

VOCABULARY

1. ENSUING (ADJECTIVE): आगामी

Pronunciation: uhn•syoo•uhng

Meaning: being the one that comes immediately after another.

Synonyms: next, following, succeeding

Antonyms: previous, prior, precedent

Sentence: business was slow in the restaurant's first year, but the *ensuing* year saw a much needed increase.

2. FLAK (NOUN): आलोचना

Pronunciation: flak

Meaning: strong criticism.

Synonyms: criticism, complaint, censure

Antonyms: compliment, praise, sanction

Sentence: Lilley has taken a lot of *flak* for his views on drugs.

3. WITHER (VERB): मुरझाना

Pronunciation: vi•dhuh

Meaning: to lose liveliness, force, or freshness.

Synonyms: dry, fade, wilt

Antonyms: revive, flourish, freshen

Sentence: If there is no rain, the crops will *wither*.

4. SUBSIDE (VERB): कम होना

Pronunciation: suhb•side

Meaning: to grow less in scope or intensity especially gradually.

Synonyms: diminish, decrease, vanish

Antonyms: increase, intensify, grow

Sentence: as the noise of the siren *subsided*, I was able to fall back to sleep.

5. COGNIZANT (ADJECTIVE): परिचित

Pronunciation: kawg•nuh•znt

Meaning: having specified facts or feelings actively impressed on the mind.

Synonyms: aware, conscious, mindful

Antonyms: unaware, oblivious, unconscious

Sentence: We are *cognizant* of the problem.

6. APOSTLE (NOUN): दूत

Pronunciation: uh•paw•sl

Meaning: a person who actively supports or favors a cause.

Synonyms: proponent, advocate, supporter

Antonyms: adversary, enemy, opponent

Sentence: a fervent *apostle* of universal health care.

7. HIRSUTE (ADJECTIVE): बालदार

Pronunciation: huhs•yoot

Meaning: covered with or as if with hair

Synonyms: shaggy, bristly, fuzzy

Antonyms: bald, hairless, glabrous

Sentence: Not that Polly's legs had been particularly *hirsute* in the old days.

8. ACRIMONY (NOUN): रूखापन

Pronunciation: a•kruh•muh•nee

Meaning: bitterness or harshness in speech or behaviour.

Synonyms: bitterness, hostility, anger

Antonyms: civility, politeness, kindness

Sentence: she responded with such *acrimony* that he never brought the subject up again.

9. PRIOR (ADJECTIVE): पूर्व

Pronunciation: prai•uh

Meaning: existing or happening before something else.

Synonyms: Previous, Former, earliest

Antonyms: Future, Posterior, Following

Sentence: I was given no *prior* notification.

10. HUCKSTER (NOUN): फेरीवाला

Pronunciation: huhk•stuh

Meaning: a person who sells or promotes aggressively (often in a dishonest way)

Synonyms: vendor, pedlar, seller

Antonyms: purchaser, buyer, consumer

Sentence: *Hucksters* go to people's homes and sell their goods.