

VOCABULARY

1. DITHER (VERB): घबराहट

Pronunciation: di•dhuh

Meaning: to be unable to make a decision about doing something; nervous, excited, or confused.

Synonyms: hesitate, falter, panic, fuss

Antonyms: calm, peace, sense, order

Sentence: The politician began to *dither* and stutter when asked about his stance.

2. ABSTENTION (NOUN): मतदान न करना

Pronunciation: uhb•sten•shn

Meaning: an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion.

Synonyms: abnegation, eschewal, avoidance, reject

Antonyms: indulgence, unconstraint, decide

Sentence: I decided to settle on an *abstention* when the family voted on where we should eat, as personally, I didn't care where we went.

3. 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, independence, liberation

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

4. CONFRONTATION (NOUN): विरोध

Pronunciation: kawn•fruhnt•ay•shn

Meaning: A fight or an argument.

Synonyms: Conflict, Collision

Antonyms: Calm, Peace

Sentence: *Confrontation* with parents is a common reaction for adolescents.

5. EBULLIENT (ADJECTIVE): जोश

Pronunciation: uh•buh•lee•uhnt

Meaning: cheerful and full of energy

Synonyms: exuberant, buoyant, Effervescent

Antonyms: indolent, lazy, sluggish

Sentence: Jack always felt *ebullient* after drinking his morning coffee.

6. EXCULPATE (VERB): निर्दोष सिद्ध करना

Pronunciation: ek•skuhl•payt

Meaning: show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.

Synonyms: absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate

Antonyms: accuse, Blame, Incriminate

Sentence: He *exculpates* himself from stealing the money.

7. VENEER (NOUN): दिखावा

Pronunciation: vuh•neer

Meaning: a deceptively attractive external appearance

Synonyms: facade, gloss

Antonyms: interior, inside

Sentence: Marcia wears a *veneer* of friendliness while trying to backstab everyone in the office.

8. REALM (NOUN): राज्य

Pronunciation: relm

Meaning: a kingdom, domain, or a specific field of activity, interest, or knowledge.

Synonyms: Kingdom, Empire

Antonyms: Heaven, Void, Exclusion

Sentence: Her interests are in the *realm* of practical politics.

9. VAUNT (VERB): बड़ाई करना

Pronunciation: vawnt

Meaning: boast about or praise (something), especially excessively

Synonyms: boast, brag, pride

Antonyms: belittle, underrate

Sentence: Even the noblest of fellows have been known to *vaunt* a bit.

10. HALE AND HEARTY (ADJECTIVE): स्वस्थ और तंदुरुस्त

Pronunciation: hayl.and.haat•ee

Meaning: being in robust good health, strong, and full of energy, especially when describing older people.

Synonyms: healthy, well, fit

Antonyms: ill, feeble, sick

Sentence: She was still *hale and hearty* in her nineties.