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### 1. CHAUVINISM (noun) : अंधराष्ट्रीयता

**Pronunciation:** shoh•vuhn•i•zm

**Meaning:** exaggerated or aggressive patriotism.

**Synonyms:** jingoism, excessive patriotism, excessive nationalism

**Antonym:** internationalism

**Sentence:** The war stimulated intense national chauvinism.

### 2. SUPERFLUOUS (adj.) : ज़रूरत से ज़्यादा

**Pronunciation:** soo•puh•floo•uhs

**Meaning:** unnecessary, especially through being more than enough.

**Synonyms:** surplus, redundant, unneeded

**Antonyms:** deficient, inadequate, insufficient

**Sentence:** Repack all the superfluous cups in the box.

### 3. LASSITUDE (noun) : अवसाद

**Pronunciation:** la•suh•chood

**Meaning:** a state of physical or mental weariness; lack of energy.

**Synonyms:** lethargy, listlessness, weariness

**Antonyms:** refreshment, rejuvenation

**Sentence:** She was overcome by lassitude and retired to bed.

### 4. PRELUDE (noun) : प्रस्तावना

**Pronunciation:** preh•lyood

**Meaning:** an action or event serving as an introduction to something more important.

**Synonyms:** preliminary, overture, opening

**Antonyms:** aftermath, closing, conclusion

**Sentence:** Education cannot simply be a prelude to a career.

### 5. IRREFUTABLE (adj.) : अखंडनीय

**Pronunciation:** i•ri•fyoo•tuh•bl

**Meaning:** impossible to deny or disprove.

**Synonyms:** indisputable, undeniable, unquestionable

**Antonyms:** answerable, arguable, contradictable

**Sentence:** There was irrefutable evidence of his guilt.

**6. PROMISCUITY (noun) : संकीर्णता**

**Pronunciation:** praw•muh•skyoo•uh•tee

**Meaning:** the fact or state of being promiscuous.

**Synonyms:** license, licentiousness, promiscuousness

**Antonyms:** fidelity, allegiance, constancy

**Sentence:** Although most birds are monogamous, promiscuity is not unusual among brood parasites.

**7. FORMIDABLE (adj.) : दुर्जेय**

**Pronunciation:** fuh•mi•duh•bl

**Meaning:** inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

**Synonyms:** intimidating, forbidding, redoubtable

**Antonyms:** calming, comforting, consoling

**Sentence:** No government can be long secure without a formidable opposition.

**8. TOTTER (verb) : लड़खड़ाते हुए चलना**

**Pronunciation:** taw•tuh

**Meaning:** move in a feeble or unsteady way.

**Synonyms:** teeter, walk unsteadily, stagger

**Antonyms:** be still, calm, continue.

**Sentence:** The drunkard tottered to the door.

**9. SANCTITY (noun) : पवित्रता**

**Pronunciation:** sangk•tuh•tee

**Meaning:** the state or quality of being holy, sacred, or saintly.

**Synonyms:** holiness, godliness, sacredness

**Antonyms:** sanctimony, godlessness, impiety

**Sentence:** The site of the tomb was a place of sanctity for the ancient Egyptians.

**10. INCHOATE (adj.) : शुरू का**

**Pronunciation:** in•cho•ate

**Meaning:** just begun and so not fully formed or developed.

**Synonyms:** unfinished, opening, inchoative

**Antonyms:** mature, finished, developed

**Sentence:** Who knows the main symptom of inchoate lung cancer?

**11. FLAWED (adj.) : त्रुटिपूर्ण**

**Pronunciation:** flawd

**Meaning:** blemished, damaged, or imperfect in some way.

**Synonyms:** unsound, defective, faulty

**Antonyms:** faultless, flawless, impeccable

**Sentence:** The material is flawed throughout.

### 12. IMPEDIMENT (noun) : बाधा

**Pronunciation:** uhm·peh·duh·muhnt

**Meaning:** a hindrance or obstruction in doing something.

**Synonyms:** hindrance, obstruction, obstacle

**Antonyms:** catalyst, goad, impetus

**Sentence:** He was satisfied there was no legal impediment to the marriage.

### 13. FIDELITY (noun) : सत्य के प्रति निष्ठा

**Pronunciation:** fuh·deh·luh·tee

**Meaning:** faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support.

**Synonyms:** loyalty, allegiance, obedience

**Antonyms:** disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness

**Sentence:** I had to promise fidelity to the Queen.

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### 14. TACITURN (adj.) : अल्पभाषी

**Pronunciation:** ta·suh·tuhn

**Meaning:** (of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little.

**Synonyms:** untalkative, uncommunicative, reticent

**Antonyms:** blabby, chatty, talkative

**Sentence:** He was a quiet, almost taciturn, young man.

### 15. INSIDIOUS (adj.) : कपटी

**Pronunciation:** uhn·si·dee·uhs

**Meaning:** proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with harmful effects.

**Synonyms:** stealthy, subtle, surreptitious

**Antonyms:** clarifying, elucidative, explanatory

**Sentence:** High-blood pressure is an insidious condition that has few symptoms.

### **16. MALIGNANT (adj.) : घातक**

**Pronunciation:** muh·lig·nuhnt

**Meaning:** having or showing a desire to cause someone pain or suffering for the sheer enjoyment of it

**Synonyms:** spiteful, hostile, malevolent

**Antonyms:** benevolent, benign, benignant

**Sentence:** The process by which malignant cancer cells multiply isn't fully understood.

### **17. JUXTAPOSITION (noun) : निकटता**

**Pronunciation:** juhk·stuh·puhz·i·shn

**Meaning:** the fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effect.

**Synonyms:** contrast, proximity, closeness

**Antonyms:** distance, remoteness

**Sentence:** This juxtaposition of brutal reality and lyrical beauty runs through Park's stories.

### **18. MISCONCEIVE (verb) : गलत धारणा**

**Pronunciation:** mis·kuhn·seev

**Meaning:** fail to understand correctly.

**Synonyms:** misunderstand, misinterpret, misapprehend

**Antonyms:** comprehend, enlighten, explain.

**Sentence:** His arguments are totally misconceived.

### **19. ALTERCATE (verb) : विवाद करना**

**Pronunciation:** awl·tuh·kayt

**Meaning:** dispute or argue noisily and publicly.

**Synonyms:** argue, argify, bicker

**Antonyms:** accept, agree, assent

**Sentence:** Don't altercate over such trivia.

### **20. PROSCRIPTION (noun) : बहिष्कार**

**Pronunciation:** pruh·skrip·shn

**Meaning:** the action of forbidding something; banning.

**Synonyms:** prohibition, prohibiting, forbidding

**Antonyms:** allowance, permission, sufferance

**Sentence:** The proscription against bicycles and skateboards is intended to make the plaza a more pedestrian-friendly place.

### **21. PESSIMISM (noun) : निराशावाद**

**Pronunciation:** peh·suhm·i·zm

**Meaning:** a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen; a lack of hope or confidence in the future.

**Synonyms:** defeatism, negativity, cynicism

**Antonyms:** optimism, cheer, hopefulness

**Sentence:** The dispute cast an air of deep pessimism over the future of the peace talks.

### **22. DICHOTOMY (noun) : विरोधाभास**

**Pronunciation:** dai·kaw·tuh·mee

**Meaning:** a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different.

**Synonyms:** division, separation, split

**Antonyms:** agreement, harmony, likeness, sameness.

**Sentence:** There is a dichotomy between the academic world and the industrial world.

### **23. SKIMPED (verb) : कंजूसी करना**

**Pronunciation:** skimpt

**Meaning:** expend or use less time, money, or material on something than is necessary in an attempt to economize.

**Synonyms:** stint on, scrimp on, economize on

**Antonyms:** wasted, lavished, misspent

**Sentence:** we must skimp and save if we are going to afford a vacation this summer

### **24. INGENUITY (adj.) : सरलता**

**Pronunciation:** in·juh·nyoo·uh·tee

**Meaning:** the quality of being clever, original, and inventive.

**Synonyms:** inventiveness, creativity, imagination

**Antonyms:** dryness, dullness

**Sentence:** We are looking for someone with ingenuity and imagination.

### **25. KNACK (noun) : आदत**

**Pronunciation:** nak

**Meaning:** an acquired or natural skill at performing a task.

**Synonyms:** aptitude, aptness, skill

**Antonyms:** inability, incapacity

**Sentence:** He has a knack for saying the wrong thing.

### 26. SLY (adj.) : धूर्त

**Pronunciation:** Sly

**Meaning:** having or showing a cunning and deceitful nature.

**Synonyms:** cunning, crafty, clever

**Antonyms:** guileless, ingenuous, innocent

**Sentence:** People consider foxes as clever but sly animals.

### 27. CONSCIENTIOUS (adj.) : ईमानदार

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·sen·shee·uhs

**Meaning:** (of a person) wishing to do what is right, especially to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.

**Synonyms:** diligent, industrious, punctilious

**Antonyms:** cutthroat, dishonest, immoral

**Sentence:** We are generally very conscientious about our work.



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### 28. PERVERSITY (noun) : प्रतिकूलता

**Pronunciation:** puh·vuhs·uh·tee

**Meaning:** a deliberate desire to behave in an unreasonable or unacceptable way; contrariness.

**Synonyms:** contrariness, perverseness, awkwardness

**Antonyms:** amiability, serenity

**Sentence:** She's marrying him out of sheer perversity.

### 29. DECADENCE (noun) : पतन

**Pronunciation:** deh·kuh·dns

**Meaning:** moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.

**Synonyms:** dissipation, dissoluteness, degeneracy

**Antonyms:** ascent, rise, morality

**Sentence:** The decadence of morals is bad for a nation.

### **30. ASSORTMENT (noun) : वर्गीकरण**

**Pronunciation:** uh·sawt·muhnt

**Meaning:** a miscellaneous collection of things or people.

**Synonyms:** mixture, variety, array

**Antonyms:** likeness, sameness, similarity

**Sentence:** The room was filled with an assortment of clothes.

### **31. PERJURY (noun) : झूठा साक्ष्य**

**Pronunciation:** puh·juh·ree

**Meaning:** the offense of willfully telling an untruth in a court after having taken an oath or affirmation.

**Synonyms:** lying under oath, violation of an oath, giving false evidence

**Antonyms:** fact, truism, verity

**Sentence:** Two key witnesses at her trial committed perjury.

### **32. ZESTFUL (adj.) : दिलचस्प**

**Pronunciation:** zest·ful

**Meaning:** characterized by great enthusiasm and energy.

**Synonyms:** interesting, enthralling, engrossing

**Antonyms:** boring, drab, tedious

**Sentence:** Books are friends who are not zestful, but faithful.

### **33. NAUGHT (noun) : शून्य**

**Pronunciation:** nawt

**Meaning:** the numerical symbol 0 or the absence of number or quantity represented by it

**Synonyms:** nil, nothing, zero

**Antonyms:** cheerful, unregretful, unrepentant.

**Sentence:** He's naught but a worthless fool.

### **34. FORGO (verb) : त्यागना**

**Pronunciation:** faw·goh

**Meaning:** omit or decline to take (something pleasant or valuable); go without.

**Synonyms:** abstain (from), forbear, give up

**Antonyms:** give in, submit

**Sentence:** I'll forgo dessert tonight as I'm trying to lose weight

**35. CHATTEL (noun) : संपत्ति****Pronunciation:** cha·tl**Meaning:** transportable items that one owns.**Synonyms:** possession, belongings, stuff**Antonyms:** immobile, unportable.**Sentence:** She packed up all her chattels and moved to a new state.**36. WEARISOME (adj.) : थकाऊ****Pronunciation:** veeuh·ruh·sm**Meaning:** causing one to feel tired or bored.**Synonyms:** tiring, exhausting, boring**Antonyms:** interesting, engrossing, involving**Sentence:** Simple repetitive tasks can be very wearisome.**37. SEMINAL (adj.) : प्रभावपूर्ण****Pronunciation:** seh·muh·nuhl**Meaning:** (of a work, event, moment, or figure) strongly influencing later developments.**Synonyms:** influential, formative, pioneering**Antonyms:** small, little, minor**Sentence:** His book on social policy proved to be seminal.**38. DISQUIETING (adj.) : बेचैन****Pronunciation:** duhs·kvai·uht·uhng**Meaning:** inducing feelings of anxiety or worry.**Synonyms:** disturbing, unsettling, troubling**Antonyms:** reassuring, calming, soothing**Sentence:** The disquieting situation between these two neighbouring countries looks set to continue.**39. MAXIM (noun) : कहावत****Pronunciation:** maxim**Meaning:** a short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct.**Synonyms:** saying, adage, aphorism**Antonyms:** absurdity, ambiguity, foolishness**Sentence:** A good maxim is never out of season.**40. BRAVURA (adj.) : कुशलता****Pronunciation:** bruh·voo·ruh**Meaning:** great technical skill and brilliance shown in a performance or activity.

**Synonyms:** virtuoso, magnificent, outstanding

**Antonyms:** artless, amateur, amateurish

**Sentence:** The film is directed with technical bravura and visual splendor.

### 41. MUSHY (adj) : पिलपिला

**Pronunciation:** muh·shee

**Meaning:** soft and pulpy

**Synonyms:** soft, pulpy, pappy, slushy, sloppy, spongy, squashy

**Antonyms:** hard, firm

**Usage:** After cooking the peas for too long, the mushy vegetable was too soft to be delicious.

### 42. CONTENTED (adj) : संतुष्ट

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·ten·tuhd

**Meaning:** happy and satisfied

**Synonyms:** content, satisfied, pleased, gratified, fulfilled, happy, cheerful

**Antonyms:** discontented, dissatisfied, upset

**Usage:** Quite contented with the results, the plastic surgeon marveled at his work.

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### 43. DELIGHTED (adj) : प्रसन्न

**Pronunciation:** duh·lai·tuhd

**Meaning:** feeling or showing great pleasure

**Synonyms:** glad, happy, joyful, thrilled, overjoyed, ecstatic, euphoric

**Antonyms:** dismayed, disappointed, sad

**Usage:** We are all delighted at the news.

### 44. TRUCE (noun) : युद्धविराम

**Pronunciation:** troos

**Meaning:** a time period in which opposing sides agree to stop fighting

**Synonyms:** ceasefire, armistice, peace, break, respite, lull, moratorium

**Antonyms:** fighting, hostilities, war

**Usage:** When the truce ends at noon tomorrow, it will only be a matter of time before gunfire is heard again.

#### **45. RETICENT (adj) : अल्पभाषी**

**Pronunciation:** reh·tuh·snt

**Meaning:** not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily

**Synonyms:** reserved, withdrawn, introverted, restrained, inhibited, diffident, shy

**Antonyms:** garrulous, talkative, verbose

**Usage:** Because Ann is so reticent, you hardly ever know what she's thinking.

#### **46. CURTAIL (verb) : घटाना**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·teil

**Meaning:** reduce in extent or quantity

**Synonyms:** reduce, cut, decrease, lessen, diminish, retrench, trim

**Antonyms:** increase, lengthen

**Usage:** The high cost of fuel is sure to curtail holiday travel this year.

#### **47. CODDLER (verb) : लाड़ प्यार करना**

**Pronunciation:** ko·dl

**Meaning:** treat someone in an indulgent or overprotective way

**Synonyms:** pamper, cosset, mollycoddle, spoil, indulge, overparent

**Antonyms:** neglect, abandon, forsake

**Usage:** Many people coddle their children too much.

#### **48. INCURSION (noun) : आक्रमण**

**Pronunciation:** uhng·kuh·shn

**Meaning:** an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one

**Synonyms:** attack, raid, foray, infiltration, inroad, intrusion, penetration

**Antonyms:** retreat, withdraw

**Usage:** When the troops made an incursion across the border, they ruined any chance for peace between the two countries.

#### **49. SIMULATE (verb) : अनुकरण करना**

**Pronunciation:** si·myoo·leit

**Meaning:** to duplicate or replicate an image or a behavior

**Synonyms:** imitate, reproduce, replicate, duplicate, mimic, parallel, mock

**Antonyms:** real, reveal

**Usage:** Botanists often use lamps to simulate natural sunlight.

**50. RADIANT (adj) : चमकीला****Pronunciation:** rei·dee·uhnt**Meaning:** shining or glowing brightly**Synonyms:** shining, bright, illuminated, lit, lighted, brilliant, gleaming**Antonyms:** dark, dull**Usage:** The sun was radiant in a clear blue sky.**51. HOVER (verb) : मंडराना****Pronunciation:** *hover***Meaning:** remain in one place in the air.**Synonyms:** float, be suspended**Antonyms:** lie, rest, settle**Sentence:** Army helicopters hovered overhead.**52. MENDACITY (noun) : झूठ****Pronunciation:** men·da·suh·tee**Meaning:** a statement known by its maker to be untrue and made in order to deceive**Synonyms:** lie, prevarication, falsity**Antonyms:** truth, fact, honesty**Sentence:** Politicians are often accused of mendacity.**53. PROVIDENCE (noun) : मितव्ययिती****Pronunciation:** praw·vuh·dns**Meaning:** the protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power.**Synonyms:** fate, destiny, fortune**Antonyms:** improvidence, myopia, negligence**Sentence:** Providence is always on the side of the strongest battalions.**54. TRUMPET (verb) : घोषणा करना****Pronunciation:** truhm·pet**Meaning:** to make known openly or publicly**Synonyms:** announce, publish, proclaim**Antonyms:** withhold, conceal, suppress**Sentence:** The company trumpeted the launch of the new phone with none of the bugs the old one was known for.**55. PERSPICACIOUS (adj.) : कुशाग्र बुद्धि****Pronunciation:** puh·spuh·kay·shuhs**Meaning:** having a ready insight into and understanding of things.

**Synonyms:** discerning, shrewd, perceptive

**Antonyms:** foolish, idiotic, moronic

**Sentence:** He was perspicacious enough to realize that things were soon going to change.

### 56. FOYER (noun) : प्रवेशद्वार

**Pronunciation:** foy·ay

**Meaning:** an entrance hall or other open area in a building used by the public, especially a hotel or theater.

**Synonyms:** entrance hall, hallway, lobby

**Antonym:** disassembly

**Sentence:** I'll meet you in the foyer.

### 57. RENASCENCE (noun) : नवयुग

**Pronunciation:** ri-nas-uh ns

**Meaning:** the revival of something that has been dormant.

**Synonyms:** revival, rebirth, resurgence

**Antonyms:** death, extinction, expiration

**Sentence:** While both revival and renascence are based on the new choice made by ourselves.



### 58. LENITY (noun) : सज्जनता

**Pronunciation:** lenity

**Meaning:** kind, gentle, or compassionate treatment especially towards someone

**Synonyms:** mercy, clemency, empathy

**Antonyms:** vengeance, revenge, ruthlessness

**Sentence:** Michael was admired for his lenity and tolerance.

### 59. HAPHAZARD (adj.) : बेढंगा

**Pronunciation:** hap·ha·zuhd

**Meaning:** lacking any obvious principle of organization.

**Synonyms:** random, unplanned, unsystematic

**Antonyms:** systematic, orderly, regular

**Sentence:** The government's approach to the problem was haphazard.

**60. VENEER (noun) : दिखावा**

**Pronunciation:** vuh•neer

**Meaning:** a deceptively attractive external appearance

**Synonyms:** facade, gloss

**Antonyms:** interior, inside, ruffle

**Sentence:** The veneer of civility that the neighbors had maintained over the years disappeared with the filing of the first lawsuit.

**61. ENVOY (noun) : दूत**

**Pronunciation:** en•voy

**Meaning:** a messenger or representative, especially one on a diplomatic mission.

**Synonyms:** delegate, deputy, agent

**Antonyms:** acceptor, assignee, beneficiary.

**Sentence:** The government has not yet appointed an envoy to the area.

**62. UNPRECEDENTED (adj.) : अभूतपूर्व**

**Pronunciation:** uhn•preh•suh•duhn•tuhd

**Meaning:** never done or known before.

**Synonyms:** unparalleled, unequalled, unmatched

**Antonyms:** familiar, conventional, established

**Sentence:** Such a move is rare, but not unprecedented.

**63. PRUDENCE (noun) : विवेक**

**Pronunciation:** proo•dns

**Meaning:** the quality of being prudent; cautiousness.

**Synonyms:** wisdom, judgment, sagacity

**Antonyms:** carelessness, heedlessness, incaution

**Sentence:** We need to exercise prudence in such important matters.

**64. ALTRUISM (noun) : दूसरों का उपकार करने का सिद्धान्त**

**Pronunciation:** al•troo•i•zm

**Meaning:** the belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others.

**Synonyms:** unselfishness, selflessness, self-sacrifice

**Antonyms:** harshness, greed, selfishness

**Sentence:** Some may choose to work with vulnerable elderly people out of altruism.

**65. UNCOUTH (adj.) : गंवार**

**Pronunciation:** uhn•kooth

**Meaning:** (of a person or their appearance or behavior) lacking good manners, refinement, or grace.

**Synonyms:** uncivilized, uncultured, strange

**Antonyms:** civilized, cultured, classy

**Sentence:** He is unwashed, uncouth, and drunk most of the time.

**66. IRREFUTABLE (adj.) : अखंडनीय**

**Pronunciation:** i•ri•fyoo•tuh•bl

**Meaning:** impossible to deny or disprove.

**Synonyms:** indisputable, undeniable, unquestionable

**Antonyms:** answerable, arguable, contradictable

**Sentence:** There was irrefutable evidence of his guilt.

**67. ZEAL (noun) : उत्साह**

**Pronunciation:** zeal

**Meaning:** great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective.

**Synonyms:** passion, zealousness, ardor

**Antonyms:** laziness, lethargy, listlessness

**Sentence:** Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

**68. COMPEL (verb) : मजबूर**

**Pronunciation:** kuhm•pel

**Meaning:** force or oblige (someone) to do something.

**Synonyms:** force, coerce into, pressurize into

**Antonyms:** allow, let, permit

**Sentence:** The law will compel employers to provide health insurance.

**69. EFFRONTERY (noun) : गुस्ताखी**

**Pronunciation:** uh•fruhn•tuh•ree

**Meaning:** insolent or impertinent behavior.

**Synonyms:** impudence, impertinence, audacity

**Antonyms:** civility, courtesy, gentility

**Sentence:** One juror had the effrontery to challenge the coroner's decision.

### 70. IRATE (adj.) : क्रुद्ध

**Pronunciation:** ai•rayt

**Meaning:** feeling or characterized by great anger.

**Synonyms:** angry, furious, infuriated

**Antonyms:** calm, delighted, pleased

**Sentence:** We have received some irate phone calls from customers.

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