

VOCABULARY

1. PENCHANT (NOUN): लगन

Pronunciation: pawn•shawn

Meaning: a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

Synonyms: fondness, preference, passion

Antonyms: aversion, distaste, dislike

Sentence: He has a penchant for adopting stray dogs.

2. COMITY (NOUN): शिष्टाचार

Pronunciation: kaw•muh•tee

Meaning: courtesy and considerate behavior toward others.

Synonyms: courtesy, manners, etiquette

Antonyms: conflict, variance, discord

Sentence: The basic feature of positive comity is its voluntariness.

3. SKULDUGGERY (NOUN): छल

Pronunciation: skuhl•duh•guh•ree

Meaning: underhanded or unscrupulous behavior; trickery.

Synonyms: trickery, swindling, fraudulence

Antonyms: artlessness, sincerity, candidness

Sentence: He is serving a prison sentence for financial skulduggery.

4. UNWITTINGLY (ADVERB): अनजाने में

Pronunciation: uhn•vit•uhng•lee

Meaning: without being aware; unintentionally.

Synonyms: accidentally, fortuitously, inadvertently,

Antonyms: meticulously, orderly, intentionally

Sentence: If I offended you it was unwittingly.

5. SLIPSHOD (ADJECTIVE): लापरवाह

Pronunciation: slip•shawd

Meaning: characterized by a lack of care, thought, or organization.

Synonyms: careless, lackadaisical, slapdash

Antonyms: attentive, careful, conscientious

Sentence: He'd caused many problems with his slipshod management.

6. DIATRIBE (NOUN): अभियोगात्मक भाषण

Pronunciation: dai•uh•tribe

Meaning: a forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something.

Synonyms: tirade, harague, verbal onslaught

Antonyms: encomium, eulogy, pannegyric

Sentence: The book is a diatribe against the academic left.

7. OBSTINATE (ADJECTIVE): जिद्दी

Pronunciation: awb•stuh•nuht

Meaning: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so.

Synonyms: stubborn, headstrong, intransigent

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, amenable

Sentence: He was the most obstinate man I've ever met.

8. DIAPHANOUS (ADJECTIVE): पारदर्शक

Pronunciation: dai•a•fuh•nuhs

Meaning: (especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.

Synonyms: sheer, fine, ultra-fine

Antonyms: opaque, cloudy, foggy

Sentence: The little light fades the immense and diaphanous shadows.

9. MANUMITTED (VERB): रिहा करना

Pronunciation: ma•nyoo•mit•uhd

Meaning: release from slavery; set free.

Synonyms: freed, liberated, released

Antonyms: enslaved, fettered, unfree

Sentence: Old Angus had never manumitted a single slave.

10. BUSTLING (ADJECTIVE): हलचल

Pronunciation: buh•suhl•uhng

Meaning: (of a place) full of activity.

Synonyms: busy, crowded, swarming

Antonyms: idle, inactive, unbusy

Sentence: The sidewalks are bustling with people.