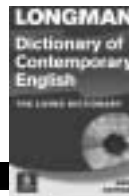
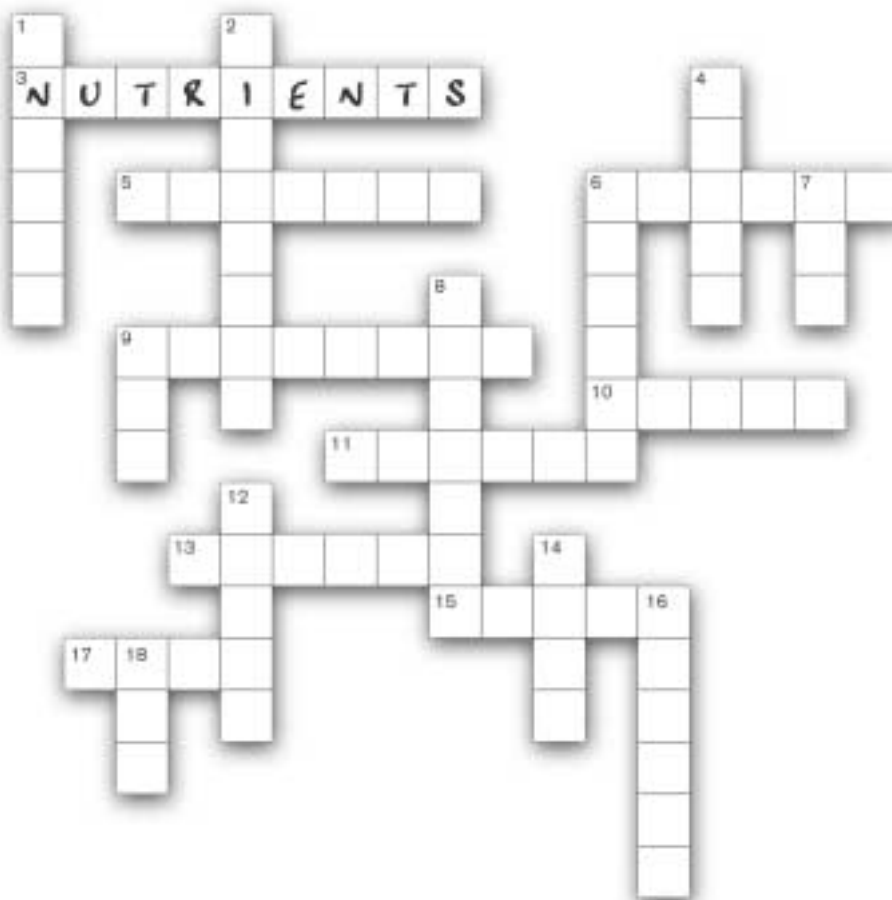


# 19 Actions and Processes



In the IELTS exam, there is often a question involving objects or machines and how they work, or descriptions of natural processes (usually in the reading paper).

The clues for this crossword puzzle all describe different processes. The key words in **bold** can all be found in your **Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English**. Do the crossword with a partner, then use the dictionary to look up the key words and their sample sentences. You'll find the answers to the crossword in the sample sentences. The first clue has been filled in to start you off.



## Clues across

3. Plants **absorb** \_\_\_\_\_ from the soil. (9)
5. The new (computer) \_\_\_\_\_ will enable data to be **processed** more speedily. (7)
6. **Push** the green \_\_\_\_\_ to start the engine. (6)
9. **Connect** the \_\_\_\_\_ to the CD player. (8)
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ **rotates** on its axis once every 24 hours. (5)
11. Let me get all my **bits** and \_\_\_\_\_ together. (6)
13. An average household \_\_\_\_\_ will **burn** for about six hours. (6)
15. You need a special tool to **bend** the \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
17. The candle **ignited** the plastic and started a small \_\_\_\_\_. (4)

## Clues down

1. In the process, light \_\_\_\_\_ **converts** to heat \_\_\_\_\_. (6)
2. Did you ever get the \_\_\_\_\_ (you took) **developed**? (8)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **contracts** as it cools. (5)
6. Check and **adjust** the \_\_\_\_\_ (on your car) regularly. (6)
7. (When the tanker hit the rocks,) \_\_\_\_\_ was **released** into the sea. (3)
8. Water **expands** as it \_\_\_\_\_. (7)
9. (During the day) the \_\_\_\_\_ **evaporates** moisture on the leaves. (3)
12. These gates regulate the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ **flowing** into the canal. (5)
14. The boiler **burns** oil to produce \_\_\_\_\_. (4)
16. The gaseous metal is cooled and **condenses** into \_\_\_\_\_ zinc. (6)
18. Snow falling on the mountainsides is **compressed** into \_\_\_\_\_. (3)



The puzzle is easier to solve if you understand how a word is frequently and typically found with certain other words. You can access thousands of these word combinations by clicking "Phrase bank" on the CD-ROM.

# Teacher's Notes

## 19 Actions and Processes

**Time:** 20– 30 minutes

**Aims:**

- To help IELTS students review useful words for describing actions and processes.
  - To encourage students to use a monolingual dictionary to look up meanings and to see examples of words in context.
1. Ask students to think of a simple object (e.g. a ballpoint pen) and how it works (the end of the pen is **pushed** onto a piece of paper, a small ball **rolls/rotates** and **releases** ink from a chamber onto the paper).
  2. Divide the class into pairs. Explain that the crossword clues all describe different processes and contain a key word in bold.
  3. If students are stuck or want to check their answers, they should look up the key word in bold. The sample sentences in the dictionary match the crossword clues.
  4. Review the advantages of using a monolingual dictionary (not only for different meanings, but for examples).

**Answers:**

*Across*

**3.** nutrients; **5.** network; **6.** button; **9.** speakers; **10.** earth **11.** pieces; **13.** candle; **15.** steel; **17.** fire

*Down*

**1.** energy; **2.** pictures; **4.** metal; **6.** brakes; **7.** oil; **8.** freezes **9.** sun; **12.** water; **14.** heat; **16.** liquid; **18.** ice