

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

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### **1. ARTLESS (adjective) – सीधा**

**Pronunciation:** aat·luhs

**Meaning:** without effort or pretentiousness; natural and simple

**Synonyms:** natural, naive, simple, innocent, childlike, pure, ingenuous

**Antonyms:** scheming, crafty

**Usage:** Being innocent and artless, she is loved by all.

### **2. PROFANE (adjective) – अपवित्र**

**Pronunciation:** pruh·fein

**Meaning:** not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular

**Synonyms:** secular, lay, temporal, worldly, earthly, unsanctified, unconsecrated

**Antonyms:** religious, sacred

**Usage:** The seventy-year-old nun has probably never made a profane statement in her life.

### **3. VALOUR (noun) – वीरता**

**Pronunciation:** va·luh

**Meaning:** great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle

**Synonyms:** bravery, courage, fearlessness, pluck, nerve, backbone, spine

**Antonyms:** cowardice, timidity

**Usage:** He showed valour and skill on the battlefield.

### **4. ABSURD (adjective) – बेतुका**

**Pronunciation:** uhb·suhd

**Meaning:** wildly unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate

**Synonyms:** ridiculous, ludicrous, farcical, laughable, risible, idiotic, stupid

**Antonyms:** reasonable, sensible

**Usage:** Claiming that your cat was abducted by aliens is absurd.

### **5. HYPERCRITICAL (adjective) – अवगुण ढूँढ़नेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** hai·puh·kri·tuh·kl

**Meaning:** excessively and unreasonably critical, especially of small faults

**Synonyms:** carping, captious, overcritical, fault-finding, niggling, quibbling

**Antonyms:** easy-going, uncritical

**Usage:** My hypercritical boss is never appreciative but constantly complains about every simple thing I do.

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**6. HUDDLE (verb) – झुण्ड**

**Pronunciation:** huh·dl

**Meaning:** crowd together; nestle closely

**Synonyms:** crowd, gather, throng, flock, herd, pile, bunch

**Antonyms:** disperse, scatter

**Usage:** A little huddle of men stood in one corner.

**7. Highbrow (adjective) – घमंडी**

**Pronunciation:** hai·brow

**Meaning:** intellectual or rarefied in taste

**Synonyms:** intellectual, scholarly, bookish, cultured, cultivated, academic

**Antonyms:** lowbrow, unsophisticated

**Usage:** He presents his own highbrow literary program.

**8. UNFEIGNED (adjective) – सच्चा**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·feind

**Meaning:** genuine; sincere

**Synonyms:** sincere, genuine, real, true, honest, authentic, unaffected

**Antonyms:** insincere, feigned, pretended

**Usage:** He showed unfeigned satisfaction at his friend's success.

**9. INSIPID (adjective) – बेस्वाद**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·si·puhd

**Meaning:** lacking flavor; weak or tasteless

**Synonyms:** tasteless, flavorless, unflavored, bland, weak

**Antonyms:** tasty, delicious

**Usage:** The soup lacks the right seasoning and tastes insipid.

**10. DRAWL (verb) – धीरा उच्चारण**

**Pronunciation:** drawl

**Meaning:** speak in a slow, lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds

**Synonyms:** drag, lag, drone, say slowly, speak slowly

**Antonyms:** gabble

**Usage:** The children laughed at the way the man's sluggish drawl caused him to pronounce words.



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