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### **1.RUCTION (noun) - अशांति**

**Pronunciation:** ruhk·shuhn

**Meaning:** a disturbance or quarrel

**Synonyms:** disturbance, noise, racket, din, commotion, fuss, pother, uproar

**Antonyms:** harmony, order, peace

**Usage:** We called the police when we heard the couple next door having a ruction.

### **2.SCRUTINY (noun) - सूक्ष्म परीक्षण**

**Pronunciation:** skroo·tini

**Meaning:** critical observation or examination

**Synonyms:** inspection, survey, scan, study, perusal

**Antonym:** glance

**Usage:** Their activities have come under police scrutiny.

### **3.BLOCKADE (noun) – नाकाबंदी**

**Pronunciation:** blo·keid

**Meaning:** something used to block access to a certain area

**Synonyms:** barrier, stoppage, barricade, closure, encirclement, restriction, roadblock, siege

**Antonyms:** opening, support, clearance

**Usage:** During the battle, the soldiers created a blockade to keep the enemy from entering through the castle gate.

### **4.MIDST (noun) – मध्य**

**Pronunciation:** midst

**Meaning:** the middle part or point

**Synonyms:** middle, centre, core, midpoint, halfway

**Antonyms:** exterior, border, margin

**Usage:** She appeared from the midst of the crowd.

### **5.PROLONG (verb) – टालना, स्थगित करना**

**Pronunciation:** pruh·long

**Meaning:** extend the duration of

**Synonyms:** lengthen, extend, protract, elongate, delay

**Antonyms:** shorten, advance, halt

**Usage:** He offered her a drink to try to prolong her visit.

### **6.ESPOUSE (noun) - सहायता देना, समर्थन करना**

**Pronunciation:** uh·spawz

**Meaning:** to support an idea, belief, or principle

**Synonyms:** support, adopt, advocate, defend, embrace, maintain, uphold

**Antonyms:** reject, oppose, refuse

**Usage:** Those who espouse equal opportunity need to elaborate its purpose.

### **7.CLANDESTINE (adjective) – गुप्त**

**Pronunciation:** klan·deh·stn

**Meaning:** kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit

**Synonyms:** secret, covert, furtive, surreptitious, stealthy, concealed, hidden, private

**Antonyms:** open, unconcealed, aboveboard

**Usage:** At a clandestine meeting, the two spies exchanged secret information.

### **8.TACIT (adjective) – मौन**

**Pronunciation:** ta·suht

**Meaning:** understood or implied without being stated

**Synonyms:** implicit, understood, implied, inferred, hinted, suggested, insinuated

**Antonyms:** explicit, stated

**Usage:** Although no words were spoken, our nods represented our tacit agreement to a cease fire.

### **9.SODDEN (adjective) – तर**

**Pronunciation:** so·dn

**Meaning:** saturated with liquid, especially water; soaked through

**Synonyms:** soaking, soaked, saturated, drenched, waterlogged, swampy, miry

**Antonyms:** dry, arid

**Usage:** After the marathon, Harold's clothing was sodden with sweat.

### **10.AUSPICIOUS (adjective) – शुभ**

**Pronunciation:** aw·spi·shuhs

**Meaning:** conducive to success

**Synonyms:** favorable, propitious, promising, bright, optimistic, encouraging, opportune

**Antonyms:** inauspicious, unpromising, unfortunate

**Usage:** Everybody knows the end of the year is an auspicious time to buy a car!

**11.AMITY (noun) – बन्धुत्व****Pronunciation:** pruh•va•ruh•keit**Meaning:** friendly relations**Synonyms:** friendship, harmony, goodwill, cordiality, benevolence**Antonyms:** enmity, aloofness, discord**Usage:** The amity between the two neighbors led them to share food supplies during the harsh winter storm.**12.PALPABLE (adjective) – सुस्पष्ट****Pronunciation:** pal•puh•bl**Meaning:** a feeling or atmosphere so intense as to seem almost tangible**Synonyms:** perceptible, visible, noticeable, appreciable, discernible, detectable, observable**Antonyms:** intangible, imperceptible, unnoticeable**Usage:** Her joy was palpable.**13.EFFUSIVE (adjective) – उल्लासपूर्ण****Pronunciation:** uh•fyoo•suhv**Meaning:** showing or expressing gratitude, pleasure, or approval in an unrestrained or heartfelt manner**Synonyms:** gushing, gushy, unrestrained, unreserved, extravagant, fulsome, demonstrative, lavish**Antonyms:** restrained, lethargic, apathetic**Usage:** Our host gave us an effusive welcome.**14.UNTENABLE (adjective) – अस्थिर, असमर्थनीय****Pronunciation:** uhn•teh•nuh•bl**Meaning:** not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection**Synonyms:** indefensible, unarguable, insupportable, unsustainable**Antonyms:** tenable, defensible**Usage:** The mayor's proposal is untenable and will not gain the support of the city council.**15.VICINITY (noun) – आस-पास****Pronunciation:** vuh•si•nuh•tee**Meaning:** portend the area near or surrounding a particular place**Synonyms:** neighborhood, locality, surroundings, locale, environs, locus, vicinage**Antonyms:** distance, remoteness**Usage:** There is no hospital in the immediate vicinity.

**16.LASSITUDE (noun) – अवसाद****Pronunciation:** la•suh•chood**Meaning:** lack of energy**Synonyms:** lethargy, weariness, languor, enervation, tiredness, exhaustion, fatigue**Antonyms:** vigor, energy**Usage:** After the long race, Jack experienced a feeling of lassitude.**17.AMBIVALENT (adjective) – उभयभावी****Pronunciation:** am•bi•vuh•luhnt**Meaning:** having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone**Synonyms:** equivocal, uncertain, unsure, doubtful, indecisive, inconclusive, irresolute**Antonyms:** unequivocal, certain, definite**Usage:** She remained ambivalent about her marriage.**18.SCURRY (verb) – शीघ्र चलना****Pronunciation:** skuh•ree**Meaning:** move hurriedly with short quick steps**Synonyms:** bustle, dart, dash, hurry, rip, scamper, scoot, scuttle**Antonyms:** amble, stroll, dawdle**Usage:** During the storm, children were told to scurry into the building as fast as they could.**19.COUNTERMAND (verb) – प्रत्यादिष्ट करना****Pronunciation:** kaw•n•tuh•maand**Meaning:** revoke or cancel an order**Synonyms:** revoke, rescind, reverse, undo, repeal, retract, withdraw**Antonyms:** uphold, sustain**Usage:** The government's decision to countermand prohibition made alcohol drinkers very happy.**20.VIRULENT (adjective) – विषैला****Pronunciation:** vi•ru•luhnt**Meaning:** extremely severe or harmful in its effects**Synonyms:** poisonous, toxic, venomous, noxious, deadly, lethal, fatal**Antonyms:** harmless, safe**Usage:** The infant did not survive the virulent spider bite.**21.ABDUCT (verb) – अपहरण करना****Pronunciation:** uhb•duhkt

**Meaning:** take someone away illegally by force or deception

**Synonyms:** kidnap, seize, capture, hijack, snatch

**Antonym:** release

**Usage:** The kidnappers planned to abduct the millionaire's daughter.

### 22.GALLANT (adjective) - वीर

**Pronunciation:** guh·lant

**Meaning:** fearless and daring

**Synonyms:** brave, splendid, courageous, courtly, fearless, gritty, heroic

**Antonyms:** afraid, cowardly, fearful

**Usage:** Despite being outnumbered the gallant soldiers were eager for battle.

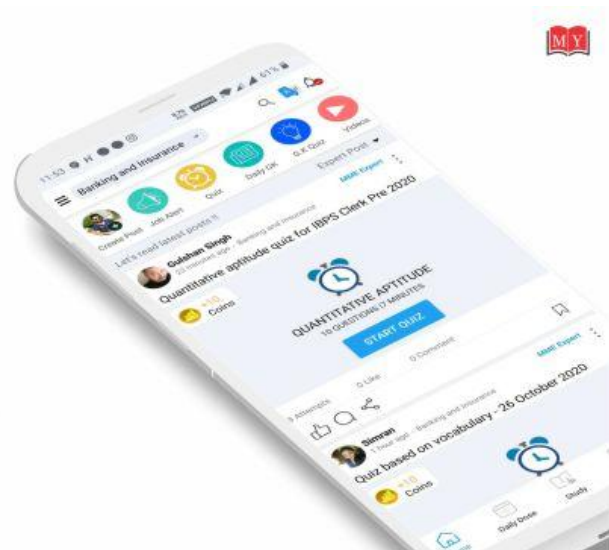


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### 23.CALIBRATE (verb) – जांचना

**Pronunciation:** ka·luh·breit

**Meaning:** to quantify in a careful and detailed manner

**Synonyms:** evaluate, assess, compute, specify, check, gauge, count, determine

**Antonyms:** guess, speculate

**Usage:** During the concert, the audio technician will calibrate the music to a comfortable listening level.

### 24.EXPOUND (verb) – व्याख्या करना

**Pronunciation:** uhk·spawnd

**Meaning:** to clarify by providing details

**Synonyms:** clarify, delineate, explain, exemplify, explicate, express, illustrate

**Antonyms:** complicate, confuse, mystify

**Usage:** The purpose of the author's second book is to expound the philosophical theories he proposed in his first work.

**25.DOGMA (noun) – मत**

**Pronunciation:** dog·muh

**Meaning:** something held as an established opinion

**Synonyms:** teaching, belief, conviction, tenet, precept, doctrine

**Antonyms:** doubt, unbelief, ambiguity

**Usage:** Since I do not believe my firm's dogma that work comes before family, I have decided to look for a new job.

**26.PRUDENT (noun) – विवेकी, दूरदर्शी**

**Pronunciation:** proo-dunt

**Meaning:** acting with or showing care and thought for the future

**Synonyms:** wise, judicious, sagacious, sage, shrewd, advisable

**Antonyms:** unwise, imprudent, incautious, extravagant

**Usage:** It would be prudent to save some of the money.

**27 QUIESCENT (adjective) – मौन, स्थिर**

**Pronunciation:** kwee·eh·snt

**Meaning:** in a state or period of inactivity or dormancy

**Synonyms:** inactive, inert, latent, fallow, passive, idle, inoperative

**Antonym:** active

**Usage:** While the bees are quiescent early in the morning and in the evening, they are overactive in the middle of the day.

**28.RESPLENDENT (adjective) - देदीप्यमान**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·splen·dnt

**Meaning:** having great beauty and splendor

**Synonyms:** splendid, magnificent, brilliant, dazzling, glittering

**Antonyms:** dull, ugly, withering

**Usage:** The peacock is a very showy bird with resplendent plumage in multiple shades of blues and greens.

**29.FORMALITY (noun) - औपचारिकता**

**Pronunciation:** faw·ma·luh·tee

**Meaning:** something done as a matter of procedure or tradition

**Synonyms:** etiquette, protocol, decorum, custom, ritual

**Antonyms:** casualness, simplicity, spontaneity

**Usage:** Repeating the oath is just a formality because the senator has already won the election.

**30.DISBAND (verb) - विघटित करना**

**Pronunciation:** duhs·band

**Meaning:** to separate or disperse permanently

**Synonyms:** disperse, demobilize, dissolve, scatter, separate

**Antonym:** assemble

**Usage:** The government tried to disband the illegal organization.

**31.DISSENT (noun) – मतभेद**

**Pronunciation:** duh·sent

**Meaning:** to differ in opinion

**Synonyms:** disagreement, argument, dispute, demur, disapproval, objection, protest

**Antonym:** agreement, acceptance, approval

**Usage:** The union is going to dissent with management's offer of a small pay increase.

**32.REMISS (adjective) – बेपरवाह**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·mis

**Meaning:** lacking care or attention to duty

**Synonyms:** negligent, neglectful, irresponsible, careless, thoughtless, heedless

**Antonyms:** careful, diligent, painstaking

**Usage:** It was remiss of him to forget her birthday.

**33.OVERTHROW (verb) – हटाना**

**Pronunciation:** oh·ver·throh

**Meaning:** remove forcibly from power

**Synonyms:** topple, unseat, dethrone, depose, subvert

**Antonyms:** establish, crown, enthrone

**Usage:** In order to overthrow someone in a position of authority, you will need enough power or support to remove them from power.

**34.CONDONE (verb) – अनदेखी करना, माफ करना**

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·down

**Meaning:** to accept and allow

**Synonyms:** accept, allow, pardon, excuse, forgive

**Antonyms:** condemn, punish, censure

**Usage:** The college cannot condone any behavior that involves illicit drugs.



**35.STIPULATION (noun) – शर्त****Pronunciation:** sti·pyoo·lei·shn**Meaning:** a condition that is attached to an arrangement or deal**Synonyms:** condition, clause, precondition, requirement, requisite**Antonyms:** implication, request, wish**Usage:** Since every stipulation was met by both parties, the divorce was finalized this past week by the court.**36.SLICK (adjective) – कुशल, निपुण****Pronunciation:** sli:k**Meaning:** done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way**Synonyms:** efficient, smooth, polished, professional, lubricious**Antonyms:** amateurish, clumsy, inexperienced**Usage:** The dancers gave a very slick performance.**37.MEMOIR (noun) – संस्मरण, वृत्तान्त****Pronunciation:** mem·waa**Meaning:** a historical account or biography written from personal knowledge**Synonyms:** account, history, chronicle, commentary, narrative**Antonyms:** fantasy, fiction, story**Usage:** She wrote a memoir of her stay in France.**38.CRABBY (adjective) – चिड़चिड़ा****Pronunciation:** kra·bee**Meaning:** grumpy and irritable**Synonyms:** irritable, fractious, fretful, cross, petulant, pettish, crabbed**Antonyms:** charming, amiable, happy**Usage:** He is very crabby right now because he has a bad tooth.**39.OVERRATE (verb) – अधिमूल्यांकन करना****Pronunciation:** ow·vuh·reit**Meaning:** assign too much value or importance**Synonyms:** overestimate, exaggerate, glorify, overvalue, overprize**Antonyms:** underrate, underestimate, undervalue**Usage:** I think his work is extremely overrated.**40.WORTHWHILE (adjective) – उचित, अहम****Pronunciation:** wuhth·wail**Meaning:** of value or importance

**Synonyms:** valuable, usable, important, beneficial, advantageous

**Antonyms:** worthless, useless, unimportant

**Usage:** Extra lighting would make a worthwhile contribution to road safety.

#### **41.INTERSTICE (noun) – अन्तराल**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·tuh·stuhs

**Meaning:** a small interfering gap

**Synonyms:** space, gap, interval, aperture, opening

**Antonyms:** closure, solid, closing

**Usage:** With an interstice in the solid wooden fence, the dogs could peer through it to see each other and bark.

#### **42.DESULTORY (adjective) – अनियमित, असंबद्ध**

**Pronunciation:** deh·suhl·tuh·ree

**Meaning:** lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm

**Synonyms:** casual, lukewarm, cursory, superficial, token, perfunctory, passing

**Antonyms:** organized, systematic, keen

**Usage:** The committee meetings are desultory in practice because they generally have no real purpose other than as a social gathering.

#### **43.INCORRIGIBLE (adjective) – असंशोधनीय**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·ko·ruh·juh·bl

**Meaning:** not able to be changed or reformed

**Synonyms:** unreformable, inveterate, habitual, confirmed, hardened, incurable

**Antonyms:** manageable, obedient, reformable

**Usage:** Even after therapy, the incorrigible child continues to misbehave.

#### **44.CELLAR (noun) – तहखाना**

**Pronunciation:** seh·luh

**Meaning:** an enclosed underground space under a building

**Synonyms:** basement, vault, crypt, undercroft, catacomb

**Antonym:** attic

**Usage:** We went downstairs from the kitchen to the cellar.

#### **45.LOPSIDED (adjective) – एकतरफा, असंतुलित**

**Pronunciation:** lop·sai·duhd

**Meaning:** with one side lower or smaller than the other

**Synonyms:** asymmetrical, unsymmetrical, uneven, unbalanced, unequal, askew

**Antonyms:** even, level, balanced

**Usage:** Wiggling back and forth, the lopsided chair distracted the worker from finishing her work.

**46.KNAVE (noun) – धूर्त**

**Pronunciation:** neiv

**Meaning:** a dishonest or unscrupulous man

**Synonyms:** scoundrel, rogue, villain, rascal, wretch, reprobate, scapegrace

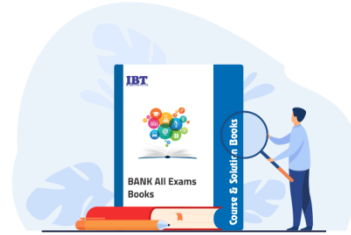
**Antonym:** innocent, gentleman

**Usage:** Jason is a knave who will not hesitate to steal money from his family members.

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**47.CIRCUITOUS (adjective) – घुमावदार**

**Pronunciation:** sir-kyoo-itus

**Meaning:** longer than the most direct way

**Synonyms:** roundabout, indirect, winding, meandering, serpentine

**Antonyms:** direct, straight

**Usage:** They took a circuitous route to avoid reporters.

**48.COMMENSURATE (adjective) – अनुरूप**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·men·suh·ruht

**Meaning:** corresponding in size or degree

**Synonyms:** equivalent, equal, corresponding, correspondent, comparable

**Antonyms:** unequal, disproportionate, incompatible

**Usage:** Six yards is commensurate with eighteen feet.

**49.EVANESCENT (adjective) – क्षणभंगुर**

**Pronunciation:** eh·vuh·neh·snt

**Meaning:** soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence

**Synonyms:** vanishing, fading, evaporating, disappearing, diminishing, dwindling

**Antonyms:** permanent, unlimited

**Usage:** Talk is evanescent but writing leaves footprints.

**50.EMULATE (verb) – अनुसरण करना**

**Pronunciation:** eh·myoo·leit

**Meaning:** match or surpass typically by imitation

**Synonyms:** imitate, copy, reproduce, mimic, mirror, echo, follow, parallel

**Antonyms:** differ, disregard, oppose

**Usage:** You must work hard to emulate your brother's success.

**51.BOOST (verb) – बढ़ावा देना**

**Pronunciation:** boost

**Meaning:** to help, stimulate, or encourage something to improve

**Synonyms:** improve, raise, uplift, increase, amplify, enhance, encourage

**Antonyms:** decrease, hinder, discourage

**Usage:** The movie helped to boost her screen career.

**52.ORDINANCE (noun) – अध्यादेश**

**Pronunciation:** aw·duh·nuhns

**Meaning:** an authoritative order

**Synonyms:** edict, decree, mandate, law, command, order, rule

**Antonyms:** disorganization, lawlessness, veto

**Usage:** The ordinance prohibits the sale of fireworks within city limits.

**53.SANGFROID (noun) – धीरता**

**Pronunciation:** sahn·frwa

**Meaning:** composure or coolness shown in danger or under trying circumstances

**Synonyms:** composure, equanimity, calmness, poise, aplomb, coolness

**Antonyms:** discomposure, disequilibrium, agitation

**Usage:** This sangfroid could be tested by several threats.

**54.FINESSE (noun) – कौशल**

**Pronunciation:** fuh·nes

**Meaning:** impressive delicacy and skill

**Synonyms:** skill, subtlety, expertise, flair, knack, panache, dash

**Antonyms:** inability, ineptness, stupidity

**Usage:** The stunning wedding cake showed the baker's finesse and creativity.

**55.VERISIMILITUDE (noun) – सत्याभास**

**Pronunciation:** veh·ruh·suh·mi·luh·chood

**Meaning:** the appearance of being true or real

**Synonyms:** authenticity, realism, genuineness, plausibility, resemblance

**Antonym:** unlikeness, falseness, difference

**Usage:** To add verisimilitude, the stage is covered with sand for the desert scenes.

### **56.COLLOQUIAL (adjective) – बोलचाल की भाषा**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·low·kwee·uhl

**Meaning:** casual and conversational language

**Synonyms:** informal, conversational, vernacular, common, dialectal, everyday, popular

**Antonyms:** literary, formal

**Usage:** I could just understand enough of the colloquial language to grasp all this.

### **57.STARK (adjective) – फीका, कोरा**

**Pronunciation:** staak

**Meaning:** without decoration

**Synonyms:** bare, plain, simple, austere, bleak, unadorned, undecorated

**Antonyms:** fuzzy, indistinct, ornate

**Usage:** With only a small red dot on a white canvas, the painting looked quite stark.

### **58.MUNDANE (adjective) – नीरस**

**Pronunciation:** muhn·dein

**Meaning:** lacking interest or excitement

**Synonyms:** humdrum, dull, boring, tedious, monotonous, tiresome

**Antonyms:** extraordinary, exciting, imaginative

**Usage:** It was hard to return to mundane matters after such excitement.

### **59.RENEWABLE (adjective) – नवीकरणीय**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·nyoo·uh·bl

**Meaning:** able to be replenished or revived

**Synonyms:** inexhaustible, sustainable, viable, continual, infinite

**Antonyms:** exhaustible, limited, finite

**Usage:** The village obtains all its energy from renewable sources.

### **60.COMMANDER (noun) – सेनाध्यक्ष**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·maan·duh

**Meaning:** a person in control of a group of people, especially military groups

**Synonyms:** leader, head, boss, chief, controller, master

**Antonyms:** employee, worker, follower

**Usage:** The commander ordered his men to advance.

**61.ABRIDGE (verb) – संक्षिप्तीकरण**

**Pronunciation:** uh·brij

**Meaning:** to make shorter

**Synonyms:** shorten, cut, curtail, truncate, lessen, trim

**Antonyms:** lengthen, increase, enlarge

**Usage:** His agent told him that he needed to abridge some of the content of his novel so that it would be under 400 pages.

**62.FORTUITOUS (adjective) – आकस्मिक, अप्रत्याशित**

**Pronunciation:** faw·choo·uh·tuhs

**Meaning:** happening by accident or chance

**Synonyms:** lucky, fortunate, incidental, chance, providential

**Antonym:** designed, intentional, planned

**Usage:** Long ago, Neil had a fortuitous meeting with a television producer which helped him become a star.

**63.DELECTATION (noun) – आनंद**

**Pronunciation:** dee·lek·tei·shn

**Meaning:** pleasure and delight

**Synonyms:** enjoyment, gratification, delight, pleasure, happiness

**Antonyms:** pain, sadness, gloom

**Usage:** A playlist of popular music was put together for the party guest's delectation.

**64.ACQUAINT (verb) – परिचय कराना**

**Pronunciation:** uh·kweint

**Meaning:** make someone aware of or familiar with

**Synonyms:** familiarize, introduce, accustom, enlighten, inform

**Antonyms:** forget, delude, ignore

**Usage:** The Broadcasting Museum also offers Saturday workshops to acquaint children with the world of radio.

**65.MODICUM (noun) – अल्पांश**

**Pronunciation:** modikum

**Meaning:** a small portion

**Synonyms:** particle, speck, fragment, scrap, crumb, ounce, grain, particle

**Antonyms:** total, whole, entirety

**Usage:** If you want to be taken serious by the acting community, you must have more than a modicum of training.

**66.FLABBERGASTED (adjective) – स्तंभित, भौंचक्का**

**Pronunciation:** fla·buh·gaa·stuhd

**Meaning:** greatly surprised or astonished

**Synonyms:** amazed, surprised, astonished, dumbfound, overwhelmed

**Antonyms:** unimpressed, indifferent, disinterested

**Usage:** Studio executives were flabbergasted at the film's extraordinary success.

**67.PIONEER (noun) – अग्रगामी, पथ प्रदर्शक**

**Pronunciation:** pai·uh·neeuh

**Meaning:** an individual who prepares a path for others

**Synonyms:** pathfinder, founder, developer, innovator, trailblazer,

**Antonyms:** secondary, follower, last

**Usage:** The eco-friendly hotel chain was recently recognized for being a pioneer in green practices.

**68.THRIVE (verb) – समृद्ध होना**

**Pronunciation:** thraiv

**Meaning:** to do better or increase in size or number

**Synonyms:** flourish, prosper, burgeon, bloom, blossom, advance, succeed

**Antonyms:** decline, wither, retrogress

**Usage:** When the new car plant is built here, our small town is sure to thrive again.

**69.AMELIORATION (noun) – सुधार**

**Pronunciation:** uh·mee·lee·uh·rei·shn

**Meaning:** the act of making something better

**Synonyms:** improvement, betterment, enhancement, help, benefit, boost, raising

**Antonyms:** worsening, degeneration

**Usage:** The publishing editor used a grammar enhancing program to help with the amelioration of editing the article.

**70.SAVANT (noun) – विद्वान**

**Pronunciation:** sa·vnt

**Meaning:** a learned person

**Synonyms:** intellectual, scholar, sage, philosopher, thinker, master, authority

**Antonyms:** ignoramus, fool, amateur

**Usage:** Because Jackie is a savant of style, she hosts a television show about the latest fashion trends.

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