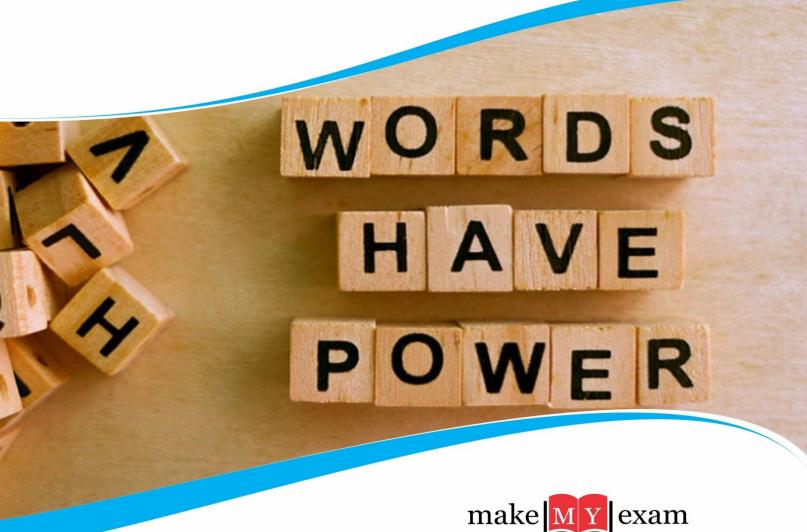




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1. TENTATIVE (adjective) – प्रयोगात्मक

Pronunciation: ten·tuh·tuhv

Meaning: not certain or fixed; provisional

Synonyms: provisional, unconfirmed, unsettled, indefinite, preliminary, speculative,

conjectural

Antonyms: definite, certain

Usage: We have made a tentative plan for the vacation but haven't really decided yet.

2. DIFFIDENT (adjective) - शर्मीला, शंकाशील

Pronunciation: di-fuh-dnt

Meaning: modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence

Synonyms: shy, bashful, modest, unpresuming, humble, uncertain, hesitant

Antonyms: confident, conceited

Usage: He was diffident about his own success.

3. AFFABLE (adjective) - मिलनसार

Pronunciation: a·fuh·bl

Meaning: friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to

Synonyms: friendly, congenial, cordial, warm, pleasant, nice, likeable

Antonyms: unfriendly, prickly

Usage: Murray was an affable, free-spirited man.

4. MUSTY (adjective) – बासी, दुर्गन्धित

Pronunciation: muh·stee

Meaning: having a stale, moldy, or damp smell

Synonyms: moldy, generous, charitable, benevolent, beneficent, kind, munificent

Antonyms: fresh, fragrant

Usage: The <u>musty</u> odor of the wet towel made the bathroom smell unpleasant.

5. ABEYANCE (noun) – निलम्बन

Pronunciation: uh·bei·uhns

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Meaning: a state of temporary disuse or suspension

Synonyms: suspension, reserve, pending, unattended, unfinished, adjourn

Antonyms: resume, continue

Usage: The decision is in <u>abeyance</u> until the returns from holiday.

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6. ARBITRARY (adjective) – मनमाना

Pronunciation: aa·buh·truh·ree

Meaning: based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system **Synonyms**: capricious, whimsical, random, chance, erratic, unreasoned, irrational, illogical

Antonym: rational, reasoned

Usage: He made an <u>arbitrary</u> decision to take the car.

7. SURLY (adjective) – असभ्य

Pronunciation: suh·lee

Meaning: bad-tempered and unfriendly

Synonyms: ill-natured, grumpy, glum, crotchety, prickly, irascible, testy

Antonyms: friendly, pleasant

Usage: He became surly and rude towards me.

8. INCORRIGBLE (adjective) – असंशोधनीय

Pronunciation: uhn·ko·ruh·juh·bl

Meaning: not able to be changed or reformed

Synonyms: inveterate, habitual, confirmed, hardened, incurable, unreformable

Antonyms: occasional, repentant

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Usage: Even after therapy, the <u>incorrigible</u> child continues to misbehave.

9. ITINERANT (adjective) - भ्रमणकारी

Pronunciation: uh·ti·nuh·ruhnt

Meaning: travelling from place to place

Synonyms: travelling, peripatetic, wandering, roving, roaming, touring, nomadic, migrant

Antonyms: sedentary, settled

Usage: Stan is an <u>itinerant</u> farm worker who follows the crops.

10. KNAVE (noun) – धूर्त

Pronunciation: neiv

Meaning: a dishonest or unscrupulous man

Synonyms: scoundrel, rogue, villain, rascal, wretch, reprobate, scapegrace

Antonym: innocent, gentleman

Usage: Jason is a knave who will not hesitate to steal money from his family members.



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