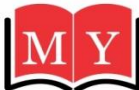


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1. CONTAMINATION (noun) – मलिनता

Pronunciation: kuhn·ta·muh·nei·shn

Meaning: including unwanted substances or factors

Synonyms: contagion, impurity, pollution, corruption, disease, epidemic, infection

Antonyms: cleanliness, purification, sterility

Usage: Water samples taken from streams were analyzed for contamination by chemicals.

2. RANDOM (adjective) – अनियमित, क्रमरहित

Pronunciation: ran·dm

Meaning: without method or conscious decision

Synonyms: accidental, aimless, arbitrary, incidental, indiscriminate, irregular, odd, unplanned

Antonyms: methodical, planned, systematic

Usage: To fairly choose the winner, the store owner pulled a random slip out of a hat full of numbered papers.

3. BURGEON (verb) – तेजी से बढ़ना

Pronunciation: buh·jn

Meaning: begin to grow or increase rapidly

Synonyms: expand, swell, explode, boom, proliferate, flourish, thrive, prosper

Antonyms: shrink, contract, diminish

Usage: The actor hopes the use of social media will burgeon his popularity.

4. BLAND (adjective) – नरम

Pronunciation: bland

Meaning: showing no strong emotion

Synonyms: temperate, mild, soft, calm, balmy, soothing, benign

Antonyms: violent, destructive, caustic

Usage: His expression was bland and unreadable.

5. LEVITY (noun) – चंचलता

Pronunciation: leh·vuh·tee

Meaning: a lack of seriousness

Synonyms: vivacity, frivolity, liveliness, conviviality, cheerfulness, humor, amusement

Antonyms: seriousness, gravity, depression

Usage: Karen's parents were serious people who did not seem to appreciate her acts of levity during church service.



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6. BROOK (verb) – बर्दाश्त करना

Pronunciation: bruk

Meaning: put up with something or somebody unpleasant

Synonyms: countenance, tolerate, bear, suffer, withstand

Antonyms: resist, combat, repel

Usage: He won't brook any criticism of his work.

7. CROOK (noun) – धूर्त

Pronunciation: kruk

Meaning: a dishonest individual

Synonyms: cheat, fraudster, shoplifter, thief, mugger, outlaw, lawbreaker

Antonyms: lawman

Usage: The man is a crook and a liar.

8. PIVOTAL (adjective) – केंद्रीय, आधारभूत

Pronunciation: pi·vuh·tl

Meaning: of crucial significance

Synonyms: central, climactic, critical, crucial, decisive, essential

Antonyms: inessential, minor, secondary

Usage: As soon as the pivotal character of the film died, I grew bored with the movie and left the theater.

9. TRITE (adjective) – घिसा-पिटा

Pronunciation: trait

Meaning: repeated too often

Synonyms: hackneyed, banal, corny, dull, common, exhausted, worn

Antonyms: fresh, new, original

Usage: I did not finish the novel because the story's plot was trite and uninspiring.

10. EULOGY (noun) – गुणगान

Pronunciation: yoo·luh·jee

Meaning: a formal expression of praise

Synonyms: praise, citation, paean, tribute, acclaim, accolade, adulation, applause

Antonyms: blame, censure, criticism

Usage: They chanted the eulogy of the king.

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