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Happy learning!!!

1.SOLITUDE (noun): अकेलापन

Pronunciation: saw·luh·chood

Meaning: the state or situation of being alone.

Synonyms: loneliness, solitariness, remoteness

Antonyms: camaraderie, companionship, company

Sentence: She savored her few hours of freedom and solitude.

2.RETRIBUTION (noun) : प्रतिदण्ड

Pronunciation: reh·truh·byoo·shn

Meaning: punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act.

Synonyms: punishment, penalty

Antonyms: clemency, mercy, leniency

Sentence: They fled because they feared retribution for the genocide.

3.DIFFUSELY (adv.) : विस्तारपूर्वक

Pronunciation: diffusely

Meaning: in a detailed way.

Synonyms: verbosely, wordily, redundantly

Antonyms: briefly, compactly, concisely

Sentence: As a result, they diffract X-rays diffusely.

4.DISCERNMENT (noun) : सूझ-बूझ

Pronunciation: duh·suhn·muht

Meaning: the ability to judge well.

Synonyms: judgment, refinement, perception

Antonyms: foolishness, idiocy, imbecility

Sentence: It's clear that you are a person of discernment.

5.REPENTANCE (noun) : पछतावा

Pronunciation: ruh·pent·uhns

Meaning: the action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse.

Synonyms: remorse, contrition, contriteness

Antonyms: impenitence, remorselessness

Sentence: Confession is the first step to repentance.

6. DIATRIBE (noun) : अभियोगात्मक भाषण

Pronunciation: dai·uh·tribe

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

Synonyms: tirade, harangue, verbal onslaught

Antonyms: encomium, eulogy, panegyric

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

7. OBSTINATE (adj.) : 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. GULLIBLE (adj.) : भोला

Pronunciation: guh·luh·bl

Meaning: easily persuaded to believe something; credulous.

Synonyms: credulous, over-trusting, easily deceived

Antonyms: cynical, sophisticated

Sentence: He's so gullible he'll believe anything.

9. EPHEMERAL (adj.) : अल्पकालिक

Pronunciation: uh·feh·muh·ruhl

Meaning: lasting for a very short time.

Synonyms: transitory, transient, fleeting

Antonyms: eternal, everlasting, endless

Sentence: Most newspapers are of ephemeral interest.

10. DIAPHANOUS (adj.) : 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.

11. WHIPLASH (noun): मोच आना

Pronunciation: vip·lash

Meaning: jerk or jolt (someone or something) suddenly, typically so as to cause injury.

Synonyms: injury, damage

Antonyms: uninjured, undamaged

Sentence: She was suffering from whiplash injuries received in a car crash.

12. JAUNTY (adj) : खुशदिल

Pronunciation: jaun·ty

Meaning: having or expressing a lively, cheerful, and self-confident manner.

Synonyms: cheerful, cheery, happy,

Antonyms: depressed, serious, sedate

Sentence: Her nature is jaunty.

13.SLEAZE (noun) : अनैतिक

Pronunciation: sleez

Meaning: a person of low moral character

Synonyms: sleazebag, corrupt

Antonyms: gentleman, idol

Sentence: Some sleaze will try to make a buck off of this tragedy.

14.AVARICE (noun) : लोभ

Pronunciation: a·vuh·ruhs

Meaning: extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

Synonyms: greed, acquisitiveness, cupidity

Antonyms: contentment, satisfaction, selflessness

Sentence: Avarice blinds our eyes.

15.CHAGRIN (verb) : चिढ़ाना

Pronunciation: sha·gruhn

Meaning: feel distressed or humiliated.

Synonyms: annoyed, irritated, irked

Antonyms: delight, gladness

Sentence: He was chagrined when his friend poured scorn on him.

16.CONSONANCE (noun) : समझौता

Pronunciation: kawn·suh·nuhns

Meaning: agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions.

Synonyms: agreement, concord, accord

Antonyms: discordance, conflict, disagreement

Sentence: This type of democracy is in consonance with our own African heritage.

17.THAW (verb) : पिघलना

Pronunciation: thaw

Meaning: (of ice, snow, or another frozen substance, such as food) become liquid or soft due to warming.

Synonyms: liquefy, melt, fuse

Antonyms: harden, set, solidify

Sentence: The snow started to thaw as the temperature kept up.

18.CONTEMN (verb) : नफ़रत करना

Pronunciation: kuhn·tem

Meaning: treat or regard with contempt.

Synonyms: despise, disdain, treat with contempt

Antonyms: honor, respect, value

Sentence: Arrogant critics who contemn the general public's taste in art.


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19. DISDAIN(noun) : तिरस्कार

Pronunciation: dis·dain

Meaning: the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect; contempt.

Synonyms: contempt, scorn, scornfulness

Antonyms: admiration, respect

Sentence: She had never been treated with such disdain.

20.EDACIOUS (adj.) : लोभी

Pronunciation: eda·cious

Meaning: having a huge appetite

Synonyms: esurient, gluttonous, greedy

Antonyms: content, gluttoned, sated

Sentence: Thinking of nothing special, why not have meals to satisfy the edacious stomach?

21 CASCADE (verb): गिरना**Pronunciation:** cas·cade**Meaning:** pour downward rapidly and in large quantities.**Synonyms:** pour, gush, surge**Antonyms:** drip, rise**Sentence:** Water was cascading down the stairs**22.CEDE (verb) : सौंपना****Pronunciation:** cede**Meaning:** give up (power or territory).**Synonyms:** surrender, concede, relinquish**Antonyms:** keep, gain**Sentence:** He ceded control of the company to his brother.**23.DIFFUSELY (adv.) : विस्तारपूर्वक****Pronunciation:** diffusely**Meaning:** in a detailed way.**Synonyms:** verbosely, wordily, redundantly**Antonyms:** briefly, compactly, concisely**Sentence:** As a result, they diffract X-rays diffusely.**24.GUTSY (adj) : साहसी****Pronunciation:** guts·y**Meaning:** showing courage, determination, and spirit.**Synonyms:** courageous, brave, mettlesome**Antonyms:** gutless**Sentence:** She gave a gutsy performance in the tennis tournament.**25. ADMANTINE (adj) : कड़ा****Pronunciation:** ad·a·man·tine**Meaning:** unbreakable.**Synonyms:** indestructible, imperishable**Antonyms:** breakable, destructible**Sentence:** He bowed to her adamantine will.**26.BEWITCH (verb) : मोहित करना****Pronunciation:** be·witch**Meaning:** enchant and delight (someone).

Synonyms: captivate, enchant, entrance

Antonyms: repel, repulse

Sentence: They both were bewitched by the country and its culture.

27.EXCULTANT (adj.) : खुशियां मनानेवाला

Pronunciation: ex·ult·ant

Meaning: triumphantly happy.

Synonyms: jubilant, thrilled, triumphant

Antonyms: sorrowing, gloomy

Sentence: She felt exultant and powerful.

28.PRECOCIOUS (adj.) : असामयिक

Pronunciation: pre·co·cious

Meaning: having developed certain abilities or proclivities at an earlier age than usual.

Synonyms: advanced, gifted, talented

Antonyms: backward, slow

Sentence: He was a precocious, solitary boy.

29.DESPONDENT (adj.) : हताश

Pronunciation: de·spend·ent

Meaning: in low spirits from loss of hope or courage.

Synonyms: disheartened, discouraged, dispirited

Antonyms: hopeful, cheerful

Sentence: She grew more and more despondent.

30.OBNOXIOUS (adj.) : अप्रिय

Pronunciation: ob·nox·ious

Meaning: extremely unpleasant.

Synonyms: unpleasant, disagreeable, nasty

Antonyms: delightful, pleasant, charming

Sentence: He found her son somewhat obnoxious.

31.AGONIZING (adj.) : अति पीड़ा देनेवाला

Pronunciation: ag·o·niz·ing

Meaning: causing great physical or mental pain.

Synonyms: excruciating, harrowing, racking

Antonyms: gratifying, pleasing, sweet

Sentence: This is a torturous, agonizing way to kill someone.

32.ELAPSE (verb) : बीतना

Pronunciation: uh·laps

Meaning: (of time) pass or go by.

Synonyms: pass, go by/past, proceed

Antonyms: halt, hold, wait

Sentence: So a week or so may elapse between the first and the last eggs hatching.

33.BEGUILE (verb) : मोहना

Pronunciation: buh·gile

Meaning: charm or enchant (someone), sometimes in a deceptive way.

Synonyms: charm, attract, enchant

Antonyms: repel, unappealing, bore

Sentence: The teacher used to beguile her pupils with fairy tales.

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34.TENABLE (adj.) : रक्षा-शक्तिपूर्ण

Pronunciation: teh·nuh·bl

Meaning: able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.

Synonyms: defensible, justifiable, defensible

Antonyms: indefensible, untenable, unjustifiable

Sentence: Such a simplistic approach is no longer tenable.

35.GELID (adj.) : ठंडा

Pronunciation: gelid

Meaning: icy; extremely cold.

Synonyms: frozen, freezing, icy

Antonyms: ardent, blazing, boiling

Sentence: I can still recall that gelid winter morning, with the cold wind whistling around my ears

36.SUMPTUOUS (adj.): वैभवशाली

Pronunciation: suhmp·tyoo·uhs

Meaning: splendid and expensive-looking.

Synonyms: lavish, luxurious, deluxe

Antonyms: economical, frugal, meager

Sentence: The guests turned up dressed in sumptuous evening gowns.

37.PELT (verb) : मारना

Pronunciation: pelt

Meaning: attack (someone) by repeatedly hurling things at them.

Synonyms: bombard, shower, attack

Antonyms: defend

Sentence: The children pelt each other with snowballs.

38.AVERSE (adj.) : विरुद्ध

Pronunciation: uh·vuhs

Meaning: having a strong dislike of or opposition to something.

Synonyms: opposed to, against, antipathetic to

Antonyms: friendly, sympathetic, keen

Sentence: We are averse to such noisy surroundings.

39.APPEASEMENT (noun) : मनौती

Pronunciation: uh·pee·z·muhnt

Meaning: the action or process of appeasing.

Synonyms: conciliation, placation, pacification

Antonyms: discomfort, unrest, provocation

Sentence: Music is appeasement to shattered nerves.

40.BOUNTIFUL (adj): प्रचुर

Pronunciation: boun·ti·ful

Meaning: large in quantity; abundant.

Synonyms: abundant, plentiful, ample

Antonyms: meager

Sentence: The ocean provided a bountiful supply of fresh food

41. DRUDGERY (noun): कठिन परिश्रम

Pronunciation: druhj·uh·ree

Meaning: hard menial or dull work.

Synonyms: hard work, menial work, labor

Antonyms: relaxation, fun

Sentence: He spent his life in pointlessly tiresome drudgery.

42. ANATHEMA (noun) : अभिशाप**Pronunciation:** uh·na·thuh·muh**Meaning:** Something or someone that one vehemently dislikes.**Synonyms:** abhorrent, hateful, odious**Antonyms:** joy, pleasure**Sentence:** His political views were anathema to me.**43. STAUNCHLY (adv.) : दृढता से****Pronunciation:** stawnch·lee**Meaning:** in a very loyal and committed manner.**Synonyms:** dedicated, devoted, devout**Antonyms:** faltering, faithless, perfidious**Sentence:** She staunchly defended the new policy.**44. SEARING (adj) : जलाना****Pronunciation:** sear·ing**Meaning:** extremely hot or intense.**Synonyms:** scorching, blistering, flaming**Antonyms:** cold, icy, frozen**Sentence:** The searing heat of the sun is troubling me.**45. EMBEZZLEMENT (noun) : ग़बन****Pronunciation:** uhm·beh·zuhl·muht**Meaning:** theft or misappropriation of funds placed in one's trust or belonging to one's employer.**Synonyms:** theft, stealing, robbing**Antonyms:** give, sincerity, compensate**Sentence:** They were arrested for embezzlement of company funds.**46. RABBLE-ROUSER (noun) : हंगामा करने वाला****Pronunciation:** rab·ble-rous·er**Meaning:** a person who speaks with the intention of inflaming the emotions of a crowd of people, typically for political reasons.**Synonyms:** agitator, troublemaker, instigator**Antonyms:** peacemaker, reconciler, uniter**Sentence:** Rabble-rousers inciting hungry people on breadlines to demand social justice.**47. FEISTY (adj.) : उत्साही**

Pronunciation: feist·y

Meaning: (of a person, typically one who is relatively small or weak) lively, determined, and courageous

Synonyms: spirited, gutsy, gummy

Antonyms: coward, gutless

Sentence: She is a feisty heroine who's more than just a pretty face.

48. FORFEITURE (noun) : ज़ब्ती

Pronunciation: for·fei·ture

Meaning: the loss or giving up of something as a penalty for wrongdoing.

Synonyms: confiscation, sequestration, loss

Antonyms: award, reward, return

Sentence: Refusal to sign meant forfeiture of property and exile.

49. SCUFFLE (noun) : हाथापाई

Pronunciation: skuh·fl

Meaning: a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.

Synonyms: fight, struggle, tussle

Antonyms: truce

Sentence: He was involved in a scuffle with a photographer.

50. PICKETS (noun) : पहरेदार

Pronunciation: pi·kuhts

Meaning: a person or group that watches over someone or something

Synonyms: guards, keepers, lookouts

Antonyms: attacker, enemy

Sentence: The pickets persuaded some drivers not to enter the factory.

51. DECRYING (verb): निंदा

Pronunciation: duh·krai·uhng

Meaning: publicly denounce.

Synonyms: denounce, condemn, criticize

Antonyms: acclaiming, applauding, praising

Sentence: The prophets weren't decrying the ritual of the temple.

52. FARCICAL (adj.) : बेतुका

Pronunciation: faas·uhk·uhl

Meaning: relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects.

Synonyms: ridiculous, preposterous, ludicrous

Antonyms: serious, logical, believable

Sentence: The whole situation has become farcical.

53. ORDEAL (noun) : अग्नि परीक्षा

Pronunciation: aw·deel

Meaning: a painful or horrific experience, especially a protracted one.

Synonyms: nightmare, trauma, painful experience

Antonyms: comfort, joy, peace

Sentence: He was subjected to a terrible six-day ordeal.

54. MERCURIAL (adj.) : अस्थिर

Pronunciation: muh·kyoo·ree·uhl

Meaning: (of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

Synonyms: volatile, capricious, temperamental

Antonyms: changeless, constant, immutable

Sentence: The boss's mood is so mercurial that we never know how he's going to react to anything.

55. REPUGNANT (adj.) : प्रतिकूल

Pronunciation: ruh·puhg·nuhnt

Meaning: extremely distasteful; unacceptable.

Synonyms: abhorrent, revolting, repulsive

Antonyms: innocuous, inoffensive, acceptable

Sentence: The thought of going back into the fog was repugnant to him.

56. DAUNT (verb) : भयभीत करना

Pronunciation: dawnt

Meaning: make (someone) feel intimidated or apprehensive.

Synonyms: intimidate, abash, ruffle

Antonyms: embolden, encourage, strengthen

Sentence: The raging inferno didn't daunt the firefighters for a moment.

57. HALF-WIT (noun) : आधी बुद्धि

Pronunciation: half·wit

Meaning: a foolish or stupid person.

Synonyms: fool, idiot, blockhead

Antonyms: genius, intelligent

Sentence: Worst of all were the halfwits in the background, guffawing at every pathetic gag.

58.EMANCIPATION (noun) : मुक्ति

Pronunciation: uh·man·suh·pay·shn

Meaning: the fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions

Synonyms: freeing, liberation, discharge

Antonyms: enslavement, conquest, subjugation

Sentence: The Emancipation Proclamation abolished slavery in the United States.

59.INTERMITTENT (adj.) : रुक-रुक कर

Pronunciation: in·tuh·mi·tnt

Meaning: occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady.

Synonyms: sporadic, irregular, random

Antonyms: constant, continuous, incessant

Sentence: After three hours of intermittent rain, the game was abandoned.

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60.GAFFE (noun) : चूक

Pronunciation: gaf

Meaning: an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder.

Synonyms: blunder, mistake, error

Antonyms: accuracy, correctness, perfection

Sentence: He didn't realize what a gaffe he'd made.

61. CONFRONTATION (noun): आमना-सामना

Pronunciation: kawn•fruhnt•ay•shn

Meaning: a hostile or argumentative meeting or situation between opposing parties.

Synonyms: conflict, clash

Antonyms: concord, harmony, peace

Sentence: The government was dragged willy-nilly into the confrontation.

62.CRUCIFY (verb) : आलोचना करना**Pronunciation:** kroo•suh•fai**Meaning:** criticize (someone) severely and unrelentingly.**Synonyms:** condemn, criticize severely, denounce**Antonyms:** commend, endorse**Sentence:** He's going to crucify me when he finds out what I've done!**63.ACCRUE (verb) : उपाजित होना****Pronunciation:** uh•kroo**Meaning:** (of sums of money or benefits) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time.**Synonyms:** result, arise, follow**Antonyms:** abate, decline, diminish**Sentence:** A penny-pincher who is accruing a fortune by spending next to nothing.**64.IRATE (adj.) : क्रुद्ध****Pronunciation:** ai•rayt**Meaning:** feeling or characterized by great anger.**Synonyms:** angry, furious, infuriated**Antonyms:** calm, delighted, pleased**Sentence:** We have received some irate phone calls from customers.**65.PAUPER (noun) : कंगाल****Pronunciation:** paw•puh**Meaning:** a very poor person.**Synonyms:** poor person, indigent, bankrupt**Antonyms:** affluent, billionaire, tycoon**Sentence:** He did die a pauper and is buried in an unmarked grave.**66.HANKER (verb) : लालायित होना****Pronunciation:** hank•er**Meaning:** feel a strong desire for or to do something.**Synonyms:** yearn, long, desire**Antonyms:** be averse, aversion**Sentence:** She hankered to go back.**67.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.

68.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.

69.FAMISHED (adj.) : भूखों मरना

Pronunciation: fa•muhsht

Meaning: feeling a desire or need for food

Synonyms: empty, hungry, peckish

Antonyms: engorged, glutted, gorged

Sentence: After a full day of skiing, I was feeling absolutely famished.

70.RETICENCE (noun) : अल्पभाषिता

Pronunciation: reh•tuh•sns

Meaning: the quality of being reticent; reserve.

Synonyms: reserve, introversion, restraint

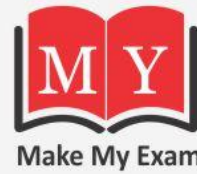
Antonyms: expansiveness

Sentence: His reticence about his past made them very suspicious.

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