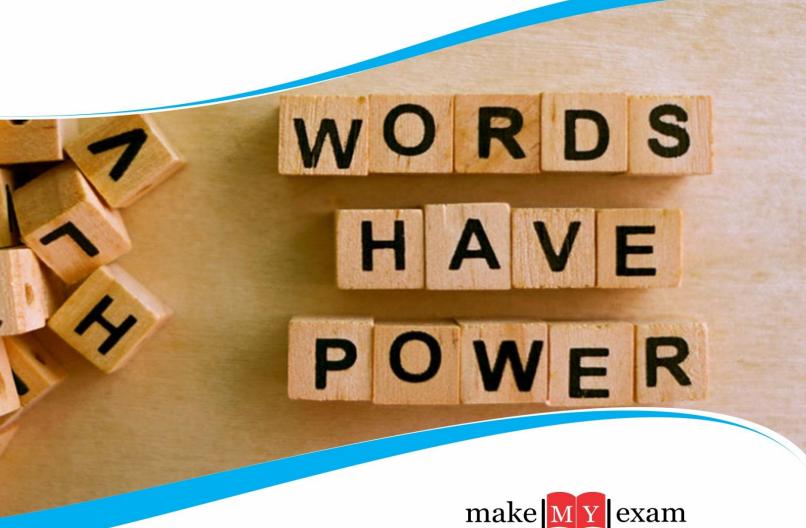




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1. ARTLESS (adjective) – सीधा

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 <u>artless</u>, 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 <u>profane</u> 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 <u>valour</u> 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 ढूंढ़नेवाला

Pronunciation: hai·puh·kri·tuh·kl

Meaning: excessively and unreasonably critical, especially of small faults **Synonyms**: carping, captious, overcritical, fault-finding, niggling, quibbling

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Antonyms: easy-going, uncritical

Usage: My <u>hypercritical</u> boss is never appreciative but constantly complains about every

simple thing I do.

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6. HUDDLE (verb) – झण्ड

Pronunciation: huh dl

Meaning: crowd together; nestle closely

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

Antonyms: disperse, scatter

Usage: A little <u>huddle</u> of men stood in one corner.

7. HIGHBROW (adjective) – घमंडी

Pronunciation: hai-braw

Meaning: intellectual or rarefied in taste

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

Antonyms: lowbrow, unsophisticated

Usage: He presents his own <u>highbrow</u> 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 <u>unfeigned</u> satisfaction at his friend's success.

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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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