

VOCABULARY

1. HANKER (VERB): लालायित होना

Pronunciation: han•ker

Meaning: feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Synonyms: yearn, crave, desire

Antonyms: abhor, abominate, despise

Sentence: What did you *hanker* after most when you were in prison?

2. INUNDATION (NOUN): सैलाब

Pronunciation: i•nuhn•day•shn

Meaning: a great flow of water or of something that overwhelms.

Synonyms: overflow, deluge, torrent

Antonyms: drought, dribble, drip

Sentence: The family's shed was washed away in the last *inundation*.

3. FUTILITY (NOUN): निरर्थकता

Pronunciation: fyoo•til•uh•tee

Meaning: pointlessness or uselessness.

Synonyms: fruitlessness, vanity, pointlessness

Antonyms: use, usefulness, utility

Sentence: The sheer *futility* of it all exasperates her.

4. VAINGLORIOUS (ADJECTIVE): गुमानी

Pronunciation: vayn•glaw•ree•uhs

Meaning: excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain.

Synonyms: assured, biggety, complacent

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

Sentence: The *vainglorious* trainer spent more flexing his muscles than he did helping build his client's.

5. STEADFASTLY (ADVERB): लगातार

Pronunciation: sted•faast•lee

Meaning: in a resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering manner.

Synonyms: continuously, steadily

Antonyms: indolently, desultorily

Sentence: She was *steadfastly* in support of women's rights.

6. STUTTER (VERB):हकलाना

Pronunciation: stuh•tuh

Meaning: talk with continued involuntary repetition of sounds, especially initial consonants.

Synonyms: stammer, speak haltingly

Antonyms: enunciate, pronounce

Sentence: I used to *stutter* when I was a child.

7. AVOWAL (NOUN):घोषणा-पत्र

Pronunciation: uh•vau•uhl

Meaning: a solemn and often public declaration of the truth or existence of something.

Synonyms: affirmation, assertion, asseveration

Antonyms: disavowal, denial

Sentence: The press carried his *avowal* throughout the country.

8. UNBRIDLED (ADJECTIVE):निरंकुश

Pronunciation: uhn•brai•dld

Meaning: uncontrolled; unconstrained.

Synonyms: unrestrained, unconstrained, uncontrolled

Antonyms: bridled, constrained, controlled

Sentence: This case was solved only because of one detective's *unbridled* determination to bring the killer to justice.

9. NONPLUSSED (ADJECTIVE):भौचक

Pronunciation: nawn•pluhst

Meaning: (of a person) surprised and confused so much that they are unsure how to react.

Synonyms: confused, bewildered, bemused

Antonyms: undaunted, unfazed

Sentence: I was completely *nonplussed* by his sudden appearance.

10. PRATTLING (VERB):बकवास

Pronunciation: pra•tuhl•uhng

Meaning: talk at length in a foolish or inconsequential way.

Synonyms: chatter, babble, prate

Antonyms: articulating, enunciating

Sentence: The villagers are *prattling* on about the village gossip.