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1. LARGESSE (noun) – उदारता

Pronunciation: laa•jes

Meaning: generosity in bestowing money or gifts upon others

Synonyms: generosity, liberality, munificence, bounty, benefaction, altruism, charity

Antonyms: meanness, miserliness, unkindness

Usage: The largesse provided by local corporations will support the building of a neighborhood park.

2. BEGUILE (verb) – मोहित करना, छल करना

Pronunciation: buh•gail

Meaning: charm or enchant, often in a deceptive way

Synonyms: charm, attract, enchant, woo, captivate, bewitch

Antonyms: repel, disenchant, repulse

Usage: The realtor hoped to beguile buyers by decorating the house with fancy furnishings.

3. COMPLIANT (adjective) – आज्ञाकारी

Pronunciation: kuhm•plai•uhnt

Meaning: observing the requirements and rules

Synonyms: obedient, docile, flexible, willing, manageable, submissive, tractable

Antonyms: inflexible, obstinate, stubborn

Usage: The teacher was shocked when her normally rebellious class became compliant.

4. STIFF (adjective) – कठोर

Pronunciation: stif

Meaning: physically inflexible or hard

Synonyms: hard, inflexible, rigid, solid, stark

Antonyms: bending, flexible, soft

Usage: After running a marathon the day before, Kennedy woke to stiff muscles so rigid and strained she could barely move.

5. IMBROGLIO (noun) – उलझन

Pronunciation: uhm•brow•lee•ow

Meaning: a confusing situation

Synonyms: complication, confusion, complexity, problem, difficulty, trouble, entanglement

Antonyms: simplicity, clarity, ease

Usage: Perhaps the professor's explanation will allow me to make sense of this scientific imbroglio.

6. COMRADE (noun) – साथी

Pronunciation: kom•reid

Meaning: one who shares an experience or duty

Synonyms: ally, buddy, colleague, companion, compatriot, confidant, crony

Antonyms: foe, opponent, rival

Usage: Because the detective knew he could trust his comrade to watch his back, he was not afraid to enter a dangerous situation.

7. LATITUDE (noun) – स्वतंत्रता, छूट, ढील

Pronunciation: la•tuh•chood

Meaning: scope for freedom of action or thought

Synonyms: freedom, scope, leeway, elbow room, breathing space, liberty

Antonyms: constraint, restriction

Usage: Pupils enjoy considerable latitude in deciding what they want to study.

8. BONHOMIE (noun) – खुशमिज़ाजी, अच्छा स्वभाव

Pronunciation: bo•no•mee

Meaning: cheerful friendliness

Synonyms: geniality, conviviality, affability, amiability, friendliness

Antonym: coldness

Usage: She radiates undying bonhomie.

9. DENIGRATE (verb) – बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: deni•gr•eit

Meaning: criticize unfairly

Synonyms: disparage, belittle, diminish, deprecate, roast

Antonyms: commend, compliment

Usage: Bullies often denigrate others to hide their own feelings of worthlessness.

10. PRISTINE (adjective) – बेदाग

Pronunciation: pri•steen

Meaning: clean and fresh as if new

Synonyms: spotless, immaculate, perfect, unspoiled, flawless, clean, fresh

Antonyms: dirty, sullied

Usage: My uncle's antique car is pristine and has all its original parts.

11. IMPERCEPTIBLE (adjective) – अप्रत्यक्ष, अगोचर

Pronunciation: im·puh·sep·tuh·bl

Meaning: impossible or difficult to perceive

Synonyms: unnoticeable, invisible, minute, indistinguishable, indiscernible, unapparent, microscopic

Antonyms: apparent, obvious, noticeable

Usage: The transition is almost imperceptible

12. HAUL (verb) – बलपूर्वक खींचना

Pronunciation: hawl

Meaning: to use effort to transport something

Synonyms: drag, pull, tug, heave, hump, tow, lug

Antonyms: push, drop, lower

Usage: It took several men to haul the fallen tree out of our yard.

13. CONVOKE (verb) – सभा बुलाना

Pronunciation: kuhn·vowk

Meaning: to call together or summon a meeting

Synonyms: convene, summon, call, cite, order, muster, assemble

Antonyms: separate, scatter, disperse

Usage: The chairman decided to convoke a meeting to discuss the company's budget issue.

14. ETHICAL (adjective) – नैतिक

Pronunciation: eh·thuh·kl

Meaning: morally correct or acceptable

Synonyms: moral, righteous, virtuous, principled, honest, proper, noble

Antonym: immoral

Usage: He was known for being ethical in all of his dealings, which made him easy to trust.

15. EXTRICATE (verb) – मुक्त करना

Pronunciation: ek·struh·keit

Meaning: to free or remove something or someone

Synonyms: extract, free, release, disentangle, remove, withdraw, loosen

Antonyms: entangle, confine

Usage: The soldiers used a detailed plan to extricate their commanding officer from the terrorists.

16. STARDOM (noun) – प्रसिद्धि

Pronunciation: staa·dm

Meaning: the condition of being extremely famous

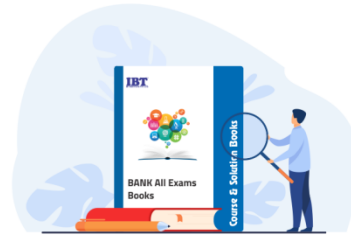
Synonyms: fame, acclaim, prestige, glory, popularity, prominence, recognition

Antonyms: obscurity, unimportance, lowliness

Usage: The actor's stardom is so widespread he can't leave home without being recognized.

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17. ADORN (verb) – सँवारना

Pronunciation: uh·dawn

Meaning: make more beautiful or attractive

Synonyms: embellish, decorate, furnish, ornament, enhance, beautify, grace, garnish

Antonyms: disfigure, deform

Usage: Several of Gemma's paintings adorn the walls.

18. WIT (noun) – हाज़िरजवाबी

Pronunciation: wit

Meaning: verbal skill that can evoke laughter

Synonyms: humor, repartee, badinage, banter, wordplay, raillery, pun

Antonyms: seriousness, stupidity, sadness

Usage: His sharp wit had them all smiling.

19. THUNDEROUS (adjective) – गरजनदार

Pronunciation: tuhn·duh·ruhs

Meaning: extremely loud

Synonyms: deafening, loud, roaring, shout, thundering

Antonyms: quiet, silent, soothing

Usage: They greeted him with thunderous applause.

20. GIGANTIC (adjective) – भीमकाय

Pronunciation: jai·gan·tuhk

Meaning: huge or enormous

Synonyms: huge, enormous, vast, giant, massive, humongous, mountainous

Antonyms: dwarf, little

Usage: That building is gigantic.

21. MODERATION (noun) – संयम

Pronunciation: mo·duh·rei·shn

Meaning: the avoidance of excess or extremes

Synonyms: restraint, fairness, patience, temperance, constraint, balance

Antonyms: extremism, intemperance, unlimitedness

Usage: Eating fatty foods is acceptable as long as you do it in moderation without overdoing it.

22. COLLECTIVE (adjective) – सामूहिक

Pronunciation: kuh·lek·tuhv

Meaning: done by people acting as a group

Synonyms: composite, concerted, corporate, cumulative, mutual, shared, unified

Antonyms: separate, unshared, disjoint

Usage: The invention is a collective effort.

23. PITH (noun) – सार

Pronunciation: pith

Meaning: the essence of something

Synonyms: essence, crux, core, heart, center, gist, substance

Antonyms: exteriority, enervation, exterior

Usage: The pith of his speech was focused on the importance of education.

24. GOODLY (adjective) – विशाल

Pronunciation: gud·lee

Meaning: considerable in size or quantity

Synonyms: sizeable, substantial, considerable, respectable, significant

Antonyms: paltry, small

Usage: A goodly portion of this land is valuable property near Austin, the capital of Texas.

25. CREDIBLE (adjective) – विश्वसनीय

Pronunciation: kreh·duh·bl

Meaning: able to be believed

Synonyms: acceptable, trustworthy, reliable, dependable, sure, good, valid

Antonyms: untrustworthy, incredible

Usage: They haven't produced any credible evidence for convicting the jury.

26. CONSPICUOUS (adjective) – सुस्पष्ट, सहजदृश्य

Pronunciation: kuhn·spi·kyoo·uhs

Meaning: clearly visible

Synonyms: noticeable, observable, discernible, perceptible, clear, detectable, prominent

Antonyms: hidden, unnoticeable, indistinct

Usage: The notice must be displayed in a conspicuous place.

27. INTERMINABLE (adjective) – अनंत, अपार

Pronunciation: uhn·tuh·muh·nuh·bl

Meaning: seemingly endless

Synonyms: endless, unending, everlasting, ceaseless, unceasing

Antonyms: limited, brief, terminable

Usage: Luckily for the gallery, the artist's creativity was interminable.

28. MIFFED (verb, noun) – नाराज़, परेशान

Pronunciation: mift

Meaning: to be irritated and upset

Synonyms: displeased, annoyed, irritated, offended, pained, resentful

Antonyms: happy, pleased

Usage: When the paperboy continued to throw the newspaper into the puddle of water, the owner was miffed at the thoughtless boy.

29. OSTENSIBLE (adjective) – तथाकथित

Pronunciation: o·sten·suh·bl

Meaning: stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so

Synonyms: apparent, seeming, outward, alleged, supposed

Antonyms: real, genuine

Usage: While Jerry is the ostensible author of this amendment, there is some question of who actually deserves credit for the idea.

30. THEATRICAL (adjective) – मंचीय, नाटकीय

Pronunciation: thee·a·truh·kl

Meaning: pertaining to drama or the performing arts

Synonyms: dramatic, staged, exaggerated, thespian, histrionic

Antonyms: natural, unaffected, real

Usage: Acting with an amateur theatrical group can be fun.

31. COMMENCEMENT (noun) – प्रारंभ

Pronunciation: kuh·men·smuhnt

Meaning: the beginning of something

Synonyms: beginning, start, opening, outset, onset, launch, inception

Antonyms: conclusion, end, finish

Usage: Some courses have an early commencement date.

32. IMMINENT (adjective) – अभी होने वाला

Pronunciation: i·muh·nuhnt

Meaning: about to happen

Synonyms: impending, close, near, approaching, coming, forthcoming

Antonyms: distant, later, remote

Usage: When the Secret Service arrived, everyone knew the president's arrival was imminent.

33. EXPEDIENT (adjective) – उचित

Pronunciation: uhk·spee·dee·uhnt

Meaning: suitable to the circumstances

Synonyms: appropriate, advantageous, suitable, desirable, feasible, practical, effective

Antonyms: disadvantageous, impossible, inappropriate

Usage: It is expedient to reduce unnecessary expenditure.

34. AKIN (adjective) – समान, बराबर

Pronunciation: uk·in

Meaning: of similar character

Synonyms: similar, related, close, alike, comparable

Antonyms: unlike, dissimilar, unrelated

Usage: To the nature lover, the sound of the birds chirping is akin to charming music.

35. STUPENDOUS (adjective) – अति विशाल

Pronunciation: styoo·pen·duhs

Meaning: extremely impressive

Synonyms: amazing, astounding, astonishing, extraordinary, remarkable, wonderful, prodigious

Antonyms: ordinary, standard

Usage: The store did not expect a stupendous throng of customers to line up around the building.

36. HECTIC (adjective) – व्यस्त

Pronunciation: hek·tuhk

Meaning: full of incessant or frantic activity

Synonyms: frantic, turbulent, chaotic, exciting, restless

Antonyms: leisurely, quiet, calm

Usage: Once Jack started managing two jobs, his days became rather hectic.

37. TELEVISE (verb) – दूरदर्शन पर प्रसारित करना

Pronunciation: tel·uh·vahyz

Meaning: transmit by television

Synonyms: broadcast, telecast, air, transmit, screen

Antonyms: hide, suppress, conceal

Usage: Broadcasting networks always televise the boxing matches so that people can watch the fights from their couches.

38. ETERNAL (adjective) – अनन्त, सनातन

Pronunciation: uh·tuh·nuhl

Meaning: never ending

Synonyms: endless, everlasting, endless, perpetual, infinite

Antonyms: transient, ceasing, ending

Usage: Although some people think that the sun is an eternal object, many scientists believe the star will eventually die out.

39. ERUDITION (noun) – विद्वत्ता, पांडित्य

Pronunciation: eh·ruh·di·shn

Meaning: the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning

Synonyms: learning, scholarship, knowledge, education, intellect, attainments

Antonyms: ignorance, inexperience

Usage: The professor's erudition came from long years of study.

40. ASTOUND (verb) – हक्का बक्का

Pronunciation: uh·stawnd

Meaning: shock or greatly surprise

Synonyms: amaze, astonish, stagger, surprise, startle, stun, confound, dumbfound, stupefy, daze

Antonyms: refrain, defend, dullness

Usage: The illusionist's show is sure to astound everyone in the audience.



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41. PROLIFERATE (verb) – संख्या में बढ़ना

Pronunciation: pruh·li·fuh·reit

Meaning: increase in number

Synonyms: multiply, propagate, burgeon, snowball, escalate

Antonyms: decrease, dwindle, lessen

Usage: Health food shops proliferate in this region.

42. GLEE (noun) – उल्लास

Pronunciation: glee

Meaning: great delight

Synonyms: delight, pleasure, happiness, joy, elation, cheerfulness, exhilaration

Antonyms: gloom, disappointment

Usage: Smiling with glee, the child unwrapped his birthday gift.

43. INCREDULOUS (adjective) – अविश्वासी

Pronunciation: in·kreh·dyoo·luhs

Meaning: unwilling or unable to believe something

Synonyms: disbelieving, suspicious, questioning, doubtful, dubious, unbelieving, unconvinced

Antonyms: credulous, believing, certain

Usage: Miriam's envious friends were incredulous about her engagement to a wealthy doctor.

44. NASCENT (adjective) – नवजात, अपरिपक्व

Pronunciation: na·snt

Meaning: recently formed or started

Synonyms: budding, developing, growing, embryonic, incipient, young, fledgling

Antonyms: developed, grown, mature

Usage: Since the nascent restaurant has only been open for two weeks, it does not have printed copies of its menu yet.

45. PROBABLE (adjective) – संभावित

Pronunciation: pro·buh·bl

Meaning: likely but not certain

Synonyms: apparent, likely credible, feasible, plausible, possible, presumed, reasonable

Antonyms: improbable, unlikely, impossible

Usage: The probable cause of the fire was faulty wiring.

46. VISIONARY (noun) – दूरदर्शी

Pronunciation: vi·zhuh·nuh·ree

Meaning: a person with original ideas about the future

Synonyms: dreamer, idealist, prophet, seer, theorist, zealot

Antonyms: realist, practical

Usage: Jim was a visionary leader who had the foresight to lead our company in a profitable direction for many years.

47. LURE (verb) – प्रलोभित करना

Pronunciation: luor

Meaning: to tempt a person or an animal to do something

Synonyms: tempt, entice, attract, induce, persuade, inveigle

Antonyms: deter, repel, offend

Usage: The kidnapper was able to lure the small child into his van by offering him candy.

48. PIVOTAL (adjective) – केंद्रीय, आधारभूत

Pronunciation: pi·vuh·tl

Meaning: of crucial significance

Synonyms: central, climactic, critical, crucial, decisive, essential

Antonyms: inessential, minor, secondary

Usage: As soon as the pivotal character of the film died, I grew bored with the movie and left the theater.

49. DEMURE (adjective) – संकोची

Pronunciation: duh·myuor

Meaning: reserved, modest, and shy

Synonyms: modest, meek, mild, reserved, retiring, quiet, shy, bashful

Antonyms: shameless, bold

Usage: The princess was a demure woman who hated being in the spotlight.

50. BEWILDER (verb) – उलझन में डालना

Pronunciation: buh·wil·duh

Meaning: cause someone to become perplexed and confused

Synonyms: baffle, mystify, bemuse, perplex, puzzle, confuse, confound

Antonyms: enlighten

Usage: Those shifting attitudes bewilder me.

51. PRESUMPTUOUS (adjective) – धृष्ट, बेअदब

Pronunciation: pruh·zuhmp·tyoo·uhs

Meaning: failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate

Synonyms: brazen, overconfident, arrogant, egotistical, bold, audacious

Antonyms: timid, unassuming, humble, modest

Usage: Despite the fact my uncle believed he was entitled to everything, he was not a presumptuous man.

52. FOE (noun) – शत्रु, दुश्मन

Pronunciation: foh

Meaning: an enemy or opponent

Synonyms: enemy, adversary, opponent, rival, nemesis, challenger, competitor

Antonyms: ally, friend, supporter

Usage: The two countries have united against their common foe.

53. RELENT (verb) – नरम पड़ना, कोमल होना

Pronunciation: ri·lent

Meaning: become less severe or intense

Synonyms: acquiesce, soften, capitulate, quit, relax, slacken, subside

Antonyms: harden, strengthen, worsen

Usage: The rain did not relent, and even seemed to be enhanced at times.

54. ALOOF (adjective) – अलग, पृथक**Pronunciation:** uh·loof**Meaning:** cool and distant**Synonyms:** detached, distant, haughty, indifferent, standoffish, unresponsive**Antonyms:** familiar, friendly, sympathetic**Usage:** The aloof princess stood in a corner alone.**55. MAGNATE (noun) - धनाढ्य, प्रभावशाली व्यक्ति****Pronunciation:** mag·neit**Meaning:** a wealthy and influential business person**Synonyms:** aristocrat, capitalist, financier, merchant, mogul, tycoon**Antonyms:** nonentity, unknown, nobody**Usage:** My grandfather was considered a very influential and wealthy oil magnate.**56. SURLY (adjective) – असभ्य****Pronunciation:** suh·lee**Meaning:** bad-tempered and unfriendly**Synonyms:** ill-natured, grumpy, glum, crotchety, prickly, irascible, testy**Antonyms:** kind, nice, polite**Usage:** He became surlly and rude towards me.**57. SWAY (noun) – बोलबाला****Pronunciation:** swei**Meaning:** strong influence or control**Synonyms:** influence, authority, control, command, dominion, power, domination**Antonyms:** inability, inefficiency, powerlessness**Usage:** Many countries have held sway over others through occupation.**58. TEMPORAL (adjective) – लौकिक****Pronunciation:** tem·puh·ruhl**Meaning:** associated with the real world and not the spiritual world**Synonyms:** earthly, materialistic, physical, mortal, secular, worldly, profane**Antonyms:** spiritual, immaterial, mental**Usage:** The monk's commitment requires him to ignore the temporal pleasures of the world.**59. CONSTRUE (verb) – समझाना****Pronunciation:** kuhn·stroo**Meaning:** to clarify what something means**Synonyms:** interpret, understand, parse, render, analyse, explain, elucidate

Antonyms: misunderstand, cloud, confuse

Usage: We were all amazed by the detective's ability to construe logic out of the killer's strange riddle.

60. FOPPISH (adjective) – आडंबरप्रिय

Pronunciation: fo·puhsh

Meaning: affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner

Synonyms: dandified, dapper, dressy, spruce, affected, preening

Antonyms: modest, dowdy, unaffected

Usage: He is foppish and vain.

61. UMPTEEN (adjective) – अनेक

Pronunciation: uhmp·teen

Meaning: indefinitely many

Synonyms: countless, numerous, innumerable, untold, myriad, divers

Antonyms: few, limited

Usage: He has produced umpteenth books, plays and television series.

62. HOLLER (verb) – चिल्लाना

Pronunciation: ho·luh

Meaning: give a loud shout or cry

Synonyms: shout, yell, cry, call, roar, howl, vociferate

Antonyms: whisper, mumble

Usage: Then they turn around and holler against federal regulation in the marketplace.

63. PHENOMENAL (adjective) – अद्भुत, असाधारण

Pronunciation: fuh·no·muh·nuhl

Meaning: extremely remarkable

Synonyms: astounding, remarkable, extraordinary, fantastic, marvelous, outstanding, prodigious

Antonyms: insignificant, ordinary, usual

Usage: After seeing the play, the critics praised the young actor on his phenomenal talent.

64. SPUNKY (adjective) – साहसी

Pronunciation: spuhng·kee

Meaning: courageous and determined

Synonyms: brave, courageous, fearless, enthusiastic, energetic, spirited, chirpy

Antonyms: fearful, timid, afraid

Usage: Spunky and full of spirit, the little girl is known for always doing things that others are afraid to do.

65. COUNTERFEIT (adjective) – नकली

Pronunciation: kaw·n·tuh·fuht

Meaning: a fake version of an original item

Synonyms: fake, simulated, copied, forged, sham, spurious, bogus, imitation

Antonyms: actual, authentic, real

Usage: The man was arrested for making counterfeit money.

66. NOMINAL (adjective) – नाममात्र

Pronunciation: no·muh·nuhl

Meaning: incredibly small

Synonyms: insignificant, minimal, small, inconsiderable, minuscule

Antonyms: important, significant, considerable

Usage: They charge a nominal fee for the service.

67. SALVATION (noun) – मुक्ति, रक्षा

Pronunciation: sal·vei·shn

Meaning: preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

Synonyms: rescue, saving, escape, liberation, redemption

Antonyms: destruction, downfall, endangerment

Usage: Since the country has few natural resources to sell overseas, it sees tourism as its financial salvation.

68. COMICAL (adjective) – अनोखा

Pronunciation: ko·muh·kl

Meaning: provoking laughter

Synonyms: funny, humorous, hilarious, amusing, witty, jocular

Antonyms: tragic, serious, sad

Usage: The actor's mistake was comical and made everyone in the room laugh hysterically.

69. LEGITIMATE (adjective) – वैध, कानूनी

Pronunciation: li·jit·uh·mit

Meaning: conforming to the law or to rules

Synonyms: authentic, legal, lawful, licit, valid, legit

Antonyms: illegal, illegitimate, fraudulent

Usage: Because William did not think the terms of the contract were legitimate, he spoke to his lawyer before signing the agreement.

70. GRIN (verb) – मुसकुराना

Pronunciation: grin

Meaning: smile broadly

Synonyms: smile, beam, smirk, crack, simper

Antonyms: frown, scowl, glare

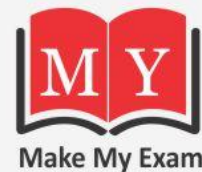
Usage: She had a big grin on her face.

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