

VOCABULARY

1. FOSTER (VERB): प्रोत्साहन देना

Pronunciation: faw•stuh

Meaning: To encourage the development or growth of ideas or feelings

Synonyms: Stimulate, Strengthen, promote, nurture, assist.

Antonyms: Abandon, suppress, hinder, curb, neglect.

Sentence: Developed countries should *foster* global economic growth to help new democracies.

2. STAGGERING (ADJECTIVE): चौंका देने वाला

Pronunciation: sta•guh•ruhng

Meaning: that you find difficult to believe

Synonyms: Astonishing, Astounding, stunning, amazing, overwhelming

Antonyms: Unremarkable, Unimpressive, Expected

Sentence: Profits have shot up by a *staggering* 25%.

3. INDIGENOUS (ADJECTIVE): स्वदेशी

Pronunciation: in•dee•juh•nuhs

Meaning: Produced, growing, living, or occurring natively or naturally in a particular region or environment

Synonyms: Native, autochthonous, original, endemic

Antonyms: Migrant, exotic, immigrant, acquired.

Sentence: They were our *indigenous* peoples, our first peoples, our first speakers and our first hearers.

4. WELTER (VERB): डूब जाना

Pronunciation: WEL-ter

Meaning: to roll, toss, be deeply immersed & in disorder, similar to confusion, jumble, & wallow

Synonyms: Wallow, Jumble, Confusion

Antonyms: Calm, peace, Order

Sentence: The report was issued amid a *welter* of conflicting evidence.

5. FOREGONE (ADJECTIVE): पूर्वनिश्चित

Pronunciation: faw•gawn

Meaning: Already decided or determined in advance.

Synonyms: Predetermined, inevitable, certain, decided.

Antonyms: Uncertain, undecided, doubtful.

Sentence: It seems to be a *foregone* conclusion that I shall never hear a good excuse.

6. EXPEDITING (VERB): शीघ्रता करना

Pronunciation: ek•spuh•dite•uhng

Meaning: To make something happen more quickly

Synonyms: Accelerate, Hasten, hurrying, rushing, speed up.

Antonyms: Delay, slowing, delaying

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

7. FORGE (VERB): नकली बनाना

Pronunciation: fawj

Meaning: To make an illegal copy of something in order to deceive

Synonyms: Falsify, Duplicate, mold.

Antonyms: Original, destroy, abolish, halt.

Sentence: The programme aims to *forge* links between higher education and small businesses.

8. OBNOXIOUS (ADJECTIVE): घृणित, अप्रिय

Pronunciation: uhb•naw•kshuhs

Meaning: Very unpleasant or offensive.

Synonyms: Offensive, Annoying, Hateful

Antonyms: Pleasant, Agreeable, Charming

Sentence: The man's *obnoxious* behavior made everyone uncomfortable.

9. FORTUITOUS (ADJECTIVE): आकस्मिक

Pronunciation: faw•tyoo•uh•tuhs

Meaning: Happening by chance rather than intention.

Synonyms: Unexpected, Unanticipated, Coincidental, accidental

Antonyms: Predictable, Planned, Premeditated

Sentence: His success depended on a *fortuitous* combination of circumstances.

10. INFLATION (NOUN): महंगाई

Pronunciation: in•flay•shn

Meaning: A general, continuous increase in price.

Synonyms: Rise, Escalation, expansion

Antonyms: deflation, disinflation, reduction

Sentence: Because of *inflation* the bread that used to cost eighty cents now costs one dollar and fifty cents.