

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

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**Happy learning!!!**

## 1. HACKNEYED (adjective) – घिसा-पिटा

**Pronunciation:** hak·need

**Meaning:** having been overused

**Synonyms:** overused, overworked, overdone, worn out, time-worn, vapid, stale

**Antonyms:** fresh, new

**Usage:** Eventually, the phrase became so hackneyed that people stopped saying it.

## 2. IRKSOME (adjective) – दुखदायी

**Pronunciation:** uhk·sm

**Meaning:** irritating; annoying

**Synonyms:** irritating, annoying, vexing, vexatious, galling, displeasing, grating

**Antonyms:** pleasant, agreeable

**Usage:** Hank's fellow employees try to avoid him because of his irksome behavior.

## 3. MURKY (adjective) – धुंधला, अंधेरा

**Pronunciation:** muh·kee

**Meaning:** dark and gloomy, especially due to thick mist

**Synonyms:** dark, gloomy, grey, leaden, dull, dim, cloudy

**Antonyms:** bright, sunny

**Usage:** You will need a flashlight to explore the murky cave.

## 4. TORTUOUS (adjective) – टेढ़ा-मेढ़ा

**Pronunciation:** tau·choo·uhs

**Meaning:** full of twists and turns

**Synonyms:** twisting, winding, curving, curvy, bending, sinuous, undulating

**Antonyms:** straight, unbending

**Usage:** We have travelled a tortuous road.

## 5. DEROGATORY (adjective) – अपमानजनक

**Pronunciation:** duh·ro·guh·tuh·ree

**Meaning:** showing a critical or disrespectful attitude

**Synonyms:** disparaging, belittling, diminishing, slighting, deprecatory, depreciative, detracting

**Antonyms:** complimentary, flattering

**Usage:** He refused to withdraw derogatory remarks made about his boss.

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### 6. FACILE (adjective) – आसान

**Pronunciation:** fa·sail

**Meaning:** ignoring the true complexities of an issue

**Synonyms:** simplistic, superficial, oversimplified, schematic, shallow, pat

**Antonyms:** thorough, profound

**Usage:** The recipe is so facile that even a young child can make the dish.

### 7. BOISTEROUS (adjective) – उधमी

**Pronunciation:** boy·stuh·ruhs

**Meaning:** noisy, energetic, and cheerful

**Synonyms:** lively, active, exuberant, spirited, bouncy, frisky, excited

**Antonyms:** quiet, restrained

**Usage:** The children are very boisterous today.

### 8. FOIBLE (noun) – चरित्र की दुर्बलता

**Pronunciation:** foy·bl

**Meaning:** a minor weakness or eccentricity in someone's character

**Synonyms:** weakness, failing, shortcoming, flaw, imperfection, blemish, fault

**Antonyms:** strength, power

**Usage:** We have to tolerate each other's little foibles.

### 9. REFRACTORY (adjective) – हठी

**Pronunciation:** ruh·frak·tuh·ree

**Meaning:** stubborn or unmanageable

**Synonyms:** obstinate, stubborn, mulish, obdurate, headstrong, wayward, wilful

**Antonyms:** obedient, manageable

**Usage:** The refractory students spend a great deal of time in the detention room.

### 10. PERILOUS (adjective) – खतरनाक


**Pronunciation:** peh·ruh·luhs

**Meaning:** full of danger or risk

**Synonyms:** dangerous, hazardous, risky, unsafe, treacherous, precarious, vulnerable

**Antonyms:** safe, secure

**Usage:** Putting out wildfires is a very perilous job.



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