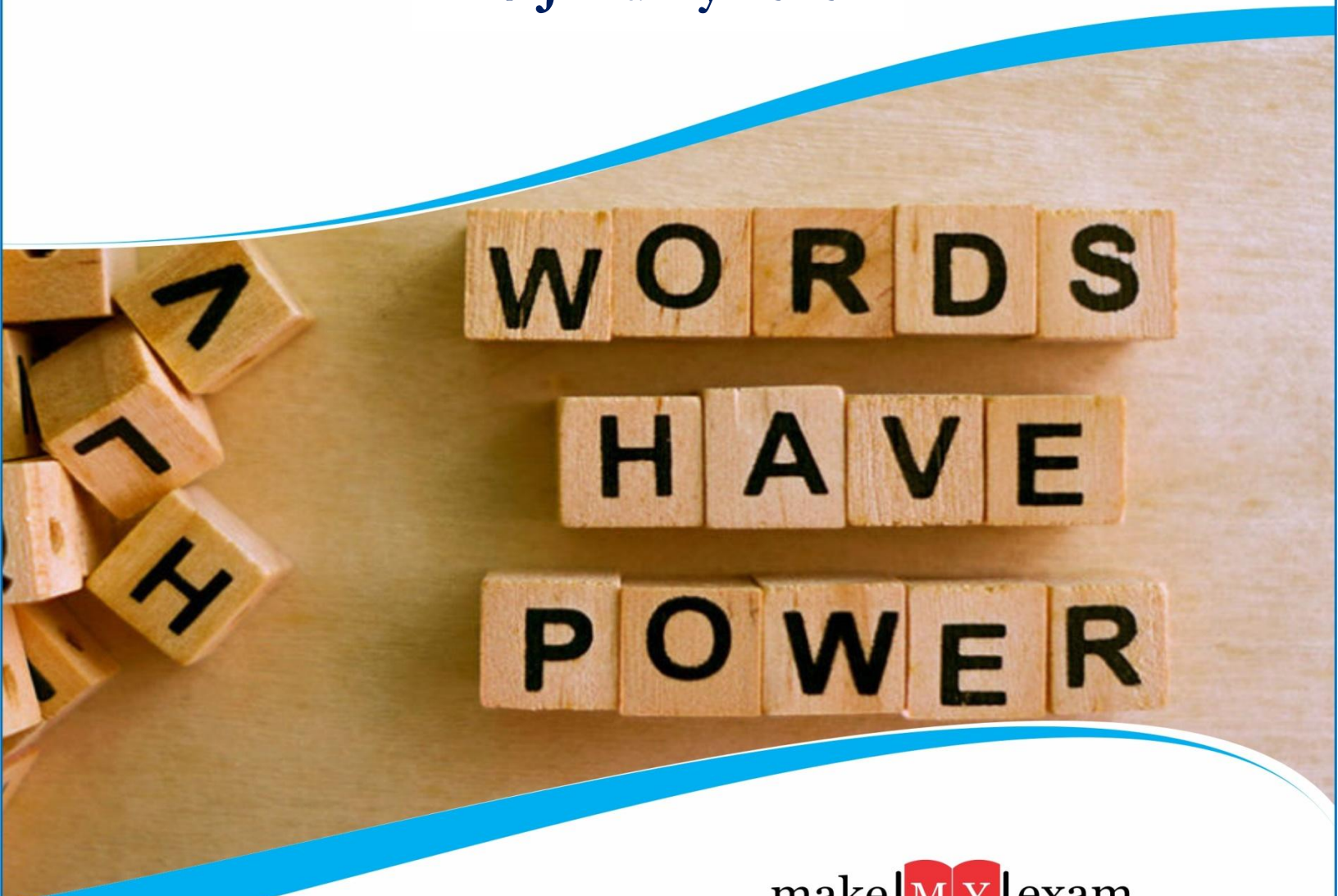


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1. BUGBEAR (noun) – डरावना, प्रकोपक

Pronunciation: bug-beuh

Meaning: a cause of obsessive fear, anxiety, or irritation

Synonyms: bane, irritant, irritation, dislike

Usage: Paperwork is our worst bugbear.

2. CAPTIOUS (adjective) – अवगुण ढूंढनेवाला, नुकताचीन

Pronunciation: kap-shus

Meaning: often expressing criticisms about matters that are not important; tending to find fault

Synonyms: critical, fault-finding, quibbling, niggling, cavilling, carping

Antonyms: forgiving, easy-going

Usage: My captious father is never satisfied with whatever I do.

3. FLIPPANCY (noun) – ओछापन, बेअदबी

Pronunciation: flip(u)nsi

Meaning: a manner that lacks respect or seriousness

Synonyms: levity, superficiality, shallowness, insouciance

Antonyms: seriousness, respect

Usage: Tired of his flippancy, the woman decided to divorce her childish husband.

4. OBLOQUY (noun) – निन्दोक्ति, दुर्वचन

Pronunciation: ob-lukwi

Meaning: very strong criticism or blame aimed at a person or thing by public; disgrace (brought about by public condemnation)

Synonyms: vilification, opprobrium, vituperation, condemnation; disgrace, dishonour, shame, discredit, stigma, humiliation

Antonyms: praise, commendation

Usage:

- Obloquy could not make him doubt the correctness or the value of his decision.
- The soccer team went home to obloquy after losing the finals because of stupid mistakes.

5. OB DURATE (adjective) – ज़िद्दी, कठोर, कट्टर

Pronunciation: ob-dyu-rut

Meaning: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action

Synonyms: stubborn, obstinate, unyielding, unbending, inflexible, intransigent, implacable, pig-headed, bull-headed, mulish, stiff-necked

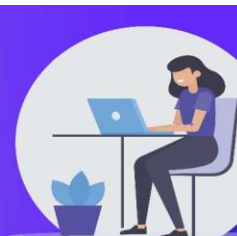
Antonyms: amenable, compliant, malleable, tractable

Usage: The protestors were obdurate and did not move even when the police arrived.

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6. OFFICIOUS (adjective) – रोबदार; तंग करनेवाला

Pronunciation: ufi-shus

Meaning: assertive of authority in a domineering way; intrusively enthusiastic in offering help or advice

Synonyms: self-important, bumptious, self-assertive, overbearing, overzealous, dictatorial, bossy, domineering, interfering, intrusive

Antonym: self-effacing

Usage:

- Our boss possesses an officious attitude.
- The librarian is an officious old man who is always trying to tell me what I should or shouldn't be reading.

7. SHRUG (verb, noun) – कन्धा उचकाना, उपेक्षा

Pronunciation: shrug

Meaning: raise one's shoulders slightly and momentarily to express doubt, ignorance, or indifference; dismiss something as unimportant; an act or instance of shrugging one's shoulders

Synonyms: disregard, dismiss, take no notice of, ignore, set aside

Usage:

- Sam shrugged and said nothing. (verb)
- "I don't know," she said with a shrug. (noun)
- I admire the way she is able to shrug off unfair criticism. (verb)

8. SKIVE (verb) – काम करने से बचना

Pronunciation: skive

Meaning: avoid work or a duty by staying away or leaving early

Synonym: shirk, malingering, play truant, truant

Antonyms: work, toil

Usage: She always skives off early on Fridays.

9. SKIMP (verb) – कंजूसी करना

Pronunciation: skimp

Meaning: expend or use less time, money, or material on something than is necessary in an attempt to economize

Synonyms: cut corners, pinch pennies

Antonyms: squander, lavish

Usage: She had to skimp to send her son to college.

10. CAPACIOUS (adjective) – प्रसृत, विशाल

Pronunciation: kup-ei-shus

Meaning: having a lot of space inside

Synonyms: roomy, commodious, spacious, sizeable

Antonyms: cramped, small

Usage: The van was capacious and he decided to fill up the space with a couple of sacks of fuel.



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