

# VOCABULARY

## 1. EXORBITANT (ADJECTIVE): अत्यधिक

**Pronunciation:** uh•zaw•buh•tnt

**Meaning:** going beyond a normal or acceptable limit in degree or amount.

**Synonyms:** excessive, extreme, steep

**Antonyms:** reasonable, modest, moderate

**Sentence:** The price of food here is *exorbitant*.

## 2. ABEYANCE (NOUN): आस्थगन

**Pronunciation:** uh•bay•uhns

**Meaning:** a state of temporary disuse or suspension.

**Synonyms:** suspension, dormancy, recession

**Antonyms:** continuation, continuance

**Sentence:** Our weekend plans were held in *abeyance* until we could get a weather forecast.

## 3. HISTRIONIC (ADJECTIVE): अभिनय-संबंधी

**Pronunciation:** hi•stree•aw•nuhk

**Meaning:** overly theatrical or melodramatic in character or style.

**Synonyms:** melodramatic, theatrical, dramatic

**Antonyms:** undramatic, unaffected

**Sentence:** She put on a *histrionic* display of grief at her ex-husband's funeral.

## 4. ASKANCE (ADVERB): शंकासे

**Pronunciation:** uh•skaans

**Meaning:** with an attitude or look of suspicion or disapproval.

**Synonyms:** suspiciously, sideways, incredulously

**Antonyms:** positively, approvingly, favorably

**Sentence:** We looked *askance* at the dealer's assertion that the car had never been in an accident.

## 5. RATIONALE (NOUN): औचित्य

**Pronunciation:** ra•shuhn•aal

**Meaning:** a set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action or a particular belief.

**Synonyms:** explanation, reason, argument

**Antonyms:** Unreasonableness, Illogicality

**Sentence:** The plan was criticized for its lack of *rationale*.

## 6. NONPAREIL (ADJECTIVE): अतुल

**Pronunciation:** nawn•puh•rayl

**Meaning:** having no equal or rival for excellence or desirability.

**Synonyms:** incomparable, matchless, unrivaled

**Antonyms:** ordinary, usual, common

**Sentence:** He was a great player, Britain's *nonpareil* of the 1990s.

## 7. KERFUFFLE (NOUN): हंगामा

**Pronunciation:** kuh-fuhf-uhl

**Meaning:** a state of noisy, confused activity.

**Synonyms:** commotion, stir, disturbance

**Antonyms:** rest, peace, hush

**Sentence:** Her glasses were broken in the *kerfuffle*.

## 8. PRETERNATURAL (NOUN): अलौकिक

**Pronunciation:** pree•tuh•nach•ruhl

**Meaning:** beyond what is normal or natural.

**Synonyms:** extraordinary, unusual, exceptional

**Antonyms:** normal, ordinary, common

**Sentence:** Autumn had arrived with *preternatural* speed.

## 9. KIBOSH (VERB): रोक लगाना

**Pronunciation:** kye-bosh

**Meaning:** decisively end or reject (something).

**Synonyms:** hinder, impede, halt

**Antonyms:** continue, proceed, carry on

**Sentence:** The rain certainly put the *kibosh* on our plans for a picnic.

## 10. SEDENTARY (ADJECTIVE): गतिहीन

**Pronunciation:** seh•duhn•tree

**Meaning:** not doing or involving a lot of physical activity.

**Synonyms:** lazy, dormant, dull

**Antonyms:** active, busy, engaged

**Sentence:** They led a *sedentary* life after retirement, spending their days in front of the television.