

VOCABULARY

1. DEPLORE (VERB): विलाप करना

Pronunciation: duh•plaw

Meaning: feel or express strong disapproval of (something).

Synonyms: abhor, be shocked by, be offended by

Antonyms: delight, exult, enjoy

Sentence: We deeply *deplore* the loss of life.

2. EXPEDITE (VERB): तेजी लाना

Pronunciation: ek•spuh•dyte

Meaning: To cause (something) to happen faster.

Synonyms: hurry, rush

Antonyms: impede, hinder, delay

Sentence: Something needs to be done to *expedite* the process.

3. PUGNACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): झगड़ालू

Pronunciation: puhg•nay•shuhs

Meaning: eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight.

Synonyms: combative, aggressive, antagonistic

Antonyms: nonaggressive, gentle, calm

Sentence: I found him *pugnacious* and arrogant.

4. OSTENSIBLY (ADVERB): प्रत्यक्ष तौर पर

Pronunciation: aw•sten•suh•blee

Meaning: apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.

Synonyms: apparently, seemingly, on the face of it

Antonyms: Actually, Genuinely, Decidedly

Sentence: Troops were sent in, *ostensibly* to protect the civilian population.

5. NIMBLE (ADJECTIVE): चतुर

Pronunciation: nim•bl

Meaning: quick and light in movement or action; agile.

Synonyms: agile, lithe, sprightly

Antonyms: vacuous, weak-minded, witless

Sentence: She showed some *nimble* footwork and looked a promising player.

6. BOUNTIFUL (ADJECTIVE): प्रचुर

Pronunciation: bawn•tuh•ful

Meaning: Being more than enough without being excessive.

Synonyms: plentiful, ample, generous

Antonyms: minimal, scant, inadequate

Sentence: State aid is less *bountiful* than it was before.

7. VITALITY (NOUN): जीवन शक्ति

Pronunciation: vai•tal•uh•tee

Meaning: Active strength of body or mind.

Synonyms: vigor, energy, power

Antonyms: laziness, weakness, lethargy

Sentence: The dog was bouncing with health and *vitality*.

8. PARAMOUNT (ADJECTIVE): सर्वोपरि

Pronunciation: pa•ruh•mawnt

Meaning: Coming before all others in importance.

Synonyms: main, first, primary

Antonyms: least, last, unimportant

Sentence: In our work, quality is *paramount*.

9. OVERSEER (NOUN): पर्यवेक्षक

Pronunciation: oh•vuh•see•uh

Meaning: A person who watches and directs the work of other people in order to be sure that a job is done correctly.

Synonyms: superintendent, manager, supervisor

Antonyms: secondary, dependent, subordinate

Sentence: He was the *overseer* on the roads.

10. OBSTRUCTION (NOUN): बाधा

Pronunciation: uhb•struhk•shn

Meaning: Something that makes movement or progress difficult.

Synonyms: obstacle, hurdle, embarrassment

Antonyms: incentive, stimulus, impetus

Sentence: He was arrested for *obstruction* of a police officer in the execution of his duty.