

VOCABULARY

1. SKIRMISH (NOUN): झड़प

Pronunciation: skuh•muhsh

Meaning: an episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, especially between small or outlying parts of armies or fleets.

Synonyms: fight, battle, clash

Antonyms: agreement, accord

Sentence: The young soldier was killed in a *skirmish* with government troops.

2. QUIBBLING (NOUN): आपत्तियां उठाना

Pronunciation: kwib-uh-ling

Meaning: the action of raising objections about a trivial matter.

Synonyms: criticizing, niggling

Antonyms: approving, supporting, uncritical

Sentence: He spent the entire evening *quibbling* about the historical inaccuracies in the television series on World War II.

3. STRENUOUS (ADJECTIVE): ज़ोरदार

Pronunciation: streh•nyoo•uhs

Meaning: requiring or using great exertion.

Synonyms: aggressive, forceful, muscular

Antonyms: effortless, nonemphatic, unemphatic

Sentence: The doctor advised Ken to avoid *strenuous* exercise.

4. NITTY-GRITTY (ADJECTIVE): दैनिक

Pronunciation: nit-ee-grit-ee

Meaning: having to do with the practical details of regular life.

Synonyms: everyday, mundane, prosaic

Antonyms: rare, singular, uncommon

Sentence: A look at the *nitty-gritty* aspects of putting out a newspaper.

5. RECIPROCITY (NOUN): आदान-प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: reh•suh•praw•suh•tee

Meaning: the practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit, especially privileges granted by one country or organization to another.

Synonyms: collaboration, mutualism, harmony

Antonyms: antagonism, antipathy, enmity

Sentence: The proposal calls for *reciprocity* in trade relations.

6. CONTEMPORANEOUS (ADJECTIVE): समकालीन

Pronunciation: kuh•tem•puh•ray•nee•uhs

Meaning: existing or occurring in the same period of time.

Synonyms: coetaneous, coeval, coexistent

Antonyms: asynchronous, non contemporary

Sentence: The two events were more or less *contemporaneous*, with only months between them.

7. VERITABLE (ADJECTIVE): सच्चा

Pronunciation: veh•ruh•tuh•bl

Meaning: formal true or real —used to emphasize a description.

Synonyms: authentic, genuine, real

Antonyms: doubtful, dubious, equivocal

Sentence: The area is a *veritable* paradise for those who love walking.

8. SLOVENLY (ADJECTIVE): गंदा

Pronunciation: sluh•vuhn•lee

Meaning: (especially of a person or their appearance) messy and dirty.

Synonyms: scruffy, untidy, messy

Antonyms: stainless, clean, tidy

Sentence: Their table manners perfectly reflect the *slovenly* appearance.

9. AVARICIOUS (ADJECTIVE): लालची

Pronunciation: a•vuh•rish•uhs

Meaning: having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

Synonyms: grasping, acquisitive, covetous

Antonyms: sated, satisfied, controlled

Sentence: An *avaricious* man is always needy.

10. CONSONANCE (NOUN): समझौता

Pronunciation: kaw•n•suh•nuhs

Meaning: agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions.

Synonyms: agreement, concord, accord

Antonyms: discordance, conflict, disagreement

Sentence: This type of democracy is in *consonance* with our own African heritage.