

VOCABULARY

1. GRIEVOUS (ADJECTIVE): क्षतिकर

Pronunciation: greev•uhs

Meaning: (of something bad) very severe or serious.

Synonyms: serious, severe, grave

Antonyms: gratifying, pleasing, comfortable

Sentence: The loss of his father was a *grievous* blow.

2. PERSECUTE (VERB): सताना

Pronunciation: puh•suh•kyoot

Meaning: subject (someone) to hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of their race.

Synonyms: oppress, abuse, victimize

Antonyms: comfort, console, assist

Sentence: His followers were *persecuted* by the authorities.

3. DYNAMISM (NOUN): गतिशीलता

Pronunciation: dai•nuh•mi•zm

Meaning: the quality of being characterized by vigorous activity and progress.

Synonyms: energy, vibrancy, spirit

Antonyms: sluggishness, lethargy, torpidity

Sentence: Such changes are indicators of economic *dynamism*.

4. OBSTREPEROUS (ADJECTIVE): प्रचंड

Pronunciation: uhb•streh•puh•ruhs

Meaning: noisy and difficult to control.

Synonyms: unruly, unmanageable, disorderly

Antonyms: noiseless, quiet, silent

Sentence: He becomes *obstreperous* when he's had a few drinks.

5. AEGIS (NOUN): संरक्षण

Pronunciation: ee•juhs

Meaning: the protection, backing, or support of a particular person or organization.

Synonyms: patronage, protection, shelter

Antonyms: assault, attack, offense

Sentence: The space programme will continue under the *aegis* of the armed forces.

6. SLY (ADJECTIVE):धूर्त

Pronunciation: sli

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.

7. LICIT (ADJECTIVE):जायज

Pronunciation: li•suht

Meaning: not forbidden; lawful.

Synonyms: legitimate, permissible, admissible

Antonyms: illegal, illegitimate, illicit

Sentence: She made some money by *licit* means.

8. FLACCID (ADJECTIVE):नरम

Pronunciation: fla•suhd

Meaning: not stiff in structure.

Synonyms: soft, loose, flabby

Antonyms: rigid, stiff, inflexible

Sentence: Paralyzed muscles lost tone and became *flaccid*

9. AFFLICT (VERB):पीड़ादेना

Pronunciation: uh•flikt

Meaning: (of a problem or illness) cause pain or suffering to; affect or trouble.

Synonyms: trouble, bother, burden

Antonyms: help, assist, aid

Sentence: Famine and war still *afflict* mankind.

10. QUALM (NOUN):संदेह

Pronunciation: kvaam

Meaning: an uneasy feeling of doubt, worry, or fear, especially about one's own conduct; a misgiving.

Synonyms: misgiving, doubt, hesitancy

Antonyms: certainty, assurance, conviction

Sentence: He felt no *qualms* about borrowing money from friends.