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1. INADVERTENT (adjective) – असावधानीवश हुआ

Pronunciation: in·uhd·vuh·tnt

Meaning: not intentional

Synonyms: unintentional, unintended, accidental, unplanned, unmeant, innocent

Antonyms: deliberate, intentional, planned

Usage: I wonder how many inadvertent inventions were developed in the process of trying to discover something totally different.

2. BUBBLY (adjective) – उत्साहित

Pronunciation: buh·blee

Meaning: full of or showing high spirits

Synonyms: vivacious, energetic, lively, ebullient, peppy, animated, spirited

Antonyms: dull, listless, tired

Usage: She had a bright and bubbly personality.

3. DROWSINESS (noun) – सुस्ती

Pronunciation: draw·zee·nuhs

Meaning: a very sleepy state

Synonyms: fatigue, laziness, lethargy, somnolence, tiredness

Antonyms: activity, energy, liveliness

Usage: Pills for seasickness often induce drowsiness.

4. OUTLAWED (adjective) – प्रतिबंधित

Pronunciation: awt·lawd

Meaning: banned or made illegal

Synonyms: banned, prohibited, forbidden, proscribed, taboo

Antonyms: allowed, authorized, permitted

Usage: Gambling was outlawed in 1975.

5. BACKER (noun) – प्रायोजक

Pronunciation: ba·kuh

Meaning: a supporter or follower

Synonyms: sponsor, investor, supporter, promoter, follower

Antonyms: antagonist, enemy, opposer

Usage: With no backer to offer financial support, the restaurant was forced to shut down last Friday.

6. DEROGATORY (adjective) – अपमानजनक

Pronunciation: duh·ro·guh·tuh·ree

Meaning: showing a critical or disrespectful attitude

Synonyms: disparaging, offensive, defamatory, degrading, disrespectful, critical, insulting

Antonyms: complimentary, flattering, appreciative

Usage: She refused to withdraw derogatory remarks made about her boss.

7. INGENUOUS (adjective) – सरल, निष्कपट

Pronunciation: uhn·jeh·nyoo·uhs

Meaning: innocent or naive

Synonyms: honest, trustful, innocent, naive, simple, straightforward, sincere

Antonyms: deceitful, dishonest, sly

Usage: Jessica's ingenuous nature made her an easy target for the con man.

8. ADMONISH (verb) – डाँटना

Pronunciation: uhd·mo·nuhsh

Meaning: warn or reprimand someone firmly

Synonyms: reprimand, rebuke, scold, reprove, upbraid, warn, criticize

Antonyms: compliment, praise, commend

Usage: The teacher had to admonish the student who talked out of turn during the lesson.

9. QUIRK (noun) – विचित्र व्यवहार

Pronunciation: kwuhk

Meaning: an odd behavior

Synonyms: peculiarity, oddity, eccentricity, foible, whim

Antonyms: normality, usualness, inability

Usage: Janice has this irritating quirk of rolling her eyes whenever she speaks.

10. RECTIFY (verb) – सुधारना, ठीक करना

Pronunciation: rek·tuh·fai

Meaning: to correct an issue

Synonyms: correct, amend, fix, debug, repair, troubleshoot

Antonyms: ruin, worsen, damage

Usage: The software engineers worked quickly to rectify the bug that was deleting user accounts.

11.ANTITHESIS (noun) – विलोम

Pronunciation: an•ti•thuh•suhs

Meaning: a person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else

Synonyms: converse, reverse, reversal, inverse, obverse

Antonyms: identity, sameness, coalescence

Usage: Slavery is the antithesis of freedom.

12.APPREHENSION (noun) – डर, शंका

Pronunciation: a•pruh•hen•shn

Meaning: anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen

Synonyms: anxiety, worry, restlessness, panic, dread, fear, shock, horror

Antonyms: inapprehension, confidence

Usage: She felt a shiver of apprehension.

13. RECUPERATE (verb) – स्वस्थ हो जाना

Pronunciation: ruh•koo•puh•reit

Meaning: recover from illness or exertion

Synonyms: recover, convalesce, improve, revive, pull through

Antonyms: devolve, drop, degenerate, deteriorate

Usage: The patient did not recuperate as rapidly as the doctor had expected.

14. COURTESY (noun) – शिष्टाचार

Pronunciation: kuh•tuh•see

Meaning: the showing of politeness in one's attitude and behaviour towards others

Synonyms: politeness, civility, respect, chivalry, gentility

Antonyms: discourtesy, rudeness

Usage: He did not have the common courtesy to ask permission.

15. RENOUNCE (verb) – त्याग

Pronunciation: ruh•nawns

Meaning: formally declare one's abandonment of a claim, right, or possession

Synonyms: reject, repudiate, give up, relinquish, abandon, resign

Antonyms: accept, assert, reassert

Usage: If the prince chooses to renounce his throne, he will not be king when his father dies.

16. HUMBUG (noun) – छल-कपट

Pronunciation: huhm•buhg

Meaning: deceptive actions or words

Synonyms: hypocrisy, deceit, dishonesty, falsity, sham, deception, trickery

Antonyms: honesty, truthfulness

Usage: Because the voters were not fooled by the politician's humbug, they gave their support to his opponent.

17. DELVE (verb) – खोजना

Pronunciation: delv

Meaning: to search thoroughly and carefully

Synonyms: inquire, explore, investigate, search, examine

Antonyms: find, ignore, neglect

Usage: We need to delve more deeply into this matter.



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18. ACCOLADE (noun) – सम्मान

Pronunciation: a•kuh•leid

Meaning: an award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit

Synonyms: honor, recognition, privilege, award, title, prize

Antonyms: discouragement, disapprobation

Usage: The Nobel Prize has become the ultimate accolade in the sciences.

19. VISCOUS (adjective) – चिपचिपा

Pronunciation: vi•skuhs

Meaning: having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; having a high viscosity

Synonyms: sticky, gummy, gluey, adhesive, tacky, adhering, viscid

Antonyms: dry, unsticky, watery

Usage: Because honey is a viscous substance, it takes a great deal of work to remove it from a jar.

20. BEHEST (noun) – आज्ञा

Pronunciation: buh•hest

Meaning: a person's orders or command

Synonyms: mandate, command, order, instruction, injunction, edict

Antonyms: permit, allow, question

Usage: They arrested him at the King's behest.

21. GLOBALIZATION (noun) – वैश्वीकरण

Pronunciation: glow•buh•lai•zei•shn

Meaning: growth to a global or worldwide scale

Synonyms: proliferation, development, extension, growth, maturation

Antonyms: nationalization

Usage: International exposure on YouTube helped the budding business make a move towards globalization.

22. ACCUSATION (noun) – आरोप

Pronunciation: a•kyoo•zei•shn

Meaning: charge of wrongdoing

Synonyms: allegation, charge, claim, complaint, denunciation

Antonyms: exculpation, acquittal, vindication

Usage: The theft accusation ruined the banker's reputation even though he hadn't actually stolen the money.

23. PALAVER (verb) – बकवास

Pronunciation: puh•laa•vuh

Meaning: talk unproductively and at length

Synonyms: chatter, gossip, prattle, prate, babble, gabble, jabber

Antonyms: quiet, silence

Usage: We don't want all that palaver, do we?

24. SWELTER (verb) – झुलसना

Pronunciation: swel•tuh

Meaning: be uncomfortably hot

Synonyms: stifling, suffocating, humid, oppressive, tropical, burning, roasting

Antonyms: cold, freeze, chill

Usage: Barney sweltered in his doorman's uniform.

25.SANE (adjective) – समझदार

Pronunciation: sein

Meaning: mentally sound

Synonyms: sensible, intelligent, logical, wise, responsible, realistic, prudent

Antonyms: foolish, stupid, insane

Usage: I don't think a sane person would drive as dangerously as he did.

26.HIDEBOUND (adjective) – संकीर्णमना

Pronunciation: haid•bawnd

Meaning: stubbornly conservative and narrow-minded

Synonyms: conservative, reactionary, conventional, orthodox, intolerant

Antonyms: liberal, progressive, reformist

Usage: Because Jenet's father is hidebound, he does not believe in interracial marriage.

27.RESILIENT (adjective) – लचीला

Pronunciation: ruh•zi•lee•uhnt

Meaning: able to rebound quickly

Synonyms: adaptable, flexible, elastic, springy, rubbery, durable

Antonyms: inflexible, rigid, fragile

Usage: Rubber is more resilient than wood.

28.SWIFTNESS (noun) – तेज़ी, स्फूर्ति

Pronunciation: swift•nuhs

Meaning: the quality of moving at high speed

Synonyms: quickness, rapidity, celerity, fastness, briskness

Antonyms: slowness

Usage: A Cheetah has great swiftness for hunting its prey.

29.ENGROSS (verb) – तल्लीन करना

Pronunciation: uhn•grows

Meaning: to completely capture attention or focus

Synonyms: preoccupy, absorb, engage, captivate, enrapture, enthrall, fascinate, immerse

Antonyms: bore, inattentive, repel

Usage: The web series makes a thriller that will engross you to the last episode.

30.PARADOX (noun) – विरोधाभास

Pronunciation: pa•ruh•doks

Meaning: a statement that contradicts itself

Synonyms: contradiction, incongruity, anomaly, conflict, absurdity, oddity, enigma

Antonyms: usualness, normality, regularity

Usage: It's a paradox that in such a rich country there can be so much poverty.

31.ENMITY (noun) – शत्रुता

Pronunciation: en•muh•tee

Meaning: a feeling of strong dislike or opposition

Synonyms: hatred, hostility, caversion, antipathy, bitterness, dislike, hate

Antonyms: friendship, liking, sympathy

Usage: A part of healing is letting go of the enmity you feel towards people who have wronged you in the past.

32.FETTER (verb) – जंजीर में बांधना

Pronunciation: feh•tuh

Meaning: restrain with shackles

Synonyms: bind, chain, clog, confine, restrict, repress, hinder

Antonyms: free, liberate, release

Usage: There were no chains immediately available to fetter the prisoners.

33.TERSE (adjective) – संक्षिप्त

Pronunciation: tuhs

Meaning: sparing in the use of words

Synonyms: curt, brusque, abrupt, clipped, blunt, gruff, short

Antonyms: verbose, rambling

Usage: Although Phillip is known for making long speeches, this speech was incredibly terse.

34.PRONE (adjective) – औंधा

Pronunciation: prawn

Meaning: lying flat, especially face downwards

Synonyms: prostrate, procumbent, decumbent, flat, horizontal

Antonyms: upright, supine, straight

Usage: He was lying prone on a foam mattress.

35.GLANCE (verb) – झलक

Pronunciation: glaans

Meaning: take a brief or hurried look

Synonyms: peek, peep, glimpse, keek, squiz

Antonyms: gaze, scrutinize

Usage: The driver gave a glance back as he moved into the passing lane.

36.PERJURY (noun) – झूठी गवाही

Pronunciation: puh•juh•ree

Meaning: lying while under oath

Synonyms: deception, dishonesty, falsehood, falsification, deceitfulness

Antonyms: frankness, honesty, truthfulness

Usage: Gabriel knew he would be accused of perjury if he told anything other than the truth in court.

37. JUMBLE (noun) – अस्तव्यस्तता

Pronunciation: juhm•bl

Meaning: a typically messy pile of things

Synonyms: hodgepodge, tangle, clutter, muddle, mess, confusion, disarray


Antonyms: arrangement, order, organization

Usage: He rummaged through the jumble of papers on his desk.

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38.SOLVENT (adjective) – ऋण चुकाने योग्य

Pronunciation: sol•vnt

Meaning: able to pay all financial obligations

Synonyms: creditworthy, stable, firm, solid, ungeared

Antonyms: insolvent, indebted, bound

Usage: The company managed to remain solvent during the recession.

39. PROPITIOUS (adjective) – अनुकूल**Pronunciation:** pruh•pi•shuhs**Meaning:** presenting favorable circumstances**Synonyms:** favorable, advantageous, beneficial, auspicious, promising, prosperous, fortunate**Antonyms:** inauspicious, unfortunate, unfavorable**Usage:** The wrestler waited for a propitious moment to attack his opponent.**40. ASSIDUOUS (adjective) – परिश्रमी****Pronunciation:** uh•si•joo•uhs**Meaning:** showing great care and perseverance**Synonyms:** diligent, careful, meticulous, thorough, sedulous, attentive, industrious**Antonyms:** lazy, inactive, sleepy**Usage:** With an assiduous attitude, we will finish this project.**41. ALTRUISTIC (adjective) – परोपकारी****Pronunciation:** al•troo•i•stuhk**Meaning:** sincerely concerned about the well being of others**Synonyms:** unselfish, selfless, considerate, compassionate, kind, decent, noble**Antonyms:** selfish, inconsiderate, greedy**Usage:** The billionaire is an altruistic man who gives away millions of dollars every year to various charities.**42. LOOM (verb) – पास ही मंडराना****Pronunciation:** loom**Meaning:** to threaten or hang over**Synonyms:** emerge, appear, dominate, hover, mount, threaten, approach**Antonyms:** descend, leave, abandon**Usage:** When the storm begins to loom over the horizon, we will head back to the car.**43. VIGOROUS (adjective) – जोरदार, बलवान****Pronunciation:** vi•guh•ruhs**Meaning:** active and strong in a physical sense**Synonyms:** healthy, strong, sturdy, fine, fit, tough, athletic**Antonyms:** frail, weak, feeble**Usage:** The rough mountain hike wore out even the vigorous athletes in the group.**44. DECRY (verb) – दोष देना, निंदा करना****Pronunciation:** di-krai

Meaning: publicly declare to be wrong or evil

Synonyms: denounce, condemn, criticize, censure

Antonyms: admire, praise, overrate

Usage: After the immigration bill was passed, the racist groups started to decry the features of the act.

45.ALLIANCE (noun) – संधि

Pronunciation: alai-uns

Meaning: a union or association formed for mutual benefit

Synonyms: association, union, league, treaty, affinity

Antonyms: distance, separation

Usage: In order to protect their borders, the two countries formed an alliance.

46.ABATE (verb) – रोक-थाम करना, कम करना

Pronunciation: ab-eit

Meaning: become make something less intense

Synonyms: subside, lessen, decrease, moderate, diminish, reduce, lower

Antonyms: intensify, increase

Usage: What I need are skills to abate my reactions to her anger.

47.CONSCIENTIOUS (adjective) – कर्तव्यनिष्ठ

Pronunciation: kon-shi-en-shus

Meaning: wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly

Synonyms: diligent, industrious, punctilious, painstaking, dedicated, careful, meticulous

Antonym: careless, irresponsible

Usage: She was conscientious with regard to her duties as examiner.

48.ADEPT (adjective, noun) – निपुण, दक्ष

Pronunciation: adept

Meaning: very skilled or proficient at something

Synonyms: expert, proficient, skilful, talented; expert, master, genius, virtuoso

Antonyms: inept, mediocre, amateur

Usage: Mark is an adept juggler who can easily manager four balls in the air without dropping any of them.

49.SEDENTARY (adjective) – गतिहीन, सुस्त

Pronunciation: seh•duhn•tree

Meaning: tending to spend much time seated

Synonyms: sitting, seated, inactive, motionless, lazy, sluggish

Antonyms: active, mobile

Usage: Many people become obese by overeating and living a sedentary life.

50.CANDID (adjective) – खरा, सच्चा

Pronunciation: kan•duhd

Meaning: truthful and straightforward

Synonyms: frank, outspoken, forthright, blunt, open, honest, truthful

Antonyms: secretive, guarded, insincere

Usage: The book reviewer had no trouble giving his candid review of the awful novel.

51.ABORTIVE (adjective) - निष्फल

Pronunciation: abo•tiv

Meaning: failing to produce the intended result

Synonyms: failed, unsuccessful, ineffective, vain, thwarted, useless, worthless

Antonyms: successful, fruitful, profitable

Usage: The surgery was abortive and did not repair the damage to the man's heart.

52.PEDANTIC (adjective) - पूर्ण सावधान

Pronunciation: pi•dan•tik

Meaning: excessively concerned with minor details or rules

Synonyms: scrupulous, perfectionist, precisionist, punctilious, meticulous

Antonyms: imprecise, inaccurate

Usage: As a grammar teacher, it is hard for me to not review everything with a pedantic eye.

53.CHARY (adjective) – सतर्क

Pronunciation: cheuh•ree

Meaning: characterized by great cautious and wariness

Synonyms: wary, careful, cautious, circumspect, heedful, careful, guarded

Antonym: careless, hasty, incautious

Usage: You should be chary of investing any money in such a risky venture.

54 QUIZZICAL (adjective) - उलझन में डालने वाला

Pronunciation: kwi•zuh•kl

Meaning: indicating mild or amused puzzlement

Synonyms: puzzled, perplexed, baffled, questioning, inquiring

Antonyms: certain, understanding

Usage: She gave me a quizzical look.

55. PEEVISH (adjective) – झगड़ालू, फ़साद-पसंद**Pronunciation:** pee·vish**Meaning:** easily irritated or annoyed**Synonyms:** irritable, irascible, fractious, fretful, cross, petulant**Antonyms:** accepting, friendly, happy**Usage:** Because John is peevish and never satisfied with anything, he finds it hard to make friends.**56. ASCETIC (adjective) – संयमी****Pronunciation:** uh·seh·tuhk**Meaning:** leading a life of self-denial**Synonyms:** austere, abstinent, abstemious, frugal, simple, rigorous, strict**Antonyms:** sybaritic, luxurious, extravagant**Usage:** The minister encouraged his church members to pursue ascetic lives without earthly pleasures.**57. CRONY (noun) - घनिष्ठ मित्र****Pronunciation:** kro·ni**Meaning:** a close friend or companion**Synonyms:** friend, buddy, companion, pal, chum**Antonyms:** enemy, foe, opponent**Usage:** The old man and his crony drink in the bar all day.**58. LAVISH (adjective, verb) – प्रचुर****Pronunciation:** lav·ish**Meaning:** luxurious or elegant**Synonyms:** sumptuous, luxurious, luxuriant, lush, gorgeous, costly, opulent**Antonyms:** economical, reasonable**Usage:** It was one of the most lavish weddings I have ever been to.**59. TEMPESTUOUS (adjective) – प्रचण्ड****Pronunciation:** tem·pes·chyu·us**Meaning:** characterized by strong and unstable emotion**Synonyms:** turbulent, stormy, tumultuous, violent, wild**Antonyms:** peaceful, placid, calm**Usage:** He is in a tempestuous mood.**60. FRAUGHT (adjective) – भरा हुआ****Pronunciation:** frawt

Meaning: full of

Synonyms: filled, laden, stuffed, charged, replete

Antonym: empty

Usage: The journey was fraught with difficulties.

61. MAUDLIN (adjective) – भावुक

Pronunciation: mawd·luhn

Meaning: self-pityingly or tearfully sentimental

Synonyms: sentimental, emotional, overemotional, tearful, lachrymose, weepy

Antonyms: austere, undemonstrative, unemotional

Usage: We saw a maudlin movie about an orphan who lost his parents in the war.

62. INHERENT (adjective) – अंतर्निहित, स्वाभाविक

Pronunciation: uhn·heh·ruhnt

Meaning: existing as an essential constituent or characteristic

Synonyms: intrinsic, innate, immanent, inborn, ingrained, essential, natural

Antonyms: acquired, alien

Usage: Even as a youngster, Janice showed she had an inherent talent to be a great actor.

63. BRITTLE (adjective) - नाज़ुक

Pronunciation: bri·tl

Meaning: easy to break

Synonyms: breakable, fragile, frail, delicate, crisp, rigid

Antonyms: flexible, resilient, durable

Usage: The boy was able to break the brittle log by stepping on it.

64. UNFETTERED (adjective) – निरंकुश

Pronunciation: uhn·feh·tuhd

Meaning: not confined or restricted

Synonyms: unrestrained, unrestricted, unconstrained, free, unbridled, untrammelled, unchecked

Antonyms: restricted, fettered, confined

Usage: Illegal drug sales go unfettered under the ignorant eyes of the crooked sheriff.

65. PROBITY (noun) – ईमानदारी

Pronunciation: prow·buh·tee

Meaning: the quality of a person who is completely honest

Synonyms: honesty, integrity, morality, rectitude, sincerity, righteousness

Antonyms: corruption, dishonesty, unfairness

Usage: Because Jared was known as a person of probity, people were not afraid to trust him with their money.

66.PERUSAL (noun) - अध्ययन, अवलोकन

Pronunciation: puh·roo·zl

Meaning: the action of reading or examining something

Synonyms: study, reading, scrutiny, inspection, examination, scanning, review

Antonyms: ignorance, neglect

Usage: The perusal of the Indian classics was at once my exercise and reward.

67.FREAKY (adjective) – असामान्य

Pronunciation: free·kee

Meaning: grossly unconventional or unusual

Synonyms: bizarre, grotesque, odd, outlandish, strange, weird, peculiar

Antonyms: common, familiar, normal

Usage: The movie was really freaky.

68.MINIMAL (adjective) - न्यूनतम

Pronunciation: mini·mul

Meaning: of a minimum amount, quantity, or degree

Synonyms: minimum, lightest, least, nominal, negligible

Antonyms: maximal, most, maximum

Usage: The aircraft suffered minimal damage.

69.SANITIZE (verb) – स्वच्छ करना

Pronunciation: sani·taiz

Meaning: make clean and hygienic

Synonyms: sterilize, disinfect, clean, cleanse, purify

Antonyms: adulterate, contaminate, pollute

Usage: Healthcare professionals have to sanitize their hands multiple times during the day.

70.HUMANITARIAN (adjective) – मानवीय

Pronunciation: hyoo·ma·nuh·teuh·ree·uhn

Meaning: concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare

Synonyms: compassionate, humane, unselfish, altruistic, generous, magnanimous, benevolent

Antonyms: selfish, egocentric, unsympathetic

Usage: He was a humanitarian whose focus was eliminating homelessness.



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