

# **DAILY** **VOCAB DOSE**

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### **1. SEVERITY (noun) – तीव्रता**

**Pronunciation:** suh·veh·ruh·tee

**Meaning:** the fact or condition of being severe

**Synonyms:** seriousness, gravity, extremity, danger, strength, intensity, ferocity

**Antonyms:** mildness, leniency

**Usage:** The severity of the injury is unknown until she is seen by the emergency room physician.

### **2. PROVIDENTIAL (adjective) – भाग्यशाली, दैवी**

**Pronunciation:** pro·vuh·den·shl

**Meaning:** occurring at a favourable time; opportune

**Synonyms:** opportune, advantageous, favourable, auspicious, propitious, lucky, fortunate

**Antonyms:** inopportune, unfortunate

**Usage:** It was providential that we missed the train that derailed.

### **3. AMBIVALENT (adjective) – उभयभावी**

**Pronunciation:** am·bi·vuh·luhnt

**Meaning:** having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone

**Synonyms:** equivocal, uncertain, unsure, doubtful, indecisive, inconclusive, irresolute

**Antonyms:** unequivocal, certain

**Usage:** She remained ambivalent about her marriage.

### **4. HOIST (verb) – ऊपर उठाना**

**Pronunciation:** hoyst

**Meaning:** raise by means of ropes and pulleys

**Synonyms:** raise, jack up, lift, pull up, upraise, elevate, erect

**Antonyms:** lower, descent

**Usage:** We grabbed the flag and began to hoist it up the flagpole.

### **5. ARCHAIC (adjective) – पुरातन**

**Pronunciation:** aa·kei·uhk

**Meaning:** very old or old-fashioned

**Synonyms:** obsolete, obsolescent, anachronistic, old-fashioned, outmoded, bygone, antique

**Antonyms:** new, modern

**Usage:** The system is archaic and unfair and needs changing.



## 6. DEMURE (adjective) – संकोची

**Pronunciation:** duh·myuor

**Meaning:** reserved, modest, and shy

**Synonyms:** modest, meek, mild, reserved, retiring, quiet, shy, bashful

**Antonym:** brazen, shameless

**Usage:** The princess was a demure woman who hated being in the spotlight.

## 7. WARILY (adverb) – सावधानी से

**Pronunciation:** weuh·ruh·lee

**Meaning:** cautiously; carefully

**Synonyms:** carefully, cautiously, gingerly, attentively, observantly, hesitantly, timidly

**Antonym:** recklessly, unwarily

**Usage:** The hikers climbed warily up the dangerous path.

## 8. JITTERY (adjective) – बेचैन

**Pronunciation:** ji·tuh·ree

**Meaning:** nervous or unable to relax

**Synonyms:** nervous, anxious, worried, apprehensive, edgy, tense, stressed

**Antonyms:** relaxed, cool

Usage: I felt jittery before going on stage.

**9. INSOUCIANT (adjective) – लापरवाह**

**Pronunciation:** uh·n·soo·see·uhnt

**Meaning:** showing a casual lack of concern

**Synonyms:** indifferent, heedless, relaxed, unconcerned, equable, carefree, unruffled

**Antonyms:** anxious, concerned

**Usage:** Since Jane is insouciant about her health, she does not bother to take her medication.

**10. TIMOROUS (adjective) – भीरु, कायर**

**Pronunciation:** ti·muh·ruhs

**Meaning:** showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence

**Synonyms:** fearful, apprehensive, faint-hearted, trembling, quaking, cowering, weak-kneed, shy

**Antonym:** bold, brazen

**Usage:** The timorous soldier ran from his post when he saw the enemy approaching.



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