

VOCABULARY

1. QUIDDITY (NOUN): विचित्र

Pronunciation: kwid-ih-tee

Meaning: an odd or peculiar habit.

Synonyms: trick, trait, characteristic

Antonyms: conformity, sameness

Sentence: Rembrandt's genius was his unparalleled ability to render a person's *quiddity* in a single portrait.

2. CRITERION (NOUN): मापदंड

Pronunciation: krai•teeuh•ree•uhn

Meaning: something set up as an example against which others of the same type are compared.

Synonyms: standard, benchmark, measure

Antonyms: deviation, abnormality, aberration

Sentence: Senior managers stipulated work-life balance as their main *criterion* when choosing jobs.

3. INCANDESCENT (ADJECTIVE): चमक

Pronunciation: ing•kan•des•uhnt

Meaning: giving off or reflecting much light.

Synonyms: luminous, glowing, shining

Antonyms: dim, dull, dark

Sentence: The mountain's snow-white peak was *incandescent* against the blue sky.

4. FABRICATION (NOUN): मन्गढ़त

Pronunciation: fa•bruhk•ay•shn

Meaning: A statement known by its maker to be untrue and made in order to deceive.

Synonyms: fairy tale, falsehood, prevarication

Antonyms: truth, fact, verification

Sentence: His story was a complete *fabrication*.

5. EMBELLISHMENT (NOUN): सजावट

Pronunciation: uhm•beh•luhsh•muhnt

Meaning: Something that decorates or beautifies.

Synonyms: ornamentation, ornament, decoration

Antonyms: scar, blemish, disfigurement

Sentence: The only *embellishment* was a small bunch of fresh flowers placed in a vase at her feet.

6. HYPERBOLE (NOUN): अतिशयोक्ति

Pronunciation: hai•puh•buh•lee

Meaning: The representation of something in terms that go beyond the facts.

Synonyms: exaggeration, caricature, overstatement

Antonyms: understatement, belittlement, disparagement

Sentence: He's not usually given to *hyperbole*.

7. DENOUNCING (VERB): निंदा करना

Pronunciation: duh-noun-sing.

Meaning: To express one's unfavorable opinion of the worth or quality of.

Synonyms: criticizing, blaming, condemning

Antonyms: praising, extolling, approving

Sentence: The church council *denounced* the bishop's teachings, officially declaring them to be heresy.

8. CARICATURE (NOUN): व्यंग्यचित्र

Pronunciation: ka•ree•kuh•chuh

Meaning: A poor, insincere, or insulting imitation of something.

Synonyms: parody, joke, sham

Antonyms: tribute, homage

Sentence: She drew a wickedly funny *caricature* of the teacher.

9. DODGING (VERB): बचना

Pronunciation: dawj•uhng

Meaning: The act or a means of getting or keeping away from something undesirable.

Synonyms: escape, evasion, avoidance

Antonyms: submission, endurance, toleration

Sentence: The governor's repeated *dodging* of tough questions at the press conference.

10. APATHY (NOUN): उदासीनता

Pronunciation: a•puh•thee

Meaning: A lack of emotion or emotional expressiveness.

Synonyms: numbness, impassivity, impassiveness

Antonyms: emotion, feeling, sympathy

Sentence: The *apathy* of the people of that war-torn country comes from their having seen too many horrors.