

# **DAILY** **VOCAB DOSE**

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**Happy learning!!!**

## 1. MERCURIAL (adjective) – अस्थिर

**Pronunciation:** muh·kyuor·ree·uhl

**Meaning:** subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind

**Synonyms:** volatile, capricious, excitable, fickle, changeable, unpredictable, variable

**Antonyms:** stable, steady, constant

**Usage:** The trending topics on Twitter are mercurial because they often change within seconds.

## 2. CANTANKEROUS (adjective) – झगड़ालू

**Pronunciation:** kan·tang·kuh·ruhs

**Meaning:** bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative

**Synonyms:** irascible, irritable, grumpy, grouchy, crotchety, tetchy, testy

**Antonyms:** pleasing, likeable

**Usage:** The leading character in the movie was a cantankerous old man who hated the world.

## 3. RUMPLE (verb) – अस्त-व्यस्त

**Pronunciation:** ruhm·pl

**Meaning:** give a creased, ruffled, or disheveled appearance to

**Synonyms:** crumple, crease, wrinkle, tumble, crush, crinkle

**Antonyms:** smooth, even

**Usage:** You will rumple your jacket if you don't hang it up properly.

## 4. ULTERIOR (adjective) – गुप्त

**Pronunciation:** uhl·teeuh·ree·uh

**Meaning:** existing beyond what is obvious or admitted

**Synonyms:** secondary, underlying, undisclosed, unexpressed, unapparent, unrevealed, secret

**Antonyms:** visible, noticeable

**Usage:** The accountant's ulterior motives led her to stealing bank funds under the company radar.

### 5. SODDEN (adjective) – तर

**Pronunciation:** so·dn

**Meaning:** saturated with liquid, especially water; soaked through

**Synonyms:** soaking, soaked, saturated, drenched, waterlogged, swampy, miry

**Antonyms:** dry, arid

**Usage:** After the marathon, Harold's clothing was sodden with sweat.



### 6. APOTHEOSIS (noun) – पराकाष्ठा

**Pronunciation:** uh·po·thee·ow·suhs

**Meaning:** the highest point in the development of something

**Synonyms:** culmination, climax, peak, pinnacle, summit, zenith, apex

**Antonyms:** nadir

**Usage:** When she walked down the aisle in her wedding gown, everyone thought she was the apotheosis of beauty.

### 7. VAIN (adjective) – व्यर्थ

**Pronunciation:** vein

**Meaning:** producing no result

**Synonyms:** futile, useless, pointless, worthless, nugatory, ineffective, ineffectual

**Antonyms:** successful, productive

**Usage:** The toddler's attempt to reach the cookie jar on the counter was in vain.

### 8. AUSPICIOUS (adjective) – शुभ

**Pronunciation:** aw·spi·shuhs

**Meaning:** conducive to success; favorable

**Synonyms:** favorable, propitious, promising, bright, optimistic, encouraging, opportune

**Antonyms:** inauspicious, unpromising

**Usage:** Everybody knows the end of the year is an auspicious time to buy a car!

## 9. INIMICAL (adjective) – हानिकारक

**Pronunciation:** uh·ni·muh·kl

**Meaning:** tending to obstruct or harm

**Synonyms:** harmful, injurious, detrimental, deleterious, pernicious, damaging, hurtful

**Antonyms:** helpful, advantageous

**Usage:** These policies are inimical to the interests of society.

## 10. STENTORIAN (adjective) – बुलंद

**Pronunciation:** sten·taw·ree·uhn

**Meaning:** loud and powerful

**Synonyms:** loud, booming, thundering, thunderous, trumpeting, blaring, roaring

**Antonyms:** quiet, soft

**Usage:** He spoke in a stentorian tone.



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