

VOCABULARY

1. RELUCTANCE (NOUN): अनिच्छा

Pronunciation: ruh•luhk•tns

Meaning: Unwillingness

Synonyms: Disinclination, Trepidation

Antonyms: Eagerness, Liking

Sentence: I accepted his resignation with great *reluctance*.

2. TRAVESTY (NOUN): उपहासात्मक रचना

Pronunciation: tra•vuh•stee

Meaning: a cheap mockery, usually of something or someone serious

Synonyms: Distortion, Perversion

Antonyms: Seriousness, Solemnity

Sentence: This trial has proved to be a *travesty* of justice.

3. WHIMSY (NOUN): सनकीपन

Pronunciation: vim•zee

Meaning: playfully quaint or fanciful behavior or humor

Synonyms: Fanciful, Eccentricity

Antonyms: Practicality, Reasonableness

Sentence: The designer's new line showed a touch of *whimsy*.

4. DIABOLICAL (ADJECTIVE): शैतानी

Pronunciation: dai•uh•baw•luhk•uhl

Meaning: very bad or annoying

Synonyms: Devilish, Terrible

Antonyms: Excellent, Gentle

Sentence: The constant noise from the neighbour's party was *diabolical*.

5. ACCENTUATE (VERB): जोर देना

Pronunciation: uhk•sen•choo•ayt

Meaning: to emphasize something or make something easier to notice

Synonyms: Highlight, Spotlight

Antonyms: Weaken, deaden, belittle

Sentence: She uses make up to *accentuate* her beautiful eyes.

6. CULPABLE (ADJECTIVE): अपराधिक

Pronunciation: kuh•puh•bl

Meaning: responsible for something bad that has happened

Synonyms: Guilty, Blameworthy

Antonyms: Innocent, Blameless

Sentence: The prime minister is highly *culpable* in this affair.

7. DISINCENTIVE (NOUN): निरुत्साहित

Pronunciation: dis•uhn•sen•tuhv

Meaning: something that makes people not want to do something or not work hard

Synonyms: deterrent, discouragement, impediment

Antonyms: incentive, motivation, impetus, encouragement

Sentence: Punishments serve as a *disincentive*, attempting to deter people from doing things they shouldn't.

8. APPREHENSION (NOUN): भय

Pronunciation: a•pruh•hen•shn

Meaning: anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen

Synonyms: dread, fearfulness, anxiety, worry

Antonyms: confidence, calmness, certainty

Sentence: I am feeling a great deal of *apprehension* after learning that we have a test tomorrow in my worst subject.

9. STIGMA (NOUN): कलंक

Pronunciation: stig•muh

Meaning: a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

Synonyms: shame, disgrace, dishonour, stain

Antonyms: honour, credit, dignity, respect

Sentence: Often people are afraid to admit they have a mental illness because of the *stigma* attached to psychiatric disorders.

10. DECRY (VERB): निंदा

Pronunciation: duh•krai

Meaning: publicly denounce; to criticize something as bad, without value, or unnecessary

Synonyms: criticize, denigrate, denounce, condemn

Antonyms: applaud, laud, praise, extol

Sentence: Several religious organizations have chosen to *decry* the obscene cartoon about Jesus.