

VOCABULARY

1. STIFLE (VERB): दबाना

Pronunciation: stai•fl

Meaning: restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself from acting on (an emotion).

Synonyms: suffocate, choke, smother, suppress

Antonyms: inspire, breathe, revive, inhale

Sentence: The children tried to *stifle* their laughter during class but couldn't hold back their giggles for long.

2. STARTLE (VERB): चौंकाना

Pronunciation: staa•tl

Meaning: cause to feel sudden shock or alarm.

Synonyms: shock, stun, astonish, astound, stupefy

Antonyms: assure, soothe, cheer, comfort

Sentence: If the music is too loud, it will *startle* the sleeping baby.

3. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: ka•luhs

Meaning: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

Synonyms: ruthless, merciless, heartless, cruel, unfeeling

Antonyms: sympathetic, compassionate, merciful

Sentence: The professor was *callous* and cold, and no one wanted to remain in the class.

4. ANTECEDENT (NOUN): पूर्ववर्ती

Pronunciation: an•tuh•see•dnt

Meaning: a thing that existed before or logically precedes another.

Synonyms: previous, preceding, prior

Antonyms: subsequent, later, after, ensuing, following

Sentence: It is no longer what it was *antecedent* to the Revolution.

5. MACABRE (ADJECTIVE): भयंकर

Pronunciation: muh•kaa•bruh

Meaning: unpleasant and frightening because it is connected with death.

Synonyms: grisly, grim, morbid, ghastly

Antonyms: pleasant, pleasing, delightful, lovely

Sentence: A *macabre* series of murders shocked us.

6. MISDEMEANOURS (NOUN): खराब आचरण

Pronunciation: mis-duh-MEE-nur

Meaning: an action that is slightly bad or breaks a rule but is not a crime.

Synonyms: violation, trespass, misconduct

Antonyms: innocence, obedience, goodness, morality

Sentence: He is charged with several *misdemeanors*, including driving without a valid license and creating a disturbance.

7. PORTENTOUS (ADJECTIVE): अमंगल

Pronunciation: paw•tent•uhs

Meaning: too serious and trying to be very important; giving a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen.

Synonyms: ominous, sinister, menacing, bleak, somber

Antonyms: favorable, promising, propitious

Sentence: Mark's *portentous* voice made him the perfect narrator for the horror movie.

8. TRAFFICKING (VERB): तस्करी

Pronunciation: tra•fuhk•uhng

Meaning: deal or trade in something illegal.

Synonyms: trading, smuggling, selling

Antonyms: boycotting, blackmailing, Legal trade

Sentence: The abduction and *trafficking* of babies has been a problem in China for decades.

9. OVERKILL (NOUN): अत्यधिक विनाशकारी क्षमता

Pronunciation: OH-ver-kil

Meaning: much more of something than is needed, resulting in less effectiveness.

Synonyms: surplus, excess, overflow, surplusage

Antonyms: Deficiency, deficit, insufficiency

Sentence: Some die-hard Sonic fans have been disappointed with some of the annoying characters and *overkill* of unnecessary video clips.

10. DISSEMINATE (VERB): फैलाना

Pronunciation: duh•seh•muh•nayt

Meaning: spread (something, especially information) widely.

Synonyms: propagate, spread, circulate, transmit

Antonyms: repress, suppress, stifle, discountenance

Sentence: One of the organization's aims is to *disseminate* information about the disease.