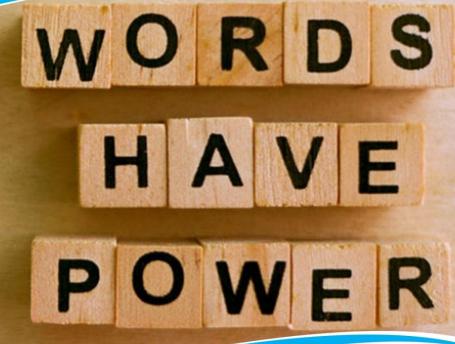






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## 1. PIVOTAL (ADJECTIVE): महत्वपूर्ण

Pronunciation: pi·vuh·tl Meaning: one that is very important and affects the success of that thing. Synonyms: central, significant, fundamental Antonyms: insignificant, unimportant, minor Sentence: The CEO's decision was <u>pivotal</u> to the company's success.

## 2. APPREHENSIVE (ADJECTIVE): आशंकित

Pronunciation: a. pruh.hens.uhv

Meaning: anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen. Synonyms: anxious, worried, concerned Antonyms: confident, assured, calm Sentence: She was <u>apprehensive</u> about the outcome of her exam.

## 3. PRECIPITOUS (ADJECTIVE): तेज़

#### Pronunciation: pruh·si·puh·tuhs

Meaning: very steep and often dangerous. Synonyms: steep, abrupt, hasty Antonyms: gradual, slow, careful Sentence: The mountain trail was so <u>precipitous</u> that the hikers had to move carefully and cautiously to avoid falling.

## 4. EXTRANEOUS (ADJECTIVE): अनावश्यक

## Pronunciation: uhk·stray·nee·uhs

**Meaning:** not directly connected or related to a matter being considered; Not essential, irrelevant, unnecessary.

Synonyms: irrelevant, superfluous, unessential

Antonyms: relevant, applicable, brelated

**Sentence:** The lecturer requested the students to focus only on the topic and not to include any <u>extraneous</u> matter in their presentation.

## 5. LITIGATION (NOUN): मुकदमेबाज़ी

Pronunciation: li·tuh·gay·shn



**Meaning:** the process of taking a case to a court of law so that a judgment can be made; legal action.

Synonyms: legal action, lawsuit

Antonyms: settlement, agreement, compromise

**Sentence:** The company was involved in a lengthy <u>litigation</u> with its former employee over breach of contract.

## 6. RUMINATE (VERB): चिंतन करना

#### **Pronunciation:** roo·muh·nayt

Meaning: to think deeply, carefully, and for a long period about something.

Synonyms: contemplate, ponder, deliberate

Antonyms: Ignore, Disregard, Neglect

**Sentence:** After the meeting, she spent hours <u>ruminating</u> over everything that was said and trying to come up with a solution.

#### 7. IMMACULATE (ADJECTIVE): बेदाग

#### Pronunciation: uh·ma·kyoo·luht

Meaning: perfectly clean, neat, or tidy; free from flaws or mistakes.

Synonyms: Spotless, Pure, Pristine

Antonyms: Dirty, Stained, Sullied

**Sentence:** She kept her house <u>immaculate</u>, with everything in its place and not a speck of dust to be seen.

#### 8. TIRADE (NOUN): कठोर भाषण

Pronunciation: tai·rayd
Meaning: a long, angry speech criticizing someone or something.
Synonyms: Diatribe, Harangue, Rant
Antonyms: Praise, Commendation, Acclamation
Sentence: During the meeting, the angry employee went on a <u>tirade</u> against the management for not addressing their concerns.

## 9. EXCRUCIATING (ADJECTIVE): अत्यंत दुखदायी

Pronunciation: uhk·skroo·shee·ayt·uhng
Meaning: extremely painful .
Synonyms: Torturous, Agonizing, Painful
Antonyms: Pleasant, Comfortable, Soothing
Sentence: The patient was in <u>excruciating</u> pain after the surgery.

## 10. BROWBEAT (VERB): धमकाना





#### **Pronunciation:** brau·beet

**Meaning:** to intimidate or bully someone into doing something.

**Synonyms:** intimidate, bully, coerce

Antonyms: encourage, persuade, convince

**Sentence:** The boss would often <u>browbeat</u> his employees into working overtime by threatening to fire them if they refused.

