

VOCABULARY

1. EDIFY (VERB): उपदेश देना

Pronunciation: eh•duh•fai

Meaning: instruct or improve (someone) morally or intellectually.

Synonyms: educate, instruct, teach

Antonyms: confuse, perplex, puzzle

Sentence: They tried to *edify* the child with music.

2. PROPONENT (NOUN): समर्थक

Pronunciation: pruh•poh•nuhnt

Meaning: a person who actively supports or favors a cause.

Synonyms: advocate, supporter, upholder

Antonyms: adversary, antagonist, opponent

Sentence: She has always been a strong *proponent* of women's rights.

3. SEDENTARY (ADJECTIVE): निष्क्रिय

Pronunciation: seh•duhn•tree

Meaning: (of a person) tending to spend much time seated; somewhat inactive.

Synonyms: dormant, immobile, inanimate

Antonyms: active, mobile, busy

Sentence: They led a *sedentary* life after retirement, spending their days in front of the television.

4. ENDURANCE (NOUN): धैर्य

Pronunciation: uhn•dyoh•ruhns

Meaning: the fact or power of enduring an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving way.

Synonyms: toleration, bearing, sufferance

Antonyms: cessation, indolence, lethargy

Sentence: She showed great *endurance* in the face of pain.

5. UNWONTED (ADJECTIVE): असामान्य

Pronunciation: un-wohn-tid

Meaning: unaccustomed or unusual.

Synonyms: unusual, uncommon, unaccustomed

Antonyms: common, customary, normal

Sentence: He spoke with *unwonted* enthusiasm.

6. GARGANTUAN (ADJECTIVE): विशाल

Pronunciation: gaa•gan•choo•uhn

Meaning: unusually large.

Synonyms: enormous, extremely big, extremely large

Antonyms: little, mini, petite

Sentence: Of all her mistakes, this was the most *gargantuan*.

7. UNCTUOUS (ADJECTIVE): अशिष्ट

Pronunciation: uhngk•choo•uhs

Meaning: (of a person) excessively or ingratiatingly flattering; oily.

Synonyms: sycophantic, ingratiating, obsequious

Antonyms: genuine, heartfelt, honest

Sentence: He seemed anxious to please but not in an *unctuous* way.

8. GRAPPLE (VERB): मुठभेड

Pronunciation: gra•pl

Meaning: engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons; wrestle.

Synonyms: wrestle, struggle, tussle

Antonyms: concord, harmony, peace

Sentence: Two sumo wrestlers were *grappling* like a pair of mammoth bears.

9. PERUSAL (NOUN): अध्ययन

Pronunciation: puh•rooz•uhl

Meaning: the action of reading or examining something.

Synonyms: reading, scrutiny, inspection

Antonyms: ignorance, neglect, peek

Sentence: I continued my *perusal* of the instructions.

10. REBUTS (VERB): खंडन

Pronunciation: ruh•buhts

Meaning: claim or prove that (evidence or an accusation) is false.

Synonyms: deny, negate, deflate

Antonyms: allow, agree, abet

Sentence: He had to *rebut* charges of acting for the convenience of his political friends.