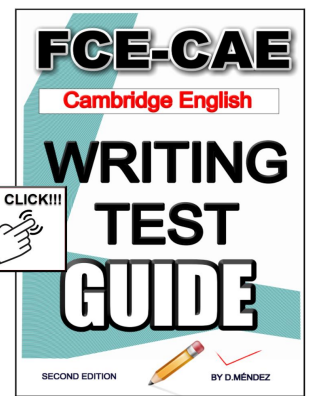


# IMPORTANT UNIMPORTANT

## SYNONYMS

**B2 C1**  
**WRITING TEST**  
**GUIDE**  
How to write essays,  
reports, proposals,  
reviews, letters ...



### IMPORTANT

**CHIEF** (B2)

most important or main:

- The chief problem we have in the area now is the spread of disease.

**CRITICAL** (B2)

of the greatest importance to the way things might happen:

- The president's support is critical to this project.

**CRUCIAL** (B2)

extremely important or necessary:  
a crucial decision/question

- It is crucial that the problem is tackled immediately.

**FUNDAMENTAL** (C2)

more important than anything else:

- Some understanding of grammar is fundamental to learning a language.

**IMPERATIVE** (C2)

extremely important or urgent:

- It's imperative to act now before the problem gets really serious.

**INSTRUMENTAL** (C1)

important in making something happen

- He was instrumental in bringing about an end to the conflict.

**KEY** (B2)

very important and having a lot of influence on other people or things:

- She was a key figure in the international art world.

**MAJOR** (B2)

more important, bigger, or more serious than others of the same type:

- All of her major plays have been translated into English.

**OVERRIDING** (C1)

more important than anything else:

- The government's overriding concern is to reduce inflation.

**PARAMOUNT** (C2)

more important than anything else:

- There are many priorities, but reducing the budget deficit is paramount/is of paramount importance.

**PREPONDERANT** - formal - (C2)

important or large:

- Music does not play a very preponderant role in the school's teaching.

**SALIENT** (C1)

most important or easy to notice

- She pointed out the salient features of the new design.

**SIGNIFICANT** (B2)

important or noticeable:

- Your work has shown a significant improvement.

**VITAL** (B2)

necessary for the success or continued existence of something;  
extremely important:

- A strong opposition is vital to a healthy democracy.

### UNIMPORTANT

**FRIVOLOUS** (B2)

a frivolous activity or object is silly or not important rather than useful or serious:

- I feel like doing something completely frivolous today.
- They waste their time and money on frivolous things.

**INCONSEQUENTIAL** (C1)

not important:

- Most of what she said was pretty inconsequential.
- The speech was full of inconsequential details.

**INESSENTIAL** (B2)

not necessary:

- The additional decorations were deemed inessential to the party's theme.

**INSIGNIFICANT** (C1)

small or not noticeable, and therefore not considered important :

- Why bother arguing about such an insignificant amount of money?
- The difference between the two results was insignificant.

**MINOR** (B2)

having little importance, influence, or effect, especially when compared with other things of the same type:

- It's only a minor problem.
- She suffered only minor injuries.

**NEGLIGIBLE** (C1)

too slight or small in amount to be of importance:

- The difference between the two products is negligible.
- My knowledge of German is negligible

**PERIPHERAL** (C2)

Something that is peripheral is not as important as something else:

- The book contains a great deal of peripheral detail.

**PETTY** (C2)

not important and not worth giving attention to:

- Prisoners complain that they are subjected to too many petty rules and restrictions.

**SECONDARY** (C1)

less important than related things:

- Her health is what matters - the cost of the treatment is of secondary importance.
- The need for secrecy is secondary to the need to take immediate action.

**TRIFLING** - formal (C1)

A trifling matter or amount of money is small or not important:

- It was such a trifling sum of money to argue about!

**TRIVIAL** (B2)

having little value or importance:

- I don't know why he gets so upset about something so trivial.
- Sexual harassment in the workplace is not a trivial matter.