

VOCABULARY

1. FRISSON (NOUN): घबराहट

Pronunciation: fri•sawn

Meaning: a short, sudden feeling of excitement, fear, or a thrilling shiver.

Synonyms: Thrill, Shiver, Tingle

Antonyms: Calmness, Apathy, Tranquility

Sentence: A *frisson* of alarm ran down my spine.

2. SMEAR (VERB): बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: smeeuh

Meaning: damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations.

Synonyms: libel, slander, defame

Antonyms: honor, exalt, glorify

Sentence: He is willing to *smear* his opponent if doing so would win the election.

3. PULVERIZE (VERB): टुकड़े टुकड़े करना

Pronunciation: pul•ver•ize

Meaning: reduce to fine particles; press or crush something until it becomes powder or a soft mass.

Synonyms: grind, crush, Shatter

Antonyms: Construct, Build, Create

Sentence: The seeds can be used whole or *pulverized* into flour.

4. CURSORY (ADJECTIVE): जल्दबाजी

Pronunciation: kuh•suh•ree

Meaning: Hasty and not thorough; done quickly with little attention to detail.

Synonyms: hurried, hasty, Quick, Rapid

Antonyms: deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

Sentence: He put aside the papers after a *cursory* study.

5. INCREDULITY (NOUN): शक

Pronunciation: in•kreh•dyoo•luh•tee

Meaning: a state of uncertainty or hesitation (the feeling of not wanting or not being able to believe something).

Synonyms: disbelief, skepticism, doubt, distrust

Antonyms: Acceptance, belief, certainty

Sentence: Many writers use exclamation points to show *incredulity* in their stories.

6. OBTRUDE (VERB): हस्तक्षेप करना

Pronunciation: uhb•trood

Meaning: to make something or to become too noticeable, especially by interrupting.

Synonyms: intrude, meddle, interfere

Antonyms: disregard, ignore, neglect

Sentence: I don't want to **obtrude** upon her privacy.

7. CORNERSTONE (NOUN): आधारशिला

Pronunciation: kaw•nuh•stone

Meaning: something of great importance that everything else depends on.

Synonyms: foundation, basis, keystone, core

Antonyms: Trifle, Adjunct, Peripheral

Sentence: The technology, usually the **cornerstone** of sci-fi, is biomechanical rather than metallic.

8. ASININE (ADJECTIVE): बुद्धिहीन

Pronunciation: a•suh•nine

Meaning: extremely stupid or foolish.

Synonyms: absurd, silly, idiotic

Antonyms: Intelligent, Wise, Sensible

Sentence: It was **asinine** to run into the street like that.

9. OBFUSCATE (VERB): अस्पष्ट करना

Pronunciation: awb•fuh•skayt

Meaning: to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally.

Synonyms: obscure, confuse, complicate

Antonyms: clarify, clear (up), simplify

Sentence: She was criticized for using arguments that **obfuscated** the main issue.

10. DURESS (NOUN): दबाव

Pronunciation: dyoo•res

Meaning: threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will.

Synonyms: pressure, constraint, compulsion, intimidation, coercion

Antonyms: freedom, liberation, Volition

Sentence: I think Claire was under **duress** when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.