

VOCABULARY

1. SCHISM (NOUN): फूट

Pronunciation: ski•zm

Meaning: a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.

Synonyms: discord, strife, discordance

Antonyms: harmony, peace, concord

Sentence: Schism within the charitable organization was preventing it from achieving its goals.

2. COMMONALITY (NOUN): समानता

Pronunciation: kaw•muhn•a•luh•tee

Meaning: a point which two or more things share in common.

Synonyms: similarity, resemblance, parallel

Antonyms: difference, dissimilarity, discrepancy

Sentence: We don't have the same commonality of interest.

3. CLEMENCY (NOUN): दया

Pronunciation: kleh•muhn•see

Meaning: compassionate treatment especially towards someone who is undeserving of it.

Synonyms: mercy, leniency, sympathy

Antonyms: vengeance, revenge, retribution

Sentence: The judge chose to show clemency to the truly repentant embezzler.

4. SCAPEGOAT (NOUN): बलि का बकरा

Pronunciation: skayp•gote

Meaning: a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency.

Synonyms: victim, whipping boy, fall guy

Antonyms: aggressor, attacker, assailant.

Sentence: He has been made a scapegoat for the company's failures.

5. SMEAR (VERB): बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: smeeuh

Meaning: damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations; slander.

Synonyms: libel, slander, defame

Antonyms: honor, exalt, glorify

Sentence: He is willing to smear his opponent if doing so would win the election.

6. ENCUMBRANCE (NOUN): बाधा

Pronunciation: uhn•kuhm•bruhns

Meaning: something that makes movement or progress difficult.

Synonyms: obstacle, hurdle, hindrance

Antonyms: advantage, impetus, benefit

Sentence: I felt I was being an encumbrance to them.

7. TRAVAIL (NOUN): कड़ा परिश्रम

Pronunciation: tra•vayl

Meaning: painful or laborious effort.

Synonyms: toil, labor, effort

Antonyms: rest, leisure, relaxation

Sentence: He gained the medal through his painful travail.

8. HINTERLAND (NOUN): आंतरिक इलाके

Pronunciation: hin•tuh•land

Meaning: a rural region that forms the edge of the settled or developed part of a country.

Synonyms: countryside, outlands

Antonyms: metropolis, urban centre.

Sentence: A century ago, eastern Germany was an agricultural hinterland.

9. CUE (NOUN): संकेत

Pronunciation: Kyoo

Meaning: thing said or done that serves as a signal; as in clue.

Synonyms: clue, indication, hint

Antonyms: drift, counterincentive, contraindication.

Sentence: The actor missed his cue and came onto the stage late.

10. MENDACITY (NOUN): असत्य

Pronunciation: men•da•suh•tee

Meaning: a statement known by its maker to be untrue and made in order to deceive.

Synonyms: lie, untruth, falsity

Antonyms: truth, veracity, honesty

Sentence: We demand legal warfare on deliberate political mendacity and its dissemination in the press.