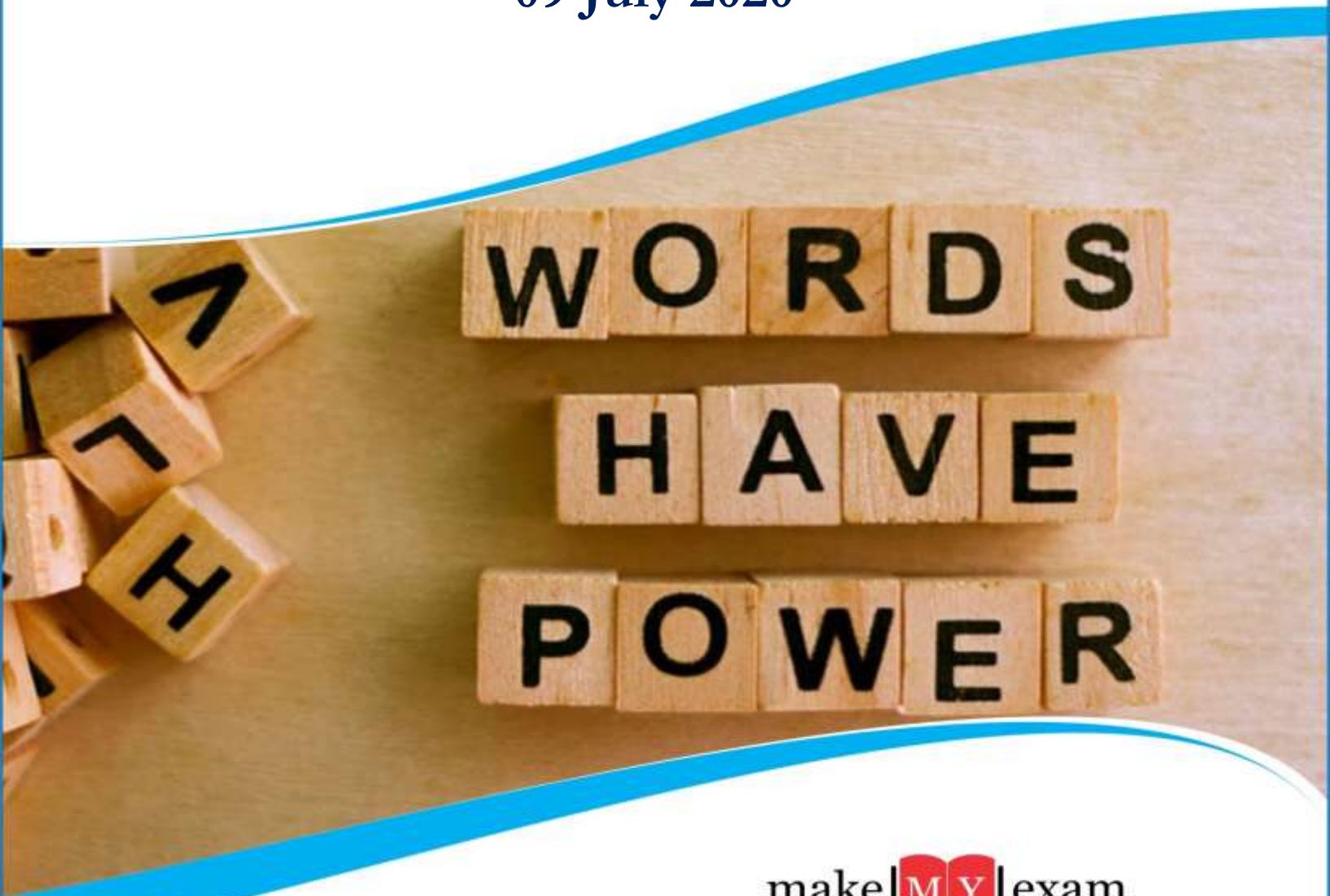


# **DAILY** **VOCAB DOSE**

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### 1. SOLECISM (noun) – अशिष्टता, अशुद्ध प्रयोग

**Pronunciation:** so•luh•suh•zm

**Meaning:** a grammatical mistake in speech or writing; a breach of good manners

**Synonyms:** blunder, error, faux pas, gaff, impropriety, indiscretion, goof, howler

**Antonyms:** amenity, attention, civility, courtesy, formality, gesture, pleasantry

**Usage:** She commits a lot of solecisms.

### 2. CORROBORATE (verb) – समर्थन करना

**Pronunciation:** kuh•ro•buh•reit

**Meaning:** confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding)

**Synonyms:** argue, attest, authenticate, bear out, certify, confirm, substantiate, support, validate, verify, vindicate

**Antonyms:** disprove, rebut, refute

**Usage:** Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

### 3. NEBULOUS (adjective) – अस्पष्ट, धुंधला

**Pronunciation:** neh•byoo•luhs

**Meaning:** (of a concept) vague or ill-defined; hazy

**Synonyms:** disprove, arcane, deep, double-edged, equivocal, fuliginous, inscrutable, murky, mysterious, mystic, obscure, occult, opaque

**Antonyms:** accessible, clear, nonambiguous, obvious, plain, unambiguous, unequivocal

**Usage:** The rules are too nebulous to be applied consistently.

### 4. VAGARY (noun) – उतार-चढ़ाव

**Pronunciation:** vei•guh•ree

**Meaning:** an unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behaviour

**Synonyms:** fluctuation, whim, notion, quirk, oddity, eccentricity, foible

**Antonyms:** determination, conviction

**Usage:** The country became highly exposed to the vagaries of international markets.

### 5. GARISH (adjective) – भड़कीला

**Pronunciation:** geuh•ruhsh

**Meaning:** unpleasantly bright

**Synonyms:** flamboyant, flaring, flashy, gaudy, glitzy, loud, noisy, ostentatious, razzle-dazzle, splashy

**Antonyms:** conservative, quiet, understated, unflamboyant, unflashy

**Usage:** The streets are lined with garish neon lights.

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**6. CRASS (adjective) – मूर्ख****Pronunciation:** kras**Meaning:** showing no intelligence or sensitivity**Synonyms:** insensitive, stupid, rough-hewn, roughneck, rude, rugged, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar**Antonyms:** civilized, cultivated, cultured, polished, refined, smooth, tasteful, well-bred**Usage:** If you don't want to hear crass comments about the way you dress, don't wear that outfit to the night club.**7. REPARTEE (noun) – हाजिर जवाबी****Pronunciation:** reh•paa•tee**Meaning:** conversation or speech characterized by quick, witty comments or replies**Synonyms:** backchat, badinage, banter, chaff, jesting, joshing, persiflage, raillery, patter, crosstalk**Antonyms:** seriousness, disagreement**Usage:** She was good at repartee.**8. VACILLATE (verb) – निश्चय न कर पाना****Pronunciation:** va•suh•leit**Meaning:** waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive**Synonyms:** dither, falter, halt, hang back, hesitate, scruple, shilly-shally, stagger, teeter, waver, wobble**Antonyms:** resolute, hold, persist**Usage:** If you ask Rutika to choose a restaurant for lunch, she will vacillate between restaurants forever.

### 9. KNAVE (noun) – धोखेबाज़, बदमाश

**Pronunciation:** neiv

**Meaning:** a dishonest or unscrupulous man

**Synonyms:** beast, brute, caitiff, devil, evildoer, miscreant, monster, rascal, reprobate, rogue, savage, scamp, scapegrace, scoundrel, varlet, villain

**Antonyms:** innocent, saint

**Usage:** The knave volunteered to clean the church so he could have access to the petty cash box.

### 10. SMUG (adjective) – आत्मसन्तुष्ट

**Pronunciation:** smuhg

**Meaning:** having or showing an excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements

**Synonyms:** assured, bigheaded, complacent, conceited, consequential, egoistic, pompous, self-conceited, self-important, self-opinionated, swellheaded, vainglorious

**Antonyms:** egoless, humble, modest, uncomplacent

**Usage:** The detective had a smug smile on his face when he arrested the killer he had been chasing for ten years.



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