

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

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### **1. PUGNACIOUS (adjective) – लड़ाका**

**Pronunciation:** puhg·nei·shuhs

**Meaning:** eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight

**Synonyms:** combative, aggressive, antagonistic, belligerent, bellicose, warlike, quarrelsome

**Antonyms:** peaceable, friendly

**Usage:** John's pugnacious behavior causes him to have few friends.

### **2. IMPERMEABLE (adjective) – अप्रवेश्य**

**Pronunciation:** im·puh·mee·uh·bl

**Meaning:** not allowing substances to pass through

**Synonyms:** watertight, waterproof, airtight, tight, sealed, water-resistant, impenetrable

**Antonyms:** permeable, penetrable

**Usage:** Impermeable materials were used to build this waterproof fort.

### **3. TRICKLE (verb) – टपकना**

**Pronunciation:** tri·kl

**Meaning:** flow in a small stream

**Synonyms:** drip, dribble, drizzle, flow, run, spill, ooze, leak

**Antonyms:** pour, gush, stream

**Usage:** There was a slow trickle of water from the faucet in the bathroom.

### **4. TRACTABLE (adjective) – शिक्षणीय**

**Pronunciation:** trak·tuh·bl

**Meaning:** easy to control or influence

**Synonyms:** controllable, manageable, malleable, yielding, amenable, complaisant, compliant

**Antonyms:** obstinate, defiant, recalcitrant

**Usage:** Smith has always been tractable and obedient, even as a child.

### **5. INSULARITY (noun) – संकीर्णता**

**Pronunciation:** in·syoo·la·ruh·tee

**Meaning:** ignorance of or lack of interest in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience

**Synonyms:** parochialism, dogmatism, provincialism, narrowness, pettiness, inflexibility

**Antonyms:** tolerance, forbearance

**Usage:** It was a typical case of British chauvinism and insularity.



## 6. BALK (verb) – विरोध करना

**Pronunciation:** bawlk

**Meaning:** hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or undertaking

**Synonyms:** eschew, resist, scorn, disdain, refuse

**Antonyms:** accept

**Usage:** New parents will often balk at hiring a babysitter.

## 7. UNCOUTH (adjective) – असभ्य

**Pronunciation:** uhn·kooth

**Meaning:** lacking good manners, refinement, or grace

**Synonyms:** uncivilized, uncultured, uncultivated, unrefined, unpolished, unsophisticated

**Antonyms:** refined, cultivated, polite

**Usage:** In my family, it is considered uncouth to question someone about the value of a gift they give you.

## 8. REACTIONARY (adjective) – प्रतिक्रियात्मक, उन्नति रोधक

**Pronunciation:** ree·ak·shuh·nuh·ree

**Meaning:** opposing political or social progress or reform

**Synonyms:** right-wing, conservative, rightist, traditionalist, conventional, unprogressive

**Antonyms:** radical, progressive

**Usage:** The new president believes some of the government's reactionary policies should be changed.

### 9. INTRANSIGENT (adjective) – सैद्धांतिक

**Pronunciation:** in·tran·suh·jnt

**Meaning:** unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something

**Synonyms:** uncompromising, inflexible, unbending, unshakeable, resolute

**Antonyms:** compliant, flexible

**Usage:** Let us not forget that the Japanese are an intransigent people.

### 10. TEMPERATE (adjective) – संयमी

**Pronunciation:** tem·puh·ruht

**Meaning:** showing moderation or self-restraint

**Synonyms:** restrained, moderate, controlled, disciplined, austere, abstinent, ascetic

**Antonyms:** intemperate, immoderate

**Usage:** Charles was temperate in his consumption of both food and drink.

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