

VOCABULARY

1. LOPSIDED (ADJECTIVE): असंतुलित

Pronunciation: lawp•side•uhd

Meaning: with one side bigger, higher, etc. than the other; not equally balanced

Synonyms: tilted, uneven, oblique, askew, slanted

Antonyms: straight, regular, level, uniform, even

Sentence: Not realizing the table was *lopsided*, the patron placed his drink on it and water went everywhere.

2. VANDALISM (NOUN): बर्बरता

Pronunciation: van•duhl•izm

Meaning: the crime of intentionally damaging property belonging to other people

Synonyms: destruction, defacement, desecration, sabotage

Antonyms: protection, conservation, preservation

Sentence: Beset by drug problems, violence, and *vandalism*, this is one of the most unpleasant areas in the city.

3. SMIDGEN (NOUN): थोड़ा

Pronunciation: smi•jn

Meaning: a small amount of something.

Synonyms: ace, bit, dribble, little

Antonyms: abundance, barrel, boatload

Sentence: The sand I can hold is a *smidgen* compared to all the sand on the beach.

4. WEASEL (NOUN): चालाक व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: vee•zl

Meaning: A person who is sly, deceitful, or evasive.

Synonyms: sneak, trickster, deceiver, fox

Antonyms: Honest person, straightforward person, upright person

Sentence: He was a double-crossing *weasel* who could not be trusted.

5. GROUSE (VERB): बडबड़ाना

Pronunciation: graws

Meaning: complain pettily; grumble

Synonyms: grumble, complain, moan, bellyache

Antonyms: commendation, compliment, plaudit

Sentence: She heard him *grouching* about his assistant.

6. DISCREPANCIES (NOUN): विसंगतियां

Pronunciation: di•skruh•puhn•seez

Meaning: a lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts.

Synonyms: inconsistency, difference, disparity

Antonyms: similarity, resemblance, analogy

Sentence: The auditor found several *discrepancies* in the company's financial records.

7. PIFFLE (NOUN): बकवास

Pronunciation: pi•fl

Meaning: language, behavior, or ideas that are absurd and contrary to good sense

Synonyms: nonsense, blather, claptrap

Antonyms: sense, discernment, reasonable

Sentence: Joe really does talk a lot of *piffle* sometimes.

8. EQUANIMITY (NOUN): समभाव

Pronunciation: eh•kvuh•ni•muh•tee

Meaning: mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult situation.

Synonyms: composure, calmness, serenity

Antonyms: agitation, perturbation, anxiety

Sentence: Even though the fire alarm has sounded, we must maintain *equanimity* and calmly exit the building.

9. BIGOTRY (NOUN): कट्टरता

Pronunciation: bi•guh•tree

Meaning: the fact of having and expressing strong, unreasonable beliefs and disliking other people who have different beliefs or a different way of life.

Synonyms: intolerance, prejudice, bias, discrimination

Antonyms: humanitarian, liberal, moderate

Sentence: Our hearts must not harbor hate, anger, *bigotry*, violence, or discrimination.

10. UNABASHED (ADJECTIVE): बेपरवाह

Pronunciation: uhn•uh•basht

Meaning: not embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed (not worried about being criticized)

Synonyms: shameless, brazen, prideful, impudent

Antonyms: abashed, sheepish, embarrassed, ashamed, shamefaced, hangdog

Sentence: The woman's *unabashed* admirer showed up to her house with a guitar and a song.