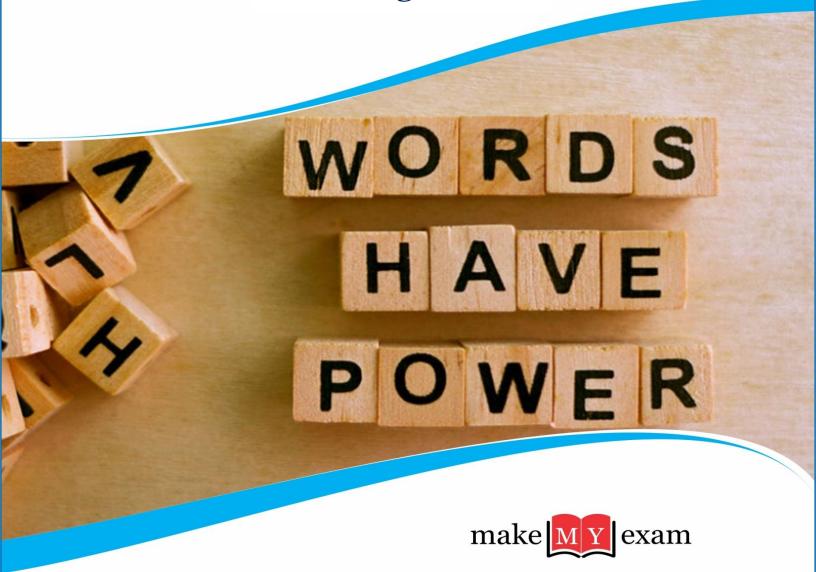




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Happy learning!!!

1. SEVERITY (noun) – ਨੀਰ਼ਨਾ

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 <u>ambivalent</u> 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

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

Antonyms: new, modern

Usage: The system is <u>archaic</u> 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

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Usage: I felt jittery before going on stage.

9. INSOUCIANT (adjective) – लापरवाह

Pronunciation: uhn·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) - भीरू, 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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