

# VOCABULARY

## 1. POLTROONERY (NOUN): कायरता

**Pronunciation:** pahl-TROO-nuh-ree

**Meaning:** a shameful lack of courage in the face of danger.

**Synonyms:** fearfulness, cowardice, cravenness

**Antonyms:** bravery, courage, daring

**Sentence:** Decried the *poltroonery* of those politicians who caved in to pressure from the special interests.

## 2. FOMENT (VERB): भड़काना

**Pronunciation:** fuh•ment

**Meaning:** instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

**Synonyms:** provoke, incite, Instigate

**Antonyms:** calm, cease, depress, constrain

**Sentence:** Despite popular beliefs, the police are here to keep people calm, not to *foment* violence.

## 3. ACQUITTED (VERB): निर्दोष साबित होना

**Pronunciation:** uh•kvi•tuhd

**Meaning:** persons who have been declared not guilty of a crime.

**Synonyms:** exonerated, Cleared, Vindicated

**Antonyms:** guilty, Convicted, Condemned

**Sentence:** None of the *acquitted* received any kind of compensation or redress.

## 4. ELAPSED (VERB): व्यतीत होना

**Pronunciation:** uh•lapst

**Meaning:** pass, go by.

**Synonyms:** ended, Finished, Expired

**Antonyms:** Started, Beginning, Remaining

**Sentence:** Thirty minutes *elapsed* before the performance began.

## 5. PRUDENCE (NOUN): सावधानी

**Pronunciation:** proo•dns

**Meaning:** behavior that is careful and avoids risks.

**Synonyms:** caution, circumspection, Carefulness

**Antonyms:** recklessness, Rashness, carelessness

**Sentence:** The captain said we ought to shorten sail anyway, out of common *prudence*.

## 6. IRIDESCENT (ADJECTIVE): रंग-बिरंग

**Pronunciation:** i•ruh•deh•snt

**Meaning:** showing luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles.

**Synonyms:** shimmery, glittering, colorful

**Antonyms:** dull, Colorless, Matte

**Sentence:** Her latest fashion collection features shimmering *iridescent* materials.

## 7. PESTILENT (ADJECTIVE): विनाशकारी

**Pronunciation:** peh•stuh•luhnt

**Meaning:** likely to cause or capable of causing death.

**Synonyms:** lethal, deadly, harmful

**Antonyms:** salubrious, beneficial, Healthful

**Sentence:** Smallpox is a *pestilent* disease.

## 8. CORPUS (NOUN): संग्रह

**Pronunciation:** kaw•puhs

**Meaning:** a collection of written texts, especially the entire works of a particular author or a body of writing on a particular subject.

**Synonyms:** collection, compilation, body

**Antonyms:** part, unabridgement, dispersal

**Sentence:** I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is probably the most well-known work among the *corpus* of poems.

## 9. TANTAMOUNT (ADJECTIVE): बराबर

**Pronunciation:** tan•tuh•mawnt

**Meaning:** equivalent in value, significance.

**Synonyms:** commensurate, Identical, Equivalent

**Antonyms:** different, Opposite, Unequal

**Sentence:** His statement was *tantamount* to an admission of guilt.

## 10. BODE (VERB): भविष्य-कथन

**Pronunciation:** bode

**Meaning:** to be a sign of something good or bad for the future.

**Synonyms:** augur, Presage, Foretell

**Antonyms:** Contradict, Oppose, Counteract

**Sentence:** They have a very good relationship and it *bodes* well.