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Happy learning!!!

1. HONE (verb) – पैना करना

Pronunciation: hown

Meaning: sharpen

Synonyms: sharpen, whet, strop, grind, file, edge, acuminate

Antonyms: blunt

Usage: Once you hone your communication skills, you will see the results.

2. IMPAIR (verb) – खराब करना

Pronunciation: uhm·peuh

Meaning: weaken or damage

Synonyms: damage, harm, diminish, reduce, weaken, lessen, decrease

Antonyms: improve, enhance

Usage: Alcohol can greatly impair your judgement.

3. DUBIOUS (adjective) – संदिग्ध, अनिश्चित

Pronunciation: doo·bee·uhs

Meaning: hesitating or doubting

Synonyms: doubtful, uncertain, unsure, hesitant, undecided, unsettled, unconfirmed

Antonyms: certain, definite

Usage: These claims are dubious and not scientifically proven.

4. TORPID (adjective) – सुस्त

Pronunciation: taw·puhd

Meaning: mentally or physically inactive

Synonyms: lethargic, sluggish, lazy, inert, inactive, slow, lifeless

Antonyms: energetic, active

Usage: My torpid brother rests on the couch all day.

5. STINGY (adjective) – कंजूस

Pronunciation: sting·ee

Meaning: mean; ungenerous

Synonyms: mean, miserly, parsimonious, niggardly, penurious, ungenerous, illiberal

Antonyms: generous, liberal

Usage: She is too stingy to give money to charity.

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6. OVERWEENING (adjective) – आत्माभिमानी

Pronunciation: ow·vuh·wee·nuhng

Meaning: showing excessive confidence or pride

Synonyms: overconfident, conceited, disdainful, lofty, smug, haughty, supercilious

Antonyms: modest, diffident

Usage: Bragging about your numerous victories makes you seem a bit overweening.

7. APPROBATION (noun) – समर्थन

Pronunciation: a·prow·bei·shn

Meaning: approval or praise

Synonyms: approval, acceptance, assent, endorsement, encouragement, recognition, appreciation

Antonyms: criticism, disapproval

Usage: You don't have to rely on the approbation of others to feel valued and appreciated.

8. STOLID (adjective) – निरुत्साह

Pronunciation: sto·luhd

Meaning: calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation

Synonyms: impassive, phlegmatic, unemotional, calm, placid, unexcitable, apathetic

Antonyms: emotional, lively

Usage: He is a very stolid, serious man.

9. PROSAIC (adjective) – नीरस

Pronunciation: prow·zei·uhk

Meaning: lacking imaginativeness or originality

Synonyms: unimaginative, uninspired, dull, dry, humdrum, spiritless, lifeless

Antonyms: imaginative, inspired

Usage: The title of your book is so prosaic that most people are going to walk right past it in the store.

10. TOADY (noun) – चापलूस

Pronunciation: tow·dee

Meaning: a person who behaves obsequiously to someone important

Synonyms: flatterer, flunkey, lackey, doormat, lickspittle

Antonyms: independent

Usage: At our bank, Henry is the toady who constantly flatters the branch manager.



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