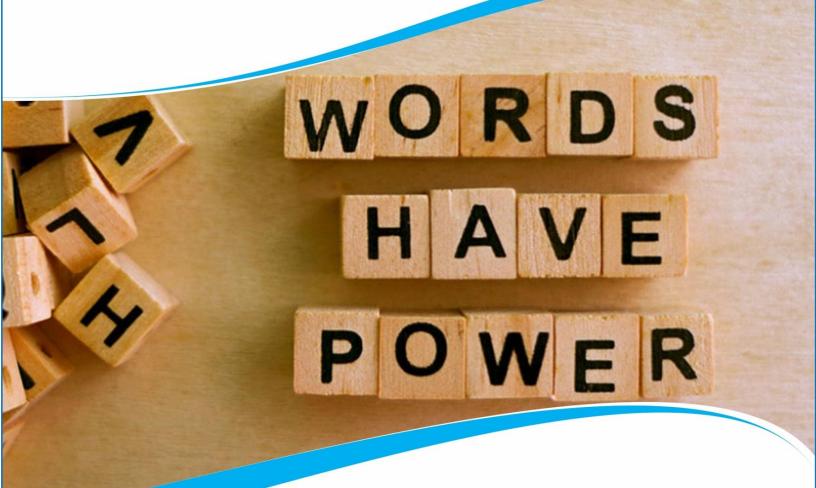




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Happy learning!!!

1. BLIGHTED (NOUN): हानि पह्ंचाना

Pronunciation: blite.uhd

Meaning: to spoil or damage something, especially by causing a lot of

problems.

Synonyms: stunted, dormant, sparse

Antonyms: lush, rank, lavish

Sentence: Rice prices are soaring because drought has blighted the Basmati

crop.

2. APLOMB (NOUN): अभिमान

Pronunciation: uh.plawm

Meaning: self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding

situation.

Synonyms: composure, calmness, poise

Antonyms: agitation, concern, care

Sentence: Despite the heartache James must be feeling, he's still dancing with

aplomb.

3. PALTRY (ADJECTIVE): त्च्छ

Pronunciation: pawl.tree

Meaning: too small to be considered important or useful.

Synonyms: pitiful, lame, dirty

Antonyms: admirable, noble, honorable

Sentence: This paltry bit extra will soon be used up once the council tax bill

arrives.

4. PARAGON (NOUN): प्रतिद्वंद्वी

Pronunciation: pa.ruh.gn

Meaning: a perfect person; an ideal example of a particular good quality.

Synonyms: model, idea, ideal

Antonyms: flaw, worst, imperfection

Sentence: she's held up as a paragon of honesty.

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5. CALUMNY (NOUN) : चुगली

Pronunciation: ka.luhm.nee

Meaning: a false statement made about somebody in order to damage their

reputation

Synonyms: defaming, slander, abuse **Antonyms:** praise, acclaim, respect

Sentence: That's her privilege, but I shan't forget the calumny in a hurry.

6. CHIMERA (NOUN) : कल्पना

Pronunciation: kai.meeuh.ruh

Meaning: a thing which is hoped for but is illusory or impossible to achieve.

Synonyms: illusion, dream, vision **Antonyms**: fact, reality, actuality

Sentence: Professionals invariably dominate such bodies, making consensus a

chimera.

7. SACCHARINE (ADJECTIVE): शक्कर संबन्धी

Pronunciation: sa.kuh.reen

Meaning: excessively sweet or sentimental.

Synonyms: sloppy, sappy, wet

Antonyms: cynical

Sentence: She has a saccharine smile on her face and her voice is sickly

sweet.

8. JOVIAL (ADJECTIVE): उल्लासपूर्ण

Pronunciation: joh.vee.uhl

Meaning: (used about a person) happy and friendly.

Synonyms: jolly, jocular, witty **Antonyms:** sad, unhappy, glum

Sentence: she was in a jovial mood.

9. ALLEVIATE (VERB) : धीमा करना

Pronunciation: Uh.lee.vee.ayt

Meaning: to make something less strong or bad.

Synonyms: relieve, help, soften Antonyms: hurt, impair, injure

Sentence: measures to alleviate unemployment.

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10. IMCOMPATIBLE (ADJECTIVE): असंगत

Pronunciation: in.kuhm.pa.tuh.bl

Meaning: very different and therefore not able to live or work happily with

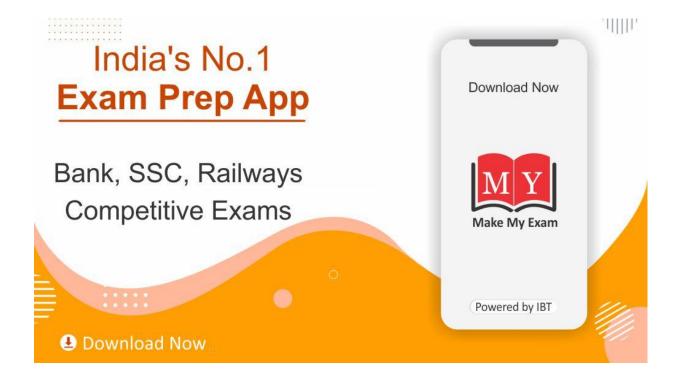
somebody or exist with something.

Synonyms: conflicting, clashing, at odds

Antonyms: agreeing, concordant, consonant

Sentence: This consistent approach would by no means be incompatible with

the current system.



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