People can get around quite capably with a wheelchair.

noun	disability	A disability does not have to prevent a person from living a complete life.
noun	disabled	The disabled require many adjustments to a house.
verb	disable	An accident can disable a person for life.
adjective	disabled	Wheelchairs have helped many disabled people get around.

noun	incapacity	His growing incapacity did not stop him from enjoying life.
noun	incapacitation	Incapacitation caused by aging is one reason that people use wheelchairs.
verb	incapacitate	Age, injury, and illness are all things that can incapacitate people.
adjective	incapacitated	People can become incapacitated with age.

ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE IELTS

noun	necessity	He uses a wheelchair out of necessity.
verb	necessitate	Wheelchairs necessitate ramps and wide corridors.
adjective	necessary	Ramps are necessary to accommodate wheelchairs.
adverb	necessarily	Corridors in hospitals are necessarily wide to accommodate wheelchairs.

noun	slip	Slips and falls are a major cause of injury in the elderly.
noun	slipperiness	The slipperiness of the roads after an ice storm accounts for many accidents.
verb	slip	A wheelchair can slip on a wet or icy surface.
adjective	slippery	Ice can make a sidewalk too slippery for a wheelchair.

Word Family Practice

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

Physical **1**..... does not **2**..... mean that one has to live a limited life. Wheelchairs, for example, help millions of **3**..... people get around and live independent lives. Wheelchairs are **4**..... of going just about everywhere. As with any form of transportation, the user has to be careful to avoid accidents. For example, after a snowstorm or rainstorm, the **5**..... of sidewalks may make it difficult to maneuver a wheelchair safely.

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| 1. incapacitation | incapacitate | incapacitated |
| 2. necessitate | necessary | necessarily |
| 3. disability | disable | disabled |
| 4. capability | capable | capably |
| 5. slipperiness | slip | slippery |