

# PTE Collocation List 2026: 100+ Pairs

105 high-frequency academic collocations for PTE Reading and Reading & Writing Fill in the Blanks — curated by PTE Nepal (ptenepal.com). This is the high-frequency PTE subset; the full official Pearson Academic Collocation List contains 2,469 entries.

## Adjective + Noun Collocations

Collocation	Meaning	Example sentence
<b>fundamental principle</b>	a basic rule or idea that something is built on	Equal access to education is a fundamental principle of public policy.
<b>significant impact</b>	a large or important effect	Remote work has had a significant impact on city economies.
<b>inherent risk</b>	a danger that is a natural, built-in part of something	Every medical procedure carries an inherent risk.
<b>demographic shift</b>	a change in the structure of a population	An ageing workforce reflects a broader demographic shift.
<b>conceptual framework</b>	a set of ideas used to organise and understand a topic	The study uses a conceptual framework drawn from behavioural economics.
<b>economic growth</b>	an increase in a country's production of goods and services	Tourism remains a key driver of economic growth in the region.
<b>renewable energy</b>	power from sources that do not run out, such as sun or wind	Investment in renewable energy doubled over the decade.
<b>extensive research</b>	research that covers a wide area or large amount of detail	Extensive research supports the link between sleep and memory.
<b>compelling evidence</b>	evidence so strong it is hard to argue against	The trial produced compelling evidence of the drug's effectiveness.
<b>profound effect</b>	a very deep, far-reaching effect	Early childhood nutrition has a profound effect on development.
<b>diverse range</b>	a wide variety of different things	The university offers a diverse range of postgraduate courses.
<b>unprecedented growth</b>	growth never seen before	Online education experienced unprecedented growth after 2020.
<b>crucial role</b>	an extremely important function	Teachers play a crucial role in shaping student motivation.
<b>widespread acceptance</b>	approval or adoption by many people	Electric vehicles are gaining widespread acceptance among commuters.
<b>sustainable development</b>	growth that meets present needs without harming the future	The report links sustainable development to responsible water use.
<b>considerable attention</b>	a large amount of notice or focus	Artificial intelligence has attracted considerable attention from regulators.
<b>empirical evidence</b>	evidence based on observation or experiment, not theory	The hypothesis lacks empirical evidence from controlled trials.
<b>integral part</b>	an essential, inseparable component	Peer feedback is an integral part of the writing process.
<b>mutual benefit</b>	an advantage shared by both sides	Trade agreements are designed for the mutual benefit of partner nations.
<b>rapid expansion</b>	very fast growth in size or scope	The rapid expansion of the city strained public transport.
<b>adverse effect</b>	a harmful or negative result	Excessive screen time can have an adverse effect on concentration.
<b>viable alternative</b>	a realistic option that could work instead	Buses offer a viable alternative to private car travel.
<b>vested interest</b>	a personal stake in an outcome, often financial	Lobbyists have a vested interest in delaying the reform.

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<b>pressing issue</b>	an urgent problem that needs attention now	Youth unemployment is the most pressing issue facing the government.
<b>finite resources</b>	supplies that are limited and can run out	Fresh water is one of the planet's most finite resources.
<b>collaborative effort</b>	work done jointly by several people or groups	The vaccine was a collaborative effort between three universities.
<b>cognitive development</b>	the growth of thinking and reasoning abilities	Play is essential to a child's cognitive development.
<b>ethical considerations</b>	moral questions that affect a decision	Genetic testing raises serious ethical considerations.
<b>global phenomenon</b>	something happening across the whole world	Urban migration has become a global phenomenon.
<b>key factor</b>	one of the main causes or influences	Cost is a key factor in students' choice of destination country.
<b>long-term consequences</b>	effects that last far into the future	Deforestation has long-term consequences for soil quality.
<b>pivotal moment</b>	a point at which a decisive change happens	The discovery marked a pivotal moment in cancer research.
<b>prior knowledge</b>	what someone already knows before learning more	Effective teaching builds on students' prior knowledge.
<b>profound implications</b>	deep and serious likely consequences	Automation has profound implications for low-skill employment.
<b>rigorous analysis</b>	careful, thorough, and exact examination	The claims did not survive rigorous analysis of the data.
<b>scarce resources</b>	supplies that are limited relative to demand	Hospitals must allocate scarce resources during emergencies.
<b>social cohesion</b>	the unity and trust that holds a community together	Shared public spaces strengthen social cohesion in cities.
<b>technological advances</b>	improvements in technology	Technological advances have transformed remote diagnosis.
<b>underlying assumption</b>	a belief taken for granted beneath an argument	The model rests on the underlying assumption of rational behaviour.
<b>vast majority</b>	nearly all of a group	The vast majority of participants completed the survey.

## Verb + Noun Collocations

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<b>conduct research</b>	to carry out a systematic study	The team conducted research on sleep patterns in adolescents.
<b>impose restrictions</b>	to officially put limits in place	The city imposed restrictions on water use during the drought.
<b>propose a solution</b>	to suggest a way of solving a problem	The committee proposed a solution to the parking shortage.
<b>gain insight</b>	to develop a deeper understanding	Interviews helped researchers gain insight into voter behaviour.
<b>reach a consensus</b>	to come to a general agreement	After long debate, the panel reached a consensus on the policy.
<b>raise awareness</b>	to make more people conscious of an issue	The campaign aims to raise awareness of mental health support.
<b>draw a conclusion</b>	to decide what is true based on evidence	It is too early to draw a conclusion from a single study.
<b>meet demand</b>	to supply as much as people want	Local farms struggled to meet demand for organic produce.

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<b>address an issue</b>	to deal with a problem directly	The new policy addresses the issue of overcrowded classrooms.
<b>bear responsibility</b>	to be accountable for something	Manufacturers bear responsibility for product safety.
<b>establish a framework</b>	to create a structure of rules or ideas	The treaty established a framework for carbon trading.
<b>generate revenue</b>	to produce income	The festival generates revenue for hundreds of small businesses.
<b>pose a threat</b>	to be a possible danger	Invasive species pose a threat to native wildlife.
<b>play a role</b>	to have a function or influence	Diet plays a role in the prevention of heart disease.
<b>undergo a transformation</b>	to experience a major change	The industry underwent a transformation after digital streaming.
<b>undertake a study</b>	to begin and carry out a piece of research	The ministry undertook a study of rural internet access.
<b>allocate resources</b>	to distribute money, time, or materials	Schools must allocate resources to teacher training.
<b>assess the impact</b>	to judge the effect of something	Economists assessed the impact of the tax cut on spending.
<b>attain a goal</b>	to succeed in reaching an objective	Few athletes attain their goals without structured coaching.
<b>bridge the gap</b>	to reduce the difference between two groups or things	Scholarships help bridge the gap between rich and poor students.
<b>cause harm</b>	to produce damage or injury	Misinformation can cause harm to public health efforts.
<b>devise a strategy</b>	to invent a plan to achieve something	Engineers devised a strategy to reduce energy loss.
<b>enhance performance</b>	to improve how well something works	Regular feedback enhances performance in the workplace.
<b>exert influence</b>	to use power to affect people or events	Social media exerts influence on consumer choices.
<b>foster innovation</b>	to encourage new ideas and methods	Tax incentives are intended to foster innovation in startups.
<b>fulfil a requirement</b>	to satisfy a condition that is demanded	The course fulfils the language requirement for admission.
<b>hold a view</b>	to have an opinion	Many economists hold the view that inflation will ease.
<b>implement a policy</b>	to put an official plan into action	The government implemented a policy of free school meals.
<b>lend support</b>	to give help or backing	Recent findings lend support to the original theory.
<b>make a contribution</b>	to give something that helps a result	Volunteers make a significant contribution to disaster relief.
<b>mitigate the effects</b>	to make harmful effects less severe	Early warning systems mitigate the effects of flooding.
<b>overcome an obstacle</b>	to succeed despite a difficulty	The project overcame the obstacle of limited funding.
<b>pay attention</b>	to focus on something carefully	Examiners pay attention to pronunciation as well as content.
<b>place emphasis</b>	to give special importance to something	The curriculum places emphasis on critical thinking.
<b>pursue a career</b>	to work towards a profession over time	She moved abroad to pursue a career in nursing.
<b>retain information</b>	to keep knowledge in memory	Students retain information better through spaced revision.
<b>seek advice</b>	to ask for guidance	Applicants should seek advice before choosing a study pathway.
<b>shape attitudes</b>	to influence how people think or feel	Advertising shapes attitudes towards body image.
<b>take measures</b>	to act in order to deal with a situation	Airlines took measures to reduce fuel consumption.

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yield results	to produce outcomes	The new teaching method yielded results within one semester.

## Preposition & Linking Phrase Collocations

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in light of	considering; because of new information	In light of recent findings, the guidelines were revised.
in response to	as a reaction to	The policy was introduced in response to rising rents.
in contrast to	showing how something is different from	In contrast to print media, online news updates instantly.
in addition to	as well as; besides	In addition to tuition, students must budget for insurance.
in line with	consistent with; matching	Salaries rose in line with inflation last year.
at odds with	in disagreement or conflict with	The data is at odds with the company's official claims.
at the expense of	with the loss or sacrifice of	Speed was achieved at the expense of accuracy.
at the heart of	being the central, most important part of	Trust lies at the heart of doctor-patient relationships.
at risk of	in danger of experiencing something bad	Coastal towns are at risk of severe flooding.
on behalf of	as a representative of	The lawyer spoke on behalf of the affected families.
on the basis of	using something as the reason or foundation	Candidates were selected on the basis of merit.
on the grounds that	for the stated reason that	The appeal was rejected on the grounds that it was late.
on the verge of	very close to the point of	Several species are on the verge of extinction.
by means of	using a particular method	The data was collected by means of an online survey.
by virtue of	because of; as a result of	She qualified by virtue of her ten years' experience.
with regard to	concerning; about	The rules are strict with regard to plagiarism.
with respect to	in relation to; concerning	The two groups differed with respect to age and income.
with the exception of	not including; apart from	All branches closed, with the exception of the city office.
directly linked to	having an immediate connection with	Air pollution is directly linked to respiratory disease.
closely related to	having a strong connection with	Motivation is closely related to academic performance.
broadly consistent with	generally in agreement with	The results are broadly consistent with earlier studies.
far from	not at all; the opposite of	The reform is far from complete.
apart from	except for; in addition to	Apart from cost, location is the main concern for students.
in terms of	when measured or considered by	The project succeeded in terms of both reach and cost.
as a result of	because of; caused by	Enrolments fell as a result of the fee increase.