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# 50+ Most Repeated PTE Answer Short Questions With Tips to Score High

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The increasing popularity and global acceptance of the PTE exam is driving more students to choose it. This exam is easy to clear, but some of the question types need extra attention, such as PTE Answer Short Question. Besides practicing this task on an online PTE mock test, you also need to know other tactics.

Extra practice is essential to excel in this question as it involves learning numerous words. To help you with that, here are some key tips to score high effortlessly. And to simplify it, we've compiled a list of 50+ most repeated and predictive PTE Answer Short Questions that you should know.

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**Answer Short Question PTE Task:**

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Prompt Length	Skills Assessed	No. Questions	Traits Scored
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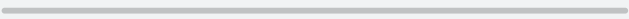


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## 50 + Most Repeated PTE Answer Short Question List

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**Question:** Which country is both a continent and a country?

**Answer:** Australia

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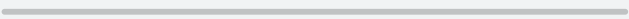


**Question:** What is the term for a large body of water surrounded by land?

**Answer:** Lake

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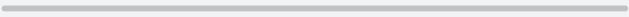


**Question:** Which country has the most islands in the world?

**Answer:** Sweden

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**Question:** Which continent is known as the 'Dark Continent'?

**Answer:** Africa

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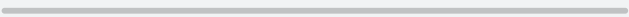


**Question:** What term refers to a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god?

**Answer:** Theocracy

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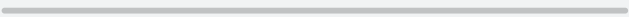


**Question:** What do we call the political ideology that seeks to create an egalitarian society free from class distinctions?

**Answer:** Communism

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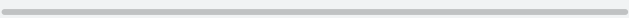


**Question:** What is the name of the policy aimed at equalizing the distribution of wealth and opportunity?

**Answer:** Socialism

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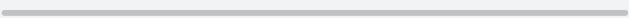


**Question:** What do we call a formal agreement or treaty between two or more states?

**Answer:** Alliance

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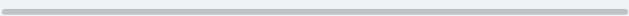


**Question:** What is the term for when a country withdraws from a larger political entity?

**Answer:** Secession

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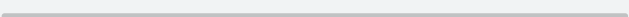


**Question:** What do we call the right of a state to govern itself without outside interference?

**Answer:** Sovereignty

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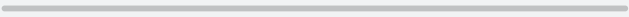


**Question:** What is the name of the international organization founded in 1945 to promote peace and cooperation?

**Answer:** The United Nations

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**Question:** What do we call the fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state is governed?

**Answer:** Constitution

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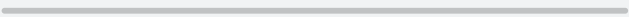


**Question:** What do we call the policy of extending a country's power through diplomacy or military force?

**Answer:** Imperialism

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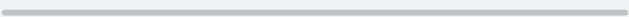


**Question:** What do we call the process of removing a public official from office?

**Answer:** Impeachment

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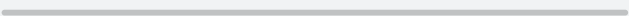


**Question:** What type of government is ruled by representatives of the citizen body?

**Answer:** Republic

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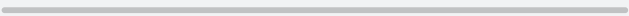


**Question:** What do we call the leader of a municipal government?

**Answer:** Mayor

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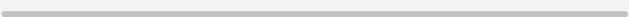


**Question:** What was the main economic system in medieval Europe?

**Answer:** Feudalism

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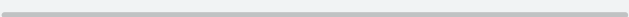


**Question:** Who was the Greek god of war?

**Answer:** Ares

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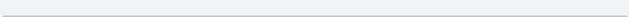


**Question:** Who was the ancient Greek philosopher known for his method of questioning?

**Answer:** Socrates

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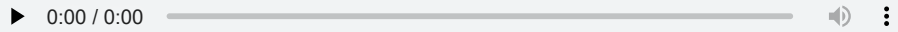
**Question:** What was the famous trade route between China and the Mediterranean called?

**Answer:** The Silk Road

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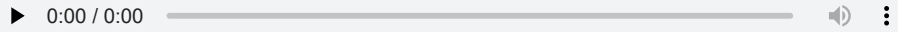
**Question:** Which ancient civilization is known for creating the Olympic Games?

**Answer:** Greek



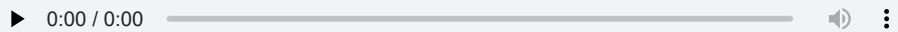
**Question:** Which country was divided into East and West during the Cold War?

**Answer:** Germany



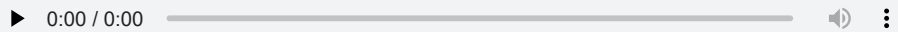
**Question:** What was the dominant language of the Roman Empire?

**Answer:** Latin



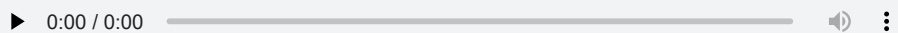
**Question:** What global conflict was fought from 1914 to 1918?

**Answer:** World War One



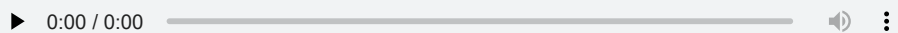
**Question:** In which city was the first atomic bomb dropped in 1945?

**Answer:** Hiroshima



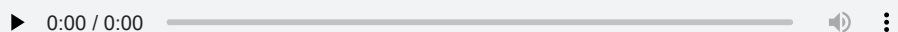
**Question:** Which war was fought between the North and the South regions in the United States?

**Answer:** The Civil War



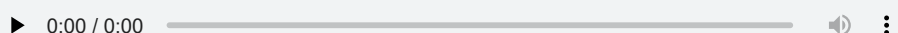
**Question:** Which country gifted the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

**Answer:** France



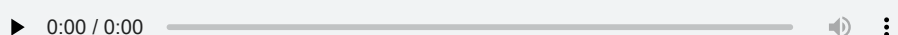
**Question:** What historical period came after the Middle Ages in Europe?

**Answer:** Renaissance



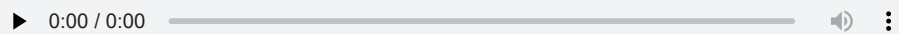
**Question:** What do we call the movement of heat through a fluid (liquid or gas)?

**Answer:** Convection



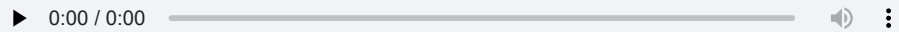
**Question:** What do we call the measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles in a system?

**Answer:** Temperature



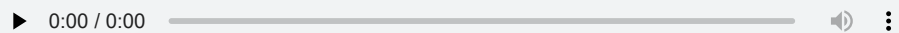
**Question:** What is the term for the amount of space an object occupies?

**Answer:** Volume



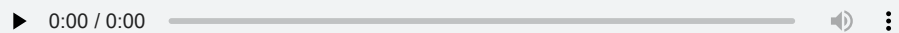
**Question:** What is the term for the rate of doing work or the rate of using energy?

**Answer:** Power



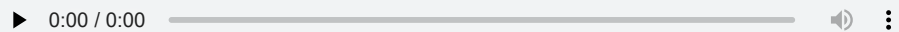
**Question:** What do we call the tendency of a fluid to resist flow?

**Answer:** Viscosity



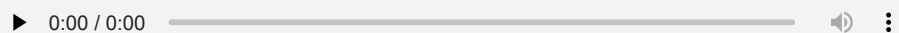
**Question:** What is the term for an instrument used to measure atmospheric pressure?

**Answer:** Barometer



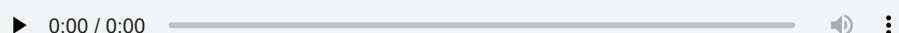
**Question:** What is the term for the temperature at which a liquid boils and turns to vapor?

**Answer:** Boiling point



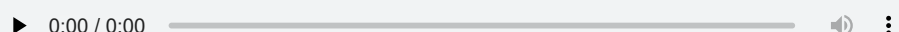
**Question:** What do we call the phenomenon where light or other radiation is absorbed and re-radiated at a longer wavelength?

**Answer:** Fluorescence



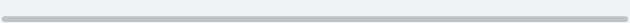


**Question:** What is the term for materials that allow some light to pass through them but not all?

**Answer:** Translucent



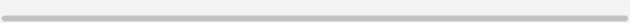


**Question:** What do we call the bending of light as it passes from one medium to another?

**Answer:** Refraction

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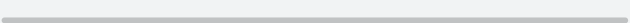


**Question:** What is the term for the number of waves that pass a point in one second?

**Answer:** Frequency

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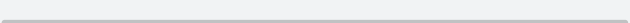


**Question:** What is the term for the force that resists the motion of an object through a fluid?

**Answer:** Drag

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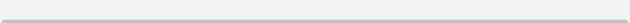


**Question:** What do we call the path that an object follows as it moves around another object in space?

**Answer:** Orbit

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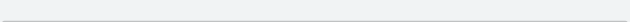


**Question:** What is the term for a push or pull that can change the motion of an object?

**Answer:** Force

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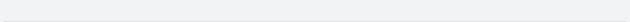


**Question:** What is the term for the amount of matter in an object?

**Answer:** Mass

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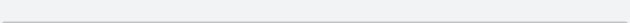


**Question:** What is the term for the change of a substance from a solid directly to a gas?

**Answer:** Sublimation

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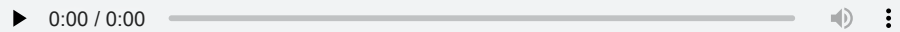
**Question:** What is the term for a material that does not allow electricity to flow through it easily?

**Answer:** Insulator

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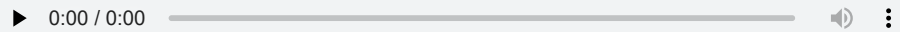
**Question:** What do we call the energy stored in an object due to its position?

**Answer:** Potential energy



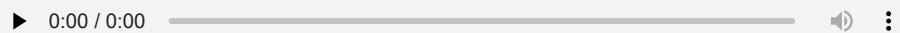
**Question:** What is the term for the energy possessed by an object due to its motion?

**Answer:** Kinetic energy



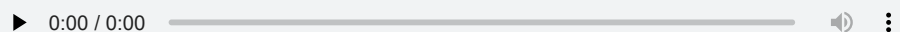
**Question:** What do we call the force that opposes the relative motion of two surfaces in contact?

**Answer:** Friction



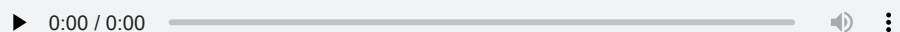
**Question:** What is the term for a material that allows electricity to flow through it easily?

**Answer:** Conductor



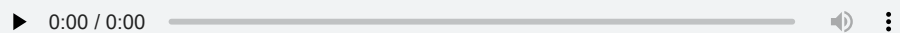
**Question:** What do we call the smallest particle of an element that retains its identity in a chemical reaction?

**Answer:** Atom



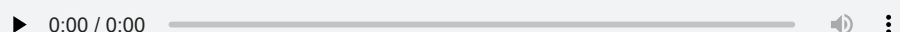
**Question:** What do we call the mammal known for carrying its babies in a pouch?

**Answer:** Marsupial



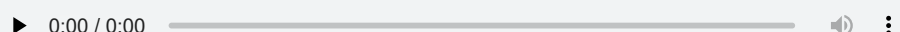
**Question:** What is the name of the animal known for its eight arms and ink-squirting defense?

**Answer:** Octopus



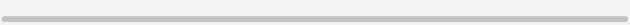


**Question:** What do we call the longest phase in the life cycle of a cell?

**Answer:** Interphase



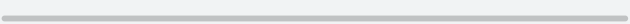


**Question:** What do you use in a non-verbal communication with expressions to convey a message effectively?

**Answer:** Body language | sign language

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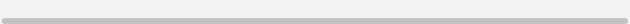


**Question:** What do we call the structure in bird's throats that helps them produce sounds?

**Answer:** Syrinx

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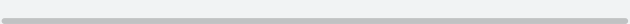


**Answer:** Question: What do we call animals without a backbone?

**Answer:** Invertebrates

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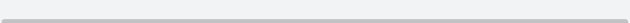


**Question:** What do we call the study of insects?

**Answer:** Entomology

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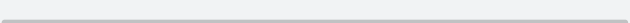


**Question:** What do we call the slowest mammal in the world?

**Answer:** Sloth

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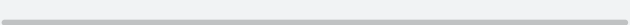


**Question:** What do we call animals that can live both in water and on land?

**Answer:** Amphibians | Amphibian

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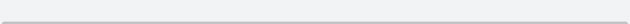


**Question:** What is the term for a mammal's winter sleep?

**Answer:** Hibernation

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**Question:** What is the term for a large, naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat?

**Answer:** Ecosystem

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**Question:** What do we call the component of a camera that should be developed in darkness?

**Answer:** Negative | film

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**Question:** What is the opposite of negative?

**Answer:** Positive

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**Question:** If you want to send money overseas, what will you do?

**Answer:** Wire transfer.

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**Question:** What is the top floor of a building?

**Answer:** Penthouse.

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**Question:** What do we call the clothes that need washing?

**Answer:** Laundry

## PTE Answer Short Questions Tips and Tricks to Score High

### Listen Carefully

This section is entirely based on your listening skills. You only get one chance to hear the question, so full concentration is key.

*Focus on keywords in the question. For example:*

- What do we call a person who flies an airplane?
- The keywords here are “flies” and “airplane.”
- The correct answer is “Pilot.”
- To improve listening, practice with PTE mock tests or listen to news, podcasts, and audiobooks.

### Think Quickly

- You only have 3 seconds to respond after the question finishes.
- Don't waste time forming long answers—just say the correct word or phrase.
- If you hesitate, the AI might not register your response properly.

### Keep It Short and Simple

The ideal answer is one or two words. Avoid full sentences.

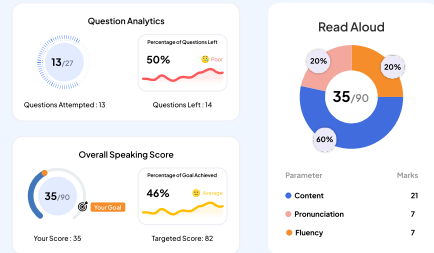
Example:

- ❌ Incorrect: A person who writes books is called an author.
- ✅ Correct: Author



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### Use general Knowledge

These questions are not tricky—they are based on general knowledge and everyday life. You can also take a [PTE practice test](#) to enhance your general knowledge.

Some examples:

- What do bees produce? → Honey
- What is the capital of France? → Paris
- What do we call a baby dog? → Puppy

### Recognize Synonyms & Paraphrasing

- Sometimes, the question might be phrased differently, but the meaning stays the same.

o Example: What do we call a doctor who specializes in teeth?

- Instead of “a doctor for teeth,” the phrase “specializes in teeth” is used.
- Answer: Dentist
- Improve your vocabulary by reading books, newspapers, and practicing with question banks.

### Do Question-wise Practice:

There is no set template for PTE short answer questions, so it is advised to do more and more practice. You can practice question-wise on Gurully for free. This will help you get familiar with the format and know what types of questions occur in the exam.

### Speak Clearly

PTE uses AI to recognize your voice, so pronunciation matters.

Avoid ✗:

- Speaking too fast
- Speaking too softly
- Using incorrect pronunciation

## Improve Your Vocabulary:

Familiarize yourself with common categories like:

### PTE Answer Short Question Vocabulary Guide

Category	Words
General Knowledge	Capital, Continent, Currency, Decade, Century, Landmark, Monument, Population, Border, Anthem
Science & Nature	Evaporation, Gravity, Oxygen, Photosynthesis, Telescope, Ecosystem, Atom, Molecule, DNA, Fossil
Mathematics & Numbers	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Fraction, Decimal, Percentage, Equation, Geometry, Radius
People & Professions	Dentist, Architect, Chef, Pilot, Lawyer, Engineer, Pharmacist, Journalist, Accountant, Scientist
Technology & Devices	Keyboard, Microphone, Satellite, Wi-Fi, Battery, Bluetooth, Algorithm, Database, Firewall, Processor
Education & Books	Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Thesis, Syllabus, Biography, Curriculum, Manuscript, Transcript, Literature, Novel
Travel & Transportation	Destination, Compass, Pedestrian, Passport, Subway, Terminal, Ticket, Departure, Arrival, Luggage
Health & Medicine	Fever, Allergy, Prescription, Surgery, Vaccine, Diagnosis, Symptom, Antibiotic, Therapy, Injection
Economy & Business	Profit, Tax, Investment, Loan, Stock, Revenue, Inflation, Budget, Entrepreneur, Bankruptcy
Weather & Climate	Temperature, Humidity, Forecast, Drought, Hurricane, Tornado, Blizzard, Thunderstorm, Drizzle, Fog
Law & Government	Constitution, Legislation, Democracy, Judiciary, Parliament, Attorney, Election, Verdict, Defendant, Plaintiff
Sports & Recreation	Marathon, Gymnastics, Chess, Tournament, Referee, Penalty, Scoreboard, Athlete, Stadium, Endurance
Arts & Entertainment	Symphony, Sculpture, Exhibition, Orchestra, Broadway, Choreography, Cinematography, Critique, Ballet, Portrait
Food & Nutrition	Protein, Carbohydrate, Calorie, Fiber, Dairy, Gluten, Vegan, Cuisine, Fermentation, Hydration
Astronomy & Space	Galaxy, Orbit, Asteroid, Comet, Black hole, Nebula, Meteor, Telescope, Eclipse, Constellation
History & Civilization	Empire, Dynasty, Archaeology, Renaissance, Revolution, Colonization, Manuscript, Artifact, Hieroglyphics, Monarchy
Psychology & Emotions	Anxiety, Depression, Empathy, Motivation, Cognition, Perception, Neuroscience, Subconscious, Therapy, Resilience

Try to learn these words and their meanings so that you can use them when attempting the PTE Answer Short Question.

Practicing PTE to answer short questions will help you in scoring high. Gurully provides you with a full-length PTE mock test to practice. With realistic exam simulation, you can prepare for an actual exam-like environment. Along with that, you can also practice on section-wise tests and do free question-wise practice. Join our Telegram community and subscribe to our YouTube channel for frequent tips and the latest updates on exams.

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## Conclusion:

Mastering the PTE Answer Short Question section requires strong listening skills, quick thinking, and a solid vocabulary. You can improve your accuracy and confidence by practicing frequently and familiarizing yourself with commonly asked questions. Gurully provides a full-length [PTE free mock test](#), section-wise tests, and free question-wise practice to help you prepare effectively in a real exam-like environment.

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