

VOCABULARY

1. STRINGENT (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: strin•jnt

Meaning: strict, precise, and exacting (of regulations, requirements, or conditions).

Synonyms: strict, Severe, rigid

Antonyms: lenient, flexible, Lax

Sentence: The quantity of exports has declined since the early 80s due to the *stringent* procedures by the government.

2. REMINISCE (VERB): याद दिलाना

Pronunciation: reh•muh•nis

Meaning: to talk or write about past experiences that you remember with pleasure.

Synonyms: remember, recollect, recall

Antonyms: forget, ignore, neglect, repress

Sentence: My grandfather used to *reminisce* about his years in the navy.

3. PESTILENT (ADJECTIVE): विनाशक

Pronunciation: peh•stuh•luhnt

Meaning: likely to cause or capable of causing death.

Synonyms: lethal, deadly, harmful

Antonyms: salubrious, beneficial, Harmless

Sentence: Smallpox is a *pestilent* disease.

4. ENNOBLE (VERB): सम्मानित करना

Pronunciation: uh•noh•bl

Meaning: give (someone) a noble rank or title.

Synonyms: exalt, glorify, Honor

Antonyms: debase, degrade, demean

Sentence: The police commissioner will *ennoble* Officer Pantowski with a medal for service above and beyond the call of duty, an honor few officers receive.

5. FLIMSY (ADJECTIVE): कमजोर

Pronunciation: flim•zee

Meaning: comparatively light and insubstantial; easily damaged.

Synonyms: fragile, Frail, feeble

Antonyms: sturdy, substantial, strong

Sentence: The storm flattened the *flimsy* wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

6. PENITENT (ADJECTIVE): अनुतापी

Pronunciation: peh•nuh•tnt

Meaning: feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant.

Synonyms: repentant, remorseful, Regretful

Antonyms: impenitent, unrepentant, unapologetic

Sentence: "I'm sorry," she said with *penitent* smile.

7. SCION (NOUN): वंशज

Pronunciation: sai•uhn

Meaning: a descendant of a notable family.

Synonyms: descendant, successor, heir

Antonyms: predecessor, ancestor, Forebear

Sentence: He's the *scion* of a very wealthy newspaper-publishing family.

8. IRE (NOUN): गुस्सा

Pronunciation: ire

Meaning: anger.

Synonyms: Anger, wrath, fury, rage

Antonyms: Pleasure, calmness, delight, Patience

Sentence: Their *ire* was directed mainly at the government.

9. AGGRIEVE (ADJECTIVE): व्यथित

Pronunciation: ag•grieve

Meaning: feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated.

Synonyms: Grieved, Afflicted, Offended

Antonyms: Satisfied, Pleased, Comforted

Sentence: She felt *aggrieved* at not being chosen for the team.

10. UNDERBELLY (NOUN): कमजोर स्थान

Pronunciation: uhn•duh•beh•lee

Meaning: an area vulnerable to attack; a hidden unpleasant or criminal part of society.

Synonyms: Vulnerability, Weak spot, Soft underbelly

Antonyms: stronghold, Fortress, Strength

Sentence: Poverty and inequality are the *underbelly* of our society.