

VOCABULARY

1. TRANQUIL (ADJECTIVE): शांत

Pronunciation: trang•kvl

Meaning: free from disturbing noise or uproar.

Synonyms: quiet, peaceful, serene

Antonyms: loud, boisterous, tumultuous

Sentence: The house was once again *tranquil* after the kids moved outside to play.

2. ARRANT (ADJECTIVE): पूर्ण

Pronunciation: a•ruhnt

Meaning: having no exceptions or restrictions.

Synonyms: utter, complete, absolute

Antonyms: doubtful, uncertain, questionable

Sentence: He's talking *arrant* nonsense.

3. GARGANTUAN (ADJECTIVE): विशाल

Pronunciation: gaa•gan•choo•uhn

Meaning: unusually large.

Synonyms: huge, enormous, giant

Antonyms: tiny, minuscule, diminutive

Sentence: There was enough elbow room in this *gargantuan* aquarium for all kinds of surprises to emerge.

4. FORMIDABLE (ADJECTIVE): दुर्जेय

Pronunciation: fuh•mi•duh•bl

Meaning: causing fear.

Synonyms: terrifying, frightening, scary

Antonyms: reassuring, soothing, relaxing

Sentence: A *formidable*, irascible old man who frightened the neighborhood children.

5. AVARICIOUS (ADJECTIVE): लालची

Pronunciation: a•vuh•rish•uhs

Meaning: having or marked by an eager and often selfish desire especially for material possessions.

Synonyms: greedy, mercenary, eager

Antonyms: generous, liberal, altruistic

Sentence: He sacrificed his own career so that his *avaricious* brother could succeed.

6. FEIGNED (ADJECTIVE):दिखावटी

Pronunciation: faynd

Meaning: lacking in natural or spontaneous quality.

Synonyms: mock, strained, false

Antonyms: genuine, spontaneous, real

Sentence: He *feigned* disappointment. Secretly, he was mightily relieved.

7. HERESY (NOUN):विधर्म

Pronunciation: heh•ruh•see

Meaning: departure from a generally accepted theory, opinion, or practice.

Synonyms: dissent, heterodoxy, schism

Antonyms: orthodoxy, conformity, agreement

Sentence: The *heresy* of asserting that Shakespeare was not a great writer.

8. DENIZEN (NOUN):निवासी

Pronunciation: deh•nuh•zn

Meaning: one who lives permanently in a place.

Synonyms: resident, inhabitant, occupant

Antonyms: visitor, foreigner, tourist

Sentence: The polar bear is an iconic *denizen* of the snowy Arctic.

9. HEDONISM (NOUN):सुखवाद

Pronunciation: heh•duh•ni•zm

Meaning: excessive pursuit of fleshly pleasures.

Synonyms: sensuality, greed, carnality

Antonyms: abstinence, temperance, sobriety

Sentence: The *hedonism* of an island vacation.

10. SHIBBOLETH (NOUN):रूढ़ विचार

Pronunciation: shi•buh•leth

Meaning: an idea or expression that has been used by many people.

Synonyms: truism, proverb, adage

Antonyms: profundity, nuance, coinage

Sentence: They still cling to many of the old *shibboleths* of education.