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PTE Short Answer Questions with Answers PDF, 100 Most Repeated

100 of the most repeated PTE Answer Short Questions with answers and accepted alternatives, grouped by topic, plus how the task works, seven scoring tips, and a code in every section to practice the same questions with real audio.

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Practice Answer Short Question with real audio and instant scoring

- Real computer-based test interface
- Instant AI scoring on every answer
- Practice for every question type

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SECTION 1

How Answer Short Question works

You hear a short question, three to nine seconds of audio, sometimes with an image, and answer in one or a few words. The audio plays once and cannot be replayed. The microphone opens as soon as the audio ends, with no beep, and you have up to 10 seconds to respond.

Task	Answer a spoken question in one or a few words
Audio length	3 to 9 seconds
Number of items	5 to 6
Time to respond	Up to 10 seconds; the recording closes after 3 seconds of silence
Skills scored	Listening in PTE Academic; Listening and Speaking in PTE Core
Trait scored	Vocabulary, one point per correct response

How to use this PDF without the audio

A PDF cannot play sound, so read each question aloud, or have a partner read it to you once at normal speed, and answer within three seconds. Cover the answer column first. Then scan the code at the top of any section to hear the same kind of questions with real audio on Gurully.

Tip

Answer with the single word that matches the question. If two words come to mind, say the more specific one.

Common mistake

Answering in a full sentence. It wastes the time window and gives the speech recogniser more to get wrong.

Hear the questions with real audio and get instant scoring

Answer Short Question on the real interface, with the timer and the 3-second silence cut-off.

Practice with audio →

SECTION 2

100 most repeated questions with answers

Grouped by topic so you can learn the vocabulary in sets. Where a second answer is also accepted, it is shown in the last column.

Geography and the world (11 questions)

Hear these geography and the world questions with audio
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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
1	Which country is both a continent and a country?	**Australia**	
2	What is the term for a large body of water surrounded by land?	**Lake**	
3	Which country has the most islands in the world?	**Sweden**	
4	Which continent has the most countries?	**Africa**	
5	Which is the largest ocean in the world?	**The Pacific**	Pacific Ocean
6	What is the capital of France?	**Paris**	
7	What do we call a book of maps?	**Atlas**	
8	What is the largest planet in the solar system?	**Jupiter**	
9	Which planet is closest to the sun?	**Mercury**	
10	What do we call the natural satellite of the Earth?	**The Moon**	Moon
11	What do we call the season between summer and winter?	**Autumn**	Fall

Government and politics (15 questions)

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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
12	What term refers to a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god?	**Theocracy**	
13	What do we call the political ideology that seeks to create an egalitarian society free from class distinctions?	**Communism**	
14	What is the name of the policy aimed at equalising the distribution of wealth and opportunity?	**Socialism**	
15	What do we call a formal agreement or treaty between two or more states?	**Alliance**	Treaty
16	What is the term for when a country withdraws from a larger political entity?	**Secession**	
17	What do we call the right of a state to govern itself without outside interference?	**Sovereignty**	
18	What is the name of the international organisation founded in 1945 to promote peace and cooperation?	**The United Nations**	UN
19	What do we call the fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state is governed?	**Constitution**	
20	What do we call the policy of extending a country's power through diplomacy or military force?	**Imperialism**	
21	What do we call the process of removing a public official from office?	**Impeachment**	
22	What type of government is ruled by representatives of the citizen body?	**Republic**	
23	What do we call the leader of a municipal government?	**Mayor**	
24	What was the main economic system in medieval Europe?	**Feudalism**	
25	What is the name of the person who presides over a court of law?	**Judge**	

#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
26	What do we call the money you pay to the government on what you earn?	**Income tax**	Tax

History (13 questions)

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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
27	Who was the Greek god of war?	**Ares**	
28	Who was the ancient Greek philosopher known for his method of questioning?	**Socrates**	
29	What was the famous trade route between China and the Mediterranean called?	**The Silk Road**	Silk Road
30	Which ancient civilisation is known for creating the Olympic Games?	**Greek**	The Greeks
31	Which country was divided into East and West during the Cold War?	**Germany**	
32	What was the dominant language of the Roman Empire?	**Latin**	
33	What global conflict was fought from 1914 to 1918?	**World War One**	The First World War
34	In which city was the first atomic bomb dropped in 1945?	**Hiroshima**	
35	Which war was fought between the North and the South regions in the United States?	**The Civil War**	The American Civil War
36	Which country gifted the Statue of Liberty to the United States?	**France**	
37	What historical period came after the Middle Ages in Europe?	**The Renaissance**	Renaissance
38	What do we call a period of ten years?	**Decade**	

#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
39	What do we call a period of one hundred years?	**Century**	

Physics and chemistry (27 questions)

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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
40	What do we call the movement of heat through a fluid, a liquid or a gas?	**Convection**	
41	What do we call the measure of the average kinetic energy of the particles in a system?	**Temperature**	
42	What is the term for the amount of space an object occupies?	**Volume**	
43	What is the term for the rate of doing work or the rate of using energy?	**Power**	
44	What do we call the tendency of a fluid to resist flow?	**Viscosity**	
45	What is the term for an instrument used to measure atmospheric pressure?	**Barometer**	
46	What is the term for the temperature at which a liquid boils and turns to vapour?	**Boiling point**	

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47	What do we call the phenomenon where light or other radiation is absorbed and re-radiated at a longer wavelength?	**Fluorescence**	
48	What is the term for materials that allow some light to pass through them but not all?	**Translucent**	
49	What do we call the bending of light as it passes from one medium to another?	**Refraction**	
50	What is the term for the number of waves that pass a point in one second?	**Frequency**	
51	What is the term for the force that resists the motion of an object through a fluid?	**Drag**	
52	What do we call the path that an object follows as it moves around another object in space?	**Orbit**	
53	What is the term for a push or pull that can change the motion of an object?	**Force**	
54	What is the term for the amount of matter in an object?	**Mass**	
55	What is the term for the change of a substance from a solid directly to a gas?	**Sublimation**	
56	What is the term for a material that does not allow electricity to flow through it easily?	**Insulator**	
57	What do we call the energy stored in an object due to its position?	**Potential energy**	
58	What is the term for the energy possessed by an object due to its motion?	**Kinetic energy**	
59	What do we call the force that opposes the relative motion of two surfaces in contact?	**Friction**	
60	What is the term for a material that allows electricity to flow through it easily?	**Conductor**	
61	What do we call the smallest particle of an element that retains its identity in a chemical reaction?	**Atom**	
62	What instrument is used to measure temperature?	**Thermometer**	
63	Which device is used to look at very small objects?	**Microscope**	

#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
64	What is the hardest natural substance?	**Diamond**	
65	What is frozen water called?	**Ice**	
66	What is the chemical formula for water?	**H2O**	

Biology and nature (15 questions)

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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
67	What do we call the mammal known for carrying its babies in a pouch?	**Marsupial**	
68	What is the name of the animal known for its eight arms and ink-squirting defence?	**Octopus**	
69	What do we call the longest phase in the life cycle of a cell?	**Interphase**	
70	What do we call the structure in birds' throats that helps them produce sounds?	**Syrinx**	
71	What do we call animals without a backbone?	**Invertebrates**	Invertebrate
72	What do we call the study of insects?	**Entomology**	
73	What do we call the slowest mammal in the world?	**Sloth**	
74	What do we call animals that can live both in water and on land?	**Amphibians**	Amphibian
75	What is the term for a mammal's winter sleep?	**Hibernation**	
76	What is the term for a large, naturally occurring community of plants and animals occupying a major habitat?	**Ecosystem**	
77	What do bees produce?	**Honey**	
78	What do we call a baby dog?	**Puppy**	

#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
79	Which gas do plants absorb from the air?	**Carbon dioxide**	
80	Which organ pumps blood around the body?	**The heart**	Heart
81	What do we call a doctor who treats animals?	**Vet**	Veterinarian

People and occupations (7 questions)

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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
82	What do we call a person who flies an aeroplane?	**Pilot**	
83	What do we call a doctor who specialises in teeth?	**Dentist**	
84	What do we call a person who writes books?	**Author**	Writer
85	What do we call a person who designs buildings?	**Architect**	
86	What do we call a person who studies the stars and planets?	**Astronomer**	
87	What do we call a person who cannot see?	**Blind**	
88	What do you use in non-verbal communication, with expressions, to convey a message effectively?	**Body language**	Sign language

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Everyday life and language (12 questions)

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#	Question	Answer	Also accepted
89	What do we call the component of a camera film that is developed in darkness?	**Negative**	Film
90	What is the opposite of negative?	**Positive**	
91	If you want to send money overseas, what will you do?	**Wire transfer**	Bank transfer
92	What is the top floor of a building called?	**Penthouse**	
93	What do we call the clothes that need washing?	**Laundry**	
94	What do we call a word that means the opposite of another word?	**Antonym**	
95	What do we call the first meal of the day?	**Breakfast**	
96	What do we call the place where bread is baked and sold?	**Bakery**	
97	What do we call a list of dishes available in a restaurant?	**Menu**	
98	How many days are there in a leap year?	**366**	Three hundred and sixty-six
99	How many sides does a hexagon have?	**Six**	6
100	What do we call a shape with three sides?	**Triangle**	

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SECTION 3

Tips to score high

Seven habits that separate a quick, correct one-word answer from a hesitant sentence.

Tip	What to do
Listen carefully	The audio plays once. Focus on the keywords. In "What do we call a person who flies an aeroplane?" the keywords are flies and aeroplane, and the answer is pilot.
Answer fast	The microphone opens as soon as the audio ends, with no beep. Say the answer straight away; if you stay silent for three seconds the recording closes.
Keep it short	One or two words is ideal. "A person who writes books is called an author" wastes time and risks errors. Just say "Author".
Use general knowledge	The questions are not tricky. They draw on everyday knowledge, school science and common vocabulary, so a wide reading habit covers most of them.
Recognise paraphrasing	The question may describe the thing rather than name it. "A doctor who specialises in teeth" is a dentist. Learn to map descriptions to words.
Speak clearly	The answer is scored by speech recognition. Avoid speaking too fast or too softly, and practice the pronunciation of answers you find hard to say.
Practice question by question	There is no template for this task, so volume matters. Practice Answer Short Question on its own until the response feels automatic.

Questions students ask

How many Answer Short Questions are in PTE Academic?

Five to six, each with an audio prompt of three to nine seconds. They score Listening in PTE Academic and Listening and Speaking in PTE Core.

Does spelling or grammar matter in Answer Short Question?

No. The task scores the vocabulary of the response, so a correct word in any grammatical form scores. Pronunciation matters because the answer is spoken.

What if I do not know the answer?

Say your best guess in one word. A wrong answer scores zero, the same as silence, so there is nothing to lose by guessing.

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