



# Weekly Vocab Dose

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**Happy learning!!!**

### **1. REBUTTAL (noun) : खंडन**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·buht·uhl

**Meaning:** a refutation or contradiction.

**Synonyms:** refutation, denial, disproving

**Antonyms:** attestation, confirmation, corroboration

**Sentence:** The retrial is in the rebuttal phase.

### **2. STENTORIAN (adj.) : बुलंद**

**Pronunciation:** sten·taw·ree·uhn

**Meaning:** (of a person's voice) loud and powerful.

**Synonyms:** loud, booming, thundering

**Antonyms:** gentle, low, soft

**Sentence:** He introduced me to the staff with a stentorian announcement.

### **3. DETRACTOR (noun) : आलोचक**

**Pronunciation:** duh·trakt·uh

**Meaning:** a person who disparages someone or something.

**Synonyms:** disparager, denigrator, deprecator

**Antonyms:** commender, praiser, comforter

**Sentence:** Even her detractors had to admit that she had made the company successful.

### **4. FRETFUL (adj.) : चिड़चिड़ा**

**Pronunciation:** fret·ful

**Meaning:** feeling or expressing distress or irritation.

**Synonyms:** distressed, upset, miserable

**Antonyms:** affable, companionable, cordial

**Sentence:** The child was tired and fretful.

### **5. THUGGERY (noun) : गुंडापन**

**Pronunciation:** thuhg·uh·ree

**Meaning:** violent behavior, especially of a criminal nature.

**Synonyms:** inhumanity, brutalities, bullying

**Antonyms:** lawfulness, gentleness

**Sentence:** Elections have become long spells of organised thuggery.

### **6. HUMBUG (verb) : धोखा देना**

**Pronunciation:** huhm·buhg

**Meaning:** deceptive or false talk or behavior.

**Synonyms:** deceive, trick, delude

**Antonyms:** original, undeceive

**Sentence:** You can only humbug those who are not aware of your tricks.

### **7. JARGON (noun) : शब्दजाल**

**Pronunciation:** jargon

**Meaning:** special words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group and are difficult for others to understand.

**Synonyms:** specialized language, technical language, slang

**Antonyms:** standard, quiet, sense, silence.

**Sentence:** Can you help me translate this legal jargon into plain English?

### **8. VANTAGE (noun) : सहूलियत**

**Pronunciation:** vaan·tuhj

**Meaning:** a place or position affording a good view of something.

**Synonyms:** viewpoint, standpoint, stance

**Antonyms:** detriment, stranglehold

**Sentence:** The whole dispute looked silly from my vantage point.

### **9. SWAY (noun) : बोलबाला**

**Pronunciation:** svay

**Meaning:** the power to bring about a result on another

**Synonyms:** effect, impact, influence

**Antonyms:** impotence, impotency, powerlessness

**Sentence:** Under the sway of euphoria, she offered to take us all out to dinner in celebration of her new job.

### **10. SYMPOSIUM (noun) : संगोष्ठी**

**Pronunciation:** suhm·poze·ee·uhm

**Meaning:** a conference or meeting to discuss a particular subject.

**Synonyms:** assembly, conclave, congregation

**Antonyms:** division, lawlessness, fractionation

**Sentence:** He had been taking part in an international symposium on population.

**11. ENERVATE (verb) : कमजोर करना****Pronunciation:** ener•vate**Meaning:** cause (someone) to feel drained of energy or vitality; weaken.**Synonyms:** exhaust, tire, fatigue**Antonyms:** fortify, strengthen, energize**Sentence:** I find this heat very enervating.**12. TREPIDATION (noun) : घबराहट****Pronunciation:** treh•puhd•ay•shn**Meaning:** a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen.**Synonyms:** fear, apprehension, dread**Antonyms:** bravery, courage, daring**Sentence:** With some trepidation, I opened the door.**13. ADULTERATE (verb) : मिलावटी****Pronunciation:** adul•ter•ate**Meaning:** render (something) poorer in quality by adding another substance, typically an inferior one.**Synonyms:** make impure, degrade, debase**Antonyms:** fine, pure, clean**Sentence:** The food had been adulterated to increase its weight.**14. INTEMPERATE (adj.) : असंयमी****Pronunciation:** in•tem•per•ate**Meaning:** having or showing a lack of self-control; immoderate.**Synonyms:** immoderate, excessive, undue**Antonyms:** bridled, curbed, controlled**Sentence:** The judge's intemperate outburst almost caused a retrial.**15. FINESSE (noun) : चालाकी****Pronunciation:** fuh•nes**Meaning:** intricate and refined delicacy.**Synonyms:** skill, subtlety, expertise**Antonyms:** inadequacy, incompetence, ineptitude**Sentence:** He is a true believer, but sadly lacks finesse.**16. WHEEDED (verb) : चापलूसी****Pronunciation:** whee•dle

**Meaning:** use flattery or coaxing in order to persuade someone to do something or give one something.

**Synonyms:** blandished, blarneyed, cajoled

**Antonyms:** bugged, nagged, pestered

**Sentence:** She wheedled her husband into buying a lottery ticket.

### 17. RUFFIANS (noun) : बदमाश

**Pronunciation:** ruf•fi•an

**Meaning:** a violent person, especially one involved in crime.

**Synonyms:** thug, roughneck, scoundrel

**Antonyms:** moral, decent, virtuous

**Sentence:** A gang of ruffians preying upon people who ventured into that section of town.



### 18. OSTENTATIOUS (adj.) : दिखावटी

**Pronunciation:** os•ten•ta•tious

**Meaning:** characterized by vulgar or pretentious display; designed to impress or attract notice.

**Synonyms:** showy, pretentious, obtrusive

**Antonyms:** quiet, understated, unflamboyant

**Sentence:** Actually, he has a lot of debt, he is just living an ostentatious life.

### 19. AMISS (adj.) : अनुचित

**Pronunciation:** uh•mis

**Meaning:** not quite right; inappropriate or out of place.

**Synonyms:** wrong, faulty, incorrect

**Antonyms:** faultless, flawless, impeccable

**Sentence:** There was something amiss about his calculations.

### 20. AMASSING (verb) : एकत्र करना

**Pronunciation:** uh•mas•uhng



**Meaning:** gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of valuable material or things) over a period of time.

**Synonyms:** gather, collect, assemble

**Antonyms:** dispel, disperse, dissipate

**Sentence:** Starting from nothing he had amassed a huge fortune.

## **21. ASSUAGE (verb) : शांत करना**

**Pronunciation:** uh•svayj

**Meaning:** make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense.

**Synonyms:** relieve, ease, alleviate

**Antonyms:** anger, enrage, incense

**Sentence:** To assuage his wife's grief, he took her on a tour of Europe.

## **22. INCERTITUDE (noun) : शक**

**Pronunciation:** uhn•suh•tuh•chood

**Meaning:** a state of uncertainty or hesitation.

**Synonyms:** disbelief, incredulity, unbelief

**Antonyms:** assurance, belief, certainty

**Sentence:** Some schools broke down under the stresses of policy incertitude

## **23. PEJORATIVE (adj.) : अपमानजनक**

**Pronunciation:** puh•jaw•ruh•tuhv

**Meaning:** expressing contempt or disapproval.

**Synonyms:** disparaging, derogatory, deprecatory

**Antonyms:** commendatory, complimentary, laudative

**Sentence:** Permissiveness is used almost universally as a pejorative term.

## **24. GROTESQUE (adj.) : विचित्र**

**Pronunciation:** groh•tesk

**Meaning:** comically or repulsively ugly or distorted.

**Synonyms:** malformed, deformed, strange

**Antonyms:** impressive, pretty, ravishing

**Sentence:** That bloody Halloween mask is grotesque.

## **25. CONSTERNATION (noun) : चिंता**

**Pronunciation:** kawn•stuh•nay•shn

**Meaning:** feelings of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected.

**Synonyms:** dismay, perturbation, anxiety

**Antonyms:** comfort, consolation, relief

**Sentence:** The announcement was created to surprise and consternation.

**26. INSTIGATE (verb) : भड़काना**

**Pronunciation:** in•stuh•gayt

**Meaning:** bring about or initiate (an action or event).

**Synonyms:** start, begin, initiate

**Antonyms:** allay, calm, quiet

**Sentence:** They instigated a reign of terror

**27. OBLOQUY (noun) : अपमान**

**Pronunciation:** aw•bluh•kvee

**Meaning:** strong public criticism or verbal abuse.

**Synonyms:** vilification, opprobrium, vituperation

**Antonyms:** esteem, honor, respect

**Sentence:** He endured years of contempt and obloquy.

**28. FILTHY (adj.) : गंदा**

**Pronunciation:** filth•ee

**Meaning:** disgustingly dirty.

**Synonyms:** dirty, mucky, grimy

**Antonyms:** clean, cleanly, pure

**Sentence:** The beds were filthy and full of vermin.

**29. IMPECCABLE (adj.) : निर्दोष**

**Pronunciation:** uhm•peh•kuh•bl

**Meaning:** (of behavior, performance, or appearance) in accordance with the highest standards of propriety; faultless.

**Synonyms:** flawless, faultless, unblemished

**Antonyms:** amiss, guilty, sinful

**Sentence:** The head of the investigation must be a person of impeccable probity and honesty.

**30. FURBISH (verb) : चमक लाना**

**Pronunciation:** fuh•buhsh

**Meaning:** give a fresh look to (something old or shabby)

**Synonyms:** renovate, furnish, glitter

**Antonyms:** roughen, ruffle, scuff

**Sentence:** I needed until August to fully furbish the two front rooms.

**31. EXUBERANCE (noun) : जोश-खरोश****Pronunciation:** uhgz·yoo·buh·ruhns**Meaning:** the quality of being full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness; ebullience.**Synonyms:** ebullience, jazziness, peppiness**Antonyms:** inactivity, lifelessness, dullness**Sentence:** She was laughing from the sheer exuberance of the performance.**32. SAVVY (noun) : सामान्य बुद्धि****Pronunciation:** sa·vee**Meaning:** shrewdness and practical knowledge; the ability to make good judgments.**Synonyms:** shrewdness, astuteness, sharp-wittedness**Antonyms:** foolish, dumb, silly**Sentence:** she's an excellent scholar of political science, but lacks the kind of savvy needed to run for public office**33. RUMMAGED (verb) : अफवाह फैलाया****Pronunciation:** ruh·muhjd**Meaning:** search unsystematically and untidily through a mass or receptacle.**Synonyms:** search (through), hunt through, scrabble around in**Antonyms:** ignored, neglected**Sentence:** He rummaged through the jumble of papers on his desk.**34. NIGGLING (adj.) : तुच्छ****Pronunciation:** ni·guhl·uhng**Meaning:** causing slight but persistent annoyance, discomfort, or anxiety.**Synonyms:** inconsiderable, insignificant, measly**Antonyms:** big, consequential, considerable**Sentence:** Don't waste time on niggling details.**35. SNAPPY (adj.) : तेज़****Pronunciation:** snap·ee**Meaning:** moving, proceeding, or acting with great speed**Synonyms:** blistering, lightning, speedy**Antonyms:** slow, dilatory, dawdling**Sentence:** Bring us some more french fries and make it snappy!**36. FISSURES (noun) : दरारें****Pronunciation:** fi·shuhz



**Meaning:** a long, narrow opening or line of breakage made by cracking or splitting, especially in rock or earth.

**Synonyms:** opening, crevice, crack

**Antonyms:** combine, unite, fuse, merge

**Sentence:** Lava flows up through a fissure in the earth's crust.

### 37. OPPROBRIUM (noun) : अपमान

**Pronunciation:** uh·proh·bree·uhm

**Meaning:** harsh criticism or censure.

**Synonyms:** vilification, abuse, vituperation

**Antonyms:** esteem, honor, respect

**Sentence:** The government did not deserve the opprobrium heaped on it by the national press.

### 38. PITHILY (adv.) : मतलब की बात

**Pronunciation:** pithily

**Meaning:** in a few words

**Synonyms:** briefly, compactly, concisely

**Antonyms:** diffusely, long-windedly, verbosely

**Sentence:** The observation that “War is hell” is how General Sherman pithily summed up his experiences in combat.

### 39. SUBSERVIENT (adj.) : अधीन

**Pronunciation:** suhb·suhv·ee·uhnt

**Meaning:** prepared to obey others unquestioningly.

**Synonyms:** submissive, deferential, acquiescent

**Antonyms:** disrespectful, impolite, impudent

**Sentence:** She was subservient to her parents.

### 40. PONTIFICATING (verb) : व्याख्या करना

**Pronunciation:** pawn·tif·uhk·ayt·uhng

**Meaning:** express one's opinions in a way considered annoyingly pompous and dogmatic.

**Synonyms:** expound, declaim, preach

**Antonyms:** humble, lowly, modest

**Sentence:** Politicians like to pontificate about falling standards.

#### **41. CURB (noun) : नियंत्रण**

**Pronunciation:** kuhb

**Meaning:** an edging (as of concrete) built along a street to form part of a gutter

**Synonyms:** restriction, rein

**Antonyms:** freedom, encouragement

**Sentence:** Taking a few deep breaths may curb your temper.

#### **42. SURREPTITIOUSLY (adverb) : चुपके**

**Pronunciation:** suh·ruh·p·ti·shuhs·lee

**Meaning:** done, made, or acquired by stealth

**Synonyms:** covertly, clandestinely

**Antonyms:** openly, publicly

**Sentence:** It was a surreptitiously printed material.

#### **43. CONSTITUTE (verb) : गठित करना**

**Pronunciation:** kawn·stuh·choot

**Meaning:** makeup, form, compose

**Synonyms:** establish, compose

**Antonyms:** destroy, disperse

**Sentence:** The law constituted new mandate.

#### **44. BAN (noun) : प्रतिबंध**

**Pronunciation:** ban

**Meaning:** to prohibit especially by legal means

**Synonyms:** censorship, embargo

**Antonyms:** approval, sanction

**Sentence:** He put a ban on eating meat in his house.

#### **45. INTENDED (adj.) : अभीष्ट**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·tend·uhd

**Meaning:** expected to be such in the future

**Synonyms:** intentional, wilful

**Antonyms:** unfixed, unplanned

**Sentence:** It was an intended joke.

**46. FURNISH (verb) : प्रस्तुत****Pronunciation:** fuh·nuhsh**Meaning:** to provide with what is needed**Synonyms:** dispense, issue**Antonyms:** receive, deny**Sentence:** The ATM furnished the money.**47. SLEW (noun) : निहत****Pronunciation:** sloo**Meaning:** a large number**Synonyms:** aggregation, bunch**Antonyms:** little, need**Sentence:** There was a slew of currency notes in the bank.**48. INOFFENSIVE (adj.) : निरापद****Pronunciation:** in·uh·fens·uhv**Meaning:** causing no harm or injury**Synonyms:** innocuous, pleasant**Antonyms:** damaging, malicious**Sentence:** Your new job is surely inoffensive than the previous one.**49. CONCEAL (verb) : छिपाना****Pronunciation:** kuhn·seel**Meaning:** to prevent disclosure or recognition of**Synonyms:** cover, lurk**Antonyms:** reveal, expose**Sentence:** Why are you concealing your identity?**50. TREATMENT (noun) : इलाज****Pronunciation:** treet·muhnt**Meaning:** the act or manner or an instance of treating someone or something**Synonyms:** cure, regimen**Antonyms:** disease, harm**Sentence:** The best treatment is given in this hospital.**51. ATTENUATE (verb) : कम करना****Pronunciation:** at·ten·u·ate**Meaning:** reduce the force, effect, or value of.**Synonyms:** weakened, reduced, lessened

**Antonyms:** enhance, mark up, upgrade

**Sentence:** Engineers began to attenuate the strength of signals at chosen frequencies

## **52. IMPASSE (noun) : गतिरोध**

**Pronunciation:** im·paas

**Meaning:** a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock.

**Synonyms:** deadlock, dead end, stalemate

**Antonyms:** solution, boon, agreement

**Sentence:** The political process is at an impasse.

## **53. SLOVENLY (adj.) : गंदा**

**Pronunciation:** sluh·vuhn·lee

**Meaning:** (especially of a person or their appearance) messy and dirty.

**Synonyms:** scruffy, untidy, messy

**Antonyms:** stainless, clean, tidy

**Sentence:** Their table manners perfectly reflect the slovenly appearance.

## **54. SEAMLESS (adj.) : निरपराध**

**Pronunciation:** seem·luhs

**Meaning:** being entirely without fault or flaw

**Synonyms:** absolute, faultless, flawless

**Antonyms:** censurable, defective, faulty

**Sentence:** The conductor's seamless interpretation of Mozart's Jupiter symphony was greeted with a standing ovation.

## **55. SERMON (noun) : उपदेश**

**Pronunciation:** suh·muhn

**Meaning:** a talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given during a church service and based on a passage from the Bible.

**Synonyms:** homily, address, speech

**Antonyms:** commendation, pat on the back

**Sentence:** He delivered the sermon with a fiery passion.

## **56. ETIQUETTE (noun) : शिष्टाचार**

**Pronunciation:** eh·tuh·kayt

**Meaning:** the customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a particular profession or group.

**Synonyms:** polite behavior, good manners, manners

**Antonyms:** discourtesy, immorality, impoliteness.

**Sentence:** The couple exhibited poor etiquette when they left the party without saying goodbye to the host and hostess.

## 57. CAMARADERIE (noun) : भाई-चारा

**Pronunciation:** ka·muh·raa·duh·ree

**Meaning:** mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.

**Synonyms:** friendship, comradeship, fellowship

**Antonyms:** forlornness, loneliness, lonesomeness

**Sentence:** The camaraderie among fellow employees made the tedious work just bearable.

## 58. AVARICIOUS (adj.) : लालची

**Pronunciation:** a·vuh·rish·uhs

**Meaning:** having or showing extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

**Synonyms:** grasping, acquisitive, covetous

**Antonyms:** sated, satisfied, controlled

**Sentence:** An avaricious man is always needy.

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## 59. CON (verb) : ठगना

**Pronunciation:** kawn

**Meaning:** persuade (someone) to do or believe something, typically by use of deception.

**Synonyms:** swindle, defraud, cheat

**Antonyms:** undeceive, disclose

**Sentence:** Tried to con me into thinking that he had won the lottery.

## 60. CLUTTER (noun) : ढेरी

**Pronunciation:** kluh·tuh

**Meaning:** an unorganized collection or mixture of various things

**Synonyms:** agglomerate, agglomeration, mixed bag

**Antonyms:** order, organization, singularity

**Sentence:** Sorry about the clutter in the kitchen.

**61. GLEANED (verb) : से प्राप्त**

**Pronunciation:** gleend

**Meaning:** extract (information) from various sources.

**Synonyms:** obtain, get, take

**Antonyms:** dug, extirpated, picked

**Sentence:** What do you glean from the news?

**62. SURREAL (adj.) : असली**

**Pronunciation:** suh·reel

**Meaning:** having the qualities of surrealism; bizarre.

**Synonyms:** unreal, bizarre, unusual

**Antonyms:** certain, sure, true

**Sentence:** The whole situation was completely surreal.

**63. IDYLIC (adj.) : सुखद जीवन का**

**Pronunciation:** uh·dil·uhk

**Meaning:** (especially of a time or place) like an idyll; extremely happy, peaceful, or picturesque.

**Synonyms:** perfect, ideal, idealized

**Antonyms:** imperfect, amiss, flawed

**Sentence:** It appears to be an idyllic domestic setup.

**64. SHRUG (verb) : कंधे उचकाने की क्रिया**

**Pronunciation:** shruhg

**Meaning:** raise (one's shoulders) slightly and momentarily to express doubt, ignorance, or indifference.

**Synonyms:** action, bow, curtsy.

**Antonyms:** repose, rest.

**Sentence:** "I suppose so," said Anna with a shrug.

**65. INQUIRINGLY (adv.) : जाँचते**

**Pronunciation:** in·quire.ingly

**Meaning:** to search through or into

**Synonyms:** examine, inspect, study

**Antonyms:** disinterested, incurious, unskeptical.

**Sentence:** Victor looked at her inquiringly.

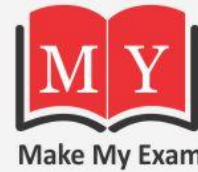


**66. MUSHY (adj.) : भावुक****Pronunciation:** muhsh·ee**Meaning:** excessively sentimental.**Synonyms:** sentimental, mawkish, emotional**Antonyms:** unsentimental, hard-edged**Sentence:** Don't go getting all mushy and sentimental.**67. IMPINGING (verb) : प्रभाव पडना****Pronunciation:** uhm·pinj·uhng**Meaning:** have an effect or impact, especially a negative one.**Synonyms:** banging, bashing, bumping**Antonyms:** missing, skirting**Sentence:** Nora was determined that the tragedy would impinge as little as possible on Constance's life**68. INDUCEMENT (noun) : प्रलोभन****Pronunciation:** uhn·dyoos·muhnt**Meaning:** a thing that persuades or influences someone to do something.**Synonyms:** incentive, attraction, encouragement**Antonym:** deterrent**Sentence:** The higher payments were offered as an inducement.**69. DE FACTO (adj.) : वास्तव में****Pronunciation:** de fac·to**Meaning:** denoting someone or something that is such in fact.**Synonyms:** actual, existing, existent**Antonyms:** conjectural, hypothetical, nonexistent**Sentence:** The island has been de facto divided into two countries.**70. IRRETRIEVABLY (adv.) : अपूर्य****Pronunciation:** i·ruh·treev·uh·blee**Meaning:** in a way that cannot be retrieved or put right.**Synonyms:** incorrigible, incurable, irrecoverable**Antonyms:** curable, reversible, recoverable**Sentence:** Some of our old traditions are irretrievably lost.

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