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Happy learning!!!

1.FEROCITY (noun): क्रूरता

Pronunciation: fuh·raw·suh·tee

Meaning: the state or quality of being ferocious.

Synonyms: brutality, brutishness, barbarity

Antonyms: benignity, humanity, kindness

Sentence: The lion attacked its victim with great ferocity.

2.ABRIDGE (verb): संक्षेप करना

Pronunciation: uh·brij

Meaning: shorten (a piece of writing) without losing the sense.

Synonyms: shorten, cut, cut short

Antonyms: elongate, extend, lengthen

Sentence: The introduction is abridged from the author's afterword to the novel.

3.WRETCH (noun): बदकिस्मत

Pronunciation: rech

Meaning: an unfortunate or unhappy person.

Synonyms: poor creature, poor soul, unfortunate

Antonyms: innocent, saint

Sentence: Before the poor wretch had time to speak, he was shot.

4.WRANGLE (noun): तकरार

Pronunciation: rang·gl

Meaning: a dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated.

Synonyms: argument, dispute, disagreement

Antonyms: consent, agree, assent

Sentence: They were involved in a long legal wrangle.

5.DICEY (adj.): अप्रत्याशित

Pronunciation: dise·ee

Meaning: unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

Synonyms: risky, uncertain, unpredictable

Antonyms: certain, changeless, constant

Sentence: The company's finances look a bit dicey.

6.APOCRYPHAL (adj.): शंकायुक्त

Pronunciation: uh·paw·kruh·fl

Meaning: (of a story or statement) of doubtful authenticity, although widely circulated as being true.

Synonyms: fictitious, made-up, untrue

Antonyms: real, factual, literal

Sentence: Most of the stories about him are apocryphal.

7.TOIL (noun): कठिन परिश्रम

Pronunciation: toyl

Meaning: work extremely hard or incessantly.

Synonyms: work hard, labor, drudgery

Antonyms: relax, repose, rest

Sentence: If you want knowledge, you must toil for it.

8.PELF (noun): धन

Pronunciation: pelf

Meaning: money, especially when gained in a dishonest or dishonorable way.

Synonyms: bucks, cash, money

Antonyms: abject poverty, absolute poverty, abysmal misery

Sentence: He was a politician who seems more interested in pelf than in policy

9.CONDUIT (noun): पाइपलाइन

Pronunciation: kawn·dyoo·uht

Meaning: a channel for conveying water or other fluid.

Synonyms: channel, duct, pipe

Antonyms: closure, denial, refusal

Sentence: This is the major conduit for carrying water to the military base

10.KNAVERY (noun): धूर्तता

Pronunciation: knav·ery

Meaning: a playful or mischievous act intended as a joke

Synonyms: roguery, waggery, frolic

Antonyms: advantage, benefit, blessing.

Sentence: Knavery may serve for a turn, but honesty is in the long run.

11.VEERED (verb): मुड़ गई

Pronunciation: veeuhd

Meaning: change direction suddenly.

Synonyms: change direction, sheer, twist

Antonyms: straightened

Sentence: Without warning the car veered to the left and into an oncoming truck.

12.EFFRONTERY (noun): गुस्ताखी

Pronunciation: uh·fruhn·tuh·ree

Meaning: insolent or impertinent behavior.

Synonyms: impudence, impertinence, audacity

Antonyms: civility, courtesy, gentility

Sentence: One juror had the effrontery to challenge the coroner's decision.

13.GROTESQUE (adj.): विचित्र

Pronunciation: groh·tesk

Meaning: comically or repulsively ugly or distorted.

Synonyms: malformed, deformed, strange

Antonyms: impressive, pretty, ravishing

Sentence: That bloody Halloween mask is grotesque.

14.IMPECCABLE (adj.): निर्दोष

Pronunciation: uhm·peh·kuh·bl

Meaning: (of behavior, performance, or appearance) in accordance with the highest standards of propriety; faultless.

Synonyms: flawless, faultless, unblemished

Antonyms: amiss, guilty, sinful

Sentence: The head of the investigation must be a person of impeccable probity and honesty.

15.MAUNDER (verb): गुनगुनाना

Pronunciation: mawn·duh

Meaning: talk in a rambling manner.

Synonyms: ramble, prattle, prate

Antonyms: go direct, stay

Sentence: The drunk sat there maundering about his troubles.

16.SEVER (verb): अलग करना

Pronunciation: seh·vuh

Meaning: divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

Synonyms: cut off, chop off, lop off

Antonyms: join, link, unite

Sentence: She wanted to sever all her connections with the firm.

17.RUFFIANS (noun): बदमाश

Pronunciation: ruh·fee·uhnz

Meaning: a violent person, especially one involved in crime.

Synonyms: thug, roughneck, scoundrel

Antonyms: moral, decent, virtuous

Sentence: A gang of ruffians preying upon people who ventured into that section of town.

18.SCATHING (adj.): दुष्ट

Pronunciation: skaydh·uhng

Meaning: witheringly scornful; severely critical.

Synonyms: devastating, withering, blistering

Antonyms: amusing, droll, gentle

Sentence: Her speech was a scathing indictment of the government's record on crime.

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19.DEFT (adj.): निपुण

Pronunciation: deft

Meaning: accomplished with a trained ability

Synonyms: adroit, artful, dexterous

Antonyms: amateur, unprofessional, unskillful

Sentence: He's very deft at handling awkward situations.

20.PERUSAL (noun): अध्ययन

Pronunciation: puh·rooz·uhl

Meaning: the action of reading or examining something.

Synonyms: reading, scrutiny, inspection

Antonyms: ignorance, neglect,

Sentence: I continued my perusal of the instructions.

21. EGREGIOUS (adj.) - भयंकर**Pronunciation:** uh·gree·juhs**Meaning:** Outstandingly Bad or shocking**Synonyms:** Appalling, Horrific, Terrible**Antonyms:** Marvelous, Excellent**Sentence:** It was an egregious performance in the GRE exam.**22. PLAUSIBLE (Adj.) - मुमकिन****Pronunciation:** plaw·zuh·bl**Meaning:** Seeming likely to be true, or able to be believed**Synonyms:** Believable, Credible, Probable**Antonyms:** Absurd, Doubtful, Fantastic**Sentence:** She could find no plausible explanation for its disappearance.**23. EMBELLISH (verb) - संवारना****Pronunciation:** uhm·beh·luhsh**Meaning:** Make more attractive by the addition of decorative details**Synonyms:** Elaborate, Amplify, Enhance**Antonyms:** Mar, Diminish, Uglify**Sentence:** I asked him not to embellish the truth with ideas of his own.**24. WAIVER (Noun) - त्याग****Pronunciation:** vay·vuh**Meaning:** A situation in which somebody gives up a legal claim or right**Synonyms:** Disclaimer, Release**Antonyms:** Accept, Approval, Claim**Sentence:** We had to sign a waiver, giving up any rights to the land in the future.**25. SUBSTANTIVE (adj.) - मूल****Pronunciation:** sub·stan·tive**Meaning:** Having a firm basis in reality and so important, meaningful**Synonyms:** Considerable, Biggish, Major, Significant**Antonyms:** Minute, Trivial, Marginal**Sentence:** Substantive research on the subject needs to be carried out.**26. TANDEM (Adverb) - मिलकर****Pronunciation:** tan·dem**Meaning:** Alongside each other**Synonyms:** Together

Antonyms: Individual, Single

Sentence: The two teams are designed to work in tandem.

27. IMPERATIVE (Adj.) - अनिवार्य

Pronunciation: im·per·a·tive

Meaning: Not to be avoided

Synonyms: Compulsory, Incumbent, Necessary

Antonyms: Unnecessary, Optional

Sentence: It is imperative that politician should be good communicators.

28. DETERRENCE (Noun) - अवरोध

Pronunciation: de·ter·rence

Meaning: Action of discouraging through fear of the consequence

Synonyms: Discouragement, Dissuade

Antonyms: Allowance, Permission, Approval

Sentence: This guideline stresses the deterrence of war.

29. NAIVE (adj.) - अनुभवहीन

Pronunciation: na·ive

Meaning: Without enough experience

Synonyms: Innocent, Primitive, Unwary

Antonyms: Sophisticated, Wary, Critical

Sentence: Riya is naïve in this field.

30. ASTOUND (Verb) - हक्का बक्का

Pronunciation: as·tound

Meaning: To surprise somebody very much

Synonyms: Amaze, Astonish, Flabbergasted

Antonyms: Expect, Calm, Clarify, Enlighten

Sentence: He wants to surpass & astound them by transforming the district.

31. SLICK (noun): चालाक

Pronunciation: sli·k

Meaning: done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way.

Synonyms: efficient, smooth, smooth-running, polished

Antonyms: amateurish, clumsy, inexpert

Sentence: By the time he becomes a very slick person.

32. POMP (noun) : वैभव

Pronunciation: pawmp

Meaning: ceremony and splendid display, especially at a public event.

Synonyms: ceremony, grandeur, pageantry

Antonyms: simplicity, severity

Sentence: The coronation was conducted with great pomp.

33.VERDANT (adj.) : हरा भरा

Pronunciation: vuh·dnt

Meaning: (of countryside) green with grass or other rich vegetation.

Synonyms: green, leafy, grassy

Antonyms: barren, leafless

Sentence: Much of the region's verdant countryside has been destroyed in the hurricane.

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34.OBSOLETE (adj.) : पुराना

Pronunciation: awb·suh·leet

Meaning: no longer produced or used; out of date.

Synonyms: out of date, outdated, outmoded

Antonyms: new-fashioned, modern, recent

Sentence: Gas lamps became obsolete when electric lighting was invented.

35.EMACIATION (noun) : दुर्बलता

Pronunciation: uh·may·see·ay·shn

Meaning: the state of being abnormally thin or weak.

Synonyms: thinness, scragginess, weakness

Antonyms: convalesce, gain, recover

Sentence: These photographs show extremes of obesity and emaciation.

36.STARTLING (adj.) : चौंकाने

Pronunciation: staat·ling

Meaning: very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable.

Synonyms: surprising, astonishing, amazing

Antonyms: unsurprising, common, usual

Sentence: Her technical accomplishment on the piano is startling.

37.SPEARHEADED (verb) : नेतृत्व करना

Pronunciation: speeu·hed·uhd

Meaning: to serve as leader of an attack or a course of action.

Synonyms: captained, commanded, headed

Antonyms: bowed (to), followed

Sentence: Unofficially at least, Luther spearheaded the civil rights movement.

38.MAUDLIN (adj.) : भावुक

Pronunciation: mawd·luhn

Meaning: self-pityingly or tearfully sentimental, often through drunkenness.

Synonyms: sentimental, emotional

Antonyms: unsentimental, unvarnished, impassive

Sentence: Jimmy turned maudlin after three drinks.

39.SHAMBLES (noun) : अव्यवस्था

Pronunciation: sham·blz

Meaning: a state of total disorder.

Synonyms: disarranged, mess, muddle

Antonyms: order, system

Sentence: After the party, the house was a complete shamble.

40.INSURMOUNTABLE (adj.) : अजेय

Pronunciation: in·suh·mawnt·uh·bl

Meaning: incapable of being defeated, overcome, or subdued

Synonyms: indomitable, insuperable, unconquerable

Antonyms: superable, surmountable, vincible

Sentence: The problem is so large that it feels insurmountable.

41.ROUSE (verb): उत्तेजित करना

Pronunciation: rawz

Meaning: cause to feel angry or excited.

Synonyms: stir up, excite, galvanize

Antonyms: rest, calm

Sentence: The crowds were roused to a fever pitch by the drama of the race.

42.DEXTERITY (noun) : निपुणता

Pronunciation: dek·steh·ruh·tee

Meaning: skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands.

Synonyms: deftness, adeptness, adroitness

Antonyms: inadequacy, inability, incapability

Sentence: I don't have the dexterity for juggling.

43.PERILOUS (adj.) : जोखिम

Pronunciation: peh•ruhl•uhs

Meaning: full of danger or risk.

Synonyms: dangerous, hazardous, risky

Antonyms: harmless, unhazardous, safe

Sentence: The journey through the jungle was perilous.

44.ALACRITY (noun) : तत्परता

Pronunciation: uh•la•kruh•tee

Meaning: brisk and cheerful readiness.

Synonyms: eagerness, willingness, readiness

Antonyms: unwillingness, apathy

Sentence: She accepted the invitation with alacrity.

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45.ADAMANTINE (adj.) : कड़ा

Pronunciation: a•duh•man•teen

Meaning: unable to be broken.

Synonyms: inflexible, rigid, incompilant

Antonyms: flexible, agreeable, yielding

Sentence: The hero was adamantine and stuck to his values no matter what problem he faced.

46.JEOPARDIZE (verb) : खतरे में डालना

Pronunciation: jeop•ar•dize

Meaning: put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.

Synonyms: threaten, endanger, imperil

Antonyms: guard, protect, shield

Sentence: A devaluation of the dollar would jeopardize New York's position as a financial center.

47.COUNTENANCED (verb) : प्रत्युत्तर

Pronunciation: kawntuhnhnst

Meaning: admit as acceptable or possible.

Synonyms: permit, allow, approve of

Antonyms: disapproved (of), discountenanced, disfavored

Sentence: He was reluctant to countenance the use of force.

48.UNWONTED (adj.) : असामान्य

Pronunciation: uhnvawntuhd

Meaning: unaccustomed or unusual.

Synonyms: unusual, uncommon, unaccustomed

Antonyms: common, customary, normal

Sentence: He spoke with unwonted enthusiasm.

49.GAIETY (noun) : आमोद-प्रमोद

Pronunciation: gayuhtee

Meaning: the state or quality of being lighthearted or cheerful.

Synonyms: cheerfulness, merriment, joy

Antonyms: misery, mourning, despondence

Sentence: Their gaiety helped the party a lot.

50.DEPRAVE (verb) : भ्रष्ट करना

Pronunciation: duhprayv

Meaning: make (someone) immoral or wicked.

Synonyms: corrupt, lead astray, pervert

Antonyms: dignify, honor, ennoble

Sentence: This book would deprave young children.

51.MULL (verb): विचार करना

Pronunciation: muhl

Meaning: think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

Synonyms: ponder, consider, think over

Antonyms: disregard, ignore, overlook

Sentence: She began to mull over the various possibilities.

52.AVERSION (noun) : घृणा**Pronunciation:** uh•vuh•zhn**Meaning:** a strong dislike or disinclination.**Synonyms:** dislike of, distaste for, hatred**Antonyms:** affection, appetite, love**Sentence:** He had a deep-seated aversion to most forms of exercise.**53.DIZZY (adj.) : अस्थिर/चक्कर****Pronunciation:** di•zee**Meaning:** having or involving a sensation of spinning around and losing one's balance.**Synonyms:** giddy, lightheaded, faint**Antonyms:** clearheaded, stable, steady**Sentence:** Jonathan had begun to suffer dizzy spells.**54.PERTURB (verb) : घबरा देना****Pronunciation:** puh•tuhb**Meaning:** make (someone) anxious or unsettled.**Synonyms:** worry, upset, unsettle**Antonyms:** calm, compose, quiet**Sentence:** They were perturbed by her capricious behavior.**55.SPORADIC (adj.) : छिटपुट****Pronunciation:** spuh•ra•duhk**Meaning:** occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.**Synonyms:** occasional, infrequent, irregular**Antonyms:** constant, continuous, periodic**Sentence:** Her attendance at school was sporadic.**56.ALLAY (verb) : कम करना****Pronunciation:** uh•lay**Meaning:** diminish or put at rest (fear, suspicion, or worry).**Synonyms:** reduce, diminish, decrease**Antonyms:** increase, intensify, enlarge**Sentence:** The report attempted to educate the public and allay fears.**57.ADAMANT (adj.) : हठी****Pronunciation:** a•duh•muhnt**Meaning:** refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.**Synonyms:** adamantine, bullheaded, invincible

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, flexible

Sentence: He is adamant that he is not going to resign.

58.RECONDITE (adj.) : गंभीर

Pronunciation: reh•kuhn•dite

Meaning: (of a subject or knowledge) little known

Synonyms: obscure, abstruse, arcane

Antonyms: shallow, superficial, simple

Sentence: The book is full of recondite information.

59.SERENDIPITY (noun) : नसीब

Pronunciation: seh•ruhn•di•puh•tee

Meaning: the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.

Synonyms: luck, good fortune, chance

Antonyms: mischance, misfortune, unluckiness

Sentence: Nature has created wonderful serendipity.

60.FEEBLE (adj.) : कमज़ोर

Pronunciation: fee•bl

Meaning: lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness.

Synonyms: weak, puny, frail

Antonyms: mighty, powerful, rugged

Sentence: My legs are very feeble after the flu.

61.BENEFACTION (noun): दान

Pronunciation: beh•nuh•fak•shn

Meaning: a donation or gift.

Synonyms: charity, contribution, donation

Antonyms: malevolence, meanness, selfishness.

Sentence: She made many charitable benefactions.

62.MODICUM (noun) : अल्पांश

Pronunciation: maw•duh•km

Meaning: a small quantity of a particular thing, especially something considered desirable or valuable.

Synonyms: little bit, small amount, particle

Antonyms: abundance, bunch

Sentence: There's not even a modicum of truth in her statement.

63.SQUALOR (noun) : गंदगी

Pronunciation: skvaw·luh

Meaning: the state of being extremely dirty and unpleasant, especially as a result of poverty or neglect.

Synonyms: dirtiness, squalidness, filth

Antonyms: purity, cleanliness, spotlessness

Sentence: I was shocked by the squalor of their surroundings.

64.SENILE (adj.) : बूढ़ा

Pronunciation: see·nile

Meaning: (of a person) having or showing the weaknesses or diseases of old age, especially a loss of mental faculties.

Synonyms: aged, dodder, decrepit

Antonyms: adolescent, in the prime of life, young

Sentence: He is suffering from senile dementia.

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65.VERITY (noun) : सचाई

Pronunciation: veh·ruh·tee

Meaning: a true principle or belief, especially one of fundamental importance.

Synonyms: facticity, factuality, truth

Antonyms: falseness, falsity, fallacy

Sentence: No one can question your verity

66.ABSTEMIOUS (adj.) : संयमी

Pronunciation: uhb·stee·mee·uhs

Meaning: not self-indulgent, especially when eating and drinking.

Synonyms: temperate, abstinent, austere

Antonyms: self-indulgent, gluttonous, greedy

Sentence: He is abstemious in life.

67.PERSECUTE (verb) : सताना**Pronunciation:** puh·suh·kyoot**Meaning:** subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their race or political or religious beliefs.**Synonyms:** oppress, abuse, victimize**Antonyms:** comfort, console, assist**Sentence:** His followers were persecuted by the authorities.**68.GRATING (adj.) : कर्कश****Pronunciation:** grayt·uhng**Meaning:** sounding harsh and unpleasant.**Synonyms:** croaking, croaky, ear-piercing**Antonyms:** gentle, melodious, harmonious**Sentence:** She recognized the grating voice of Dr. Sarnoff.**69.INCOMMUNICADO (adj.) : सम्पर्क-वर्जित****Pronunciation:** in·kuh·myoo·nuh·kaa·doh**Meaning:** not able, wanting, or allowed to communicate with other people.**Synonyms:** uncommunicable, unspeakable**Antonyms:** communicable, expressible**Sentence:** His secretary says he will be incommunicado for the rest of the day.**70.AEGIS (noun) : संरक्षण****Pronunciation:** ee·juhs**Meaning:** the protection, backing, or support of a particular person or organization.**Synonyms:** patronage, protection, shelter**Antonyms:** assault, attack, offense**Sentence:** The space programme will continue under the aegis of the armed forces.

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