

VOCABULARY

1. OPTIMISM (NOUN): आशावाद

Pronunciation: awp•tuh•mi•zm

Meaning: the feeling that the future will be good or successful

Synonyms: Confidence, Buoyancy, Hopefulness

Antonyms: Pessimism, Despair, Hopelessness

Sentence: The talks had been amicable and there were grounds for *optimism*.

2. EVADE (VERB): बचना

Pronunciation: uh•vayd

Meaning: to escape or avoid something, typically by using cleverness, deceit, or adroit maneuvering

Synonyms: avoid, dodge, Elude

Antonyms: confront, Face, Accept

Sentence: Friends helped him to *evade* my woes.

3. ENORMOUSLY (ADVERB): अत्यंत

Pronunciation: uh•naw•muhs•lee

Meaning: "to a very great or large extent" or "extremely"

Synonyms: Extremely, Exceedingly, Hugely

Antonyms: Moderately, Minimally, Little

Sentence: She worked *enormously* hard to finish the presentation before the deadline.

4. VEHEMENCE (NOUN): जुनून

Pronunciation: vee•uh•muhns

Meaning: the forceful, passionate, or intense expression of strong feelings

Synonyms: Fervor, Ardor, Passion

Antonyms: Apathy, Indifference, Mildness

Sentence: There was a lot of *vehemence* in his reaction.

5. EXPEDITIOUS (ADJECTIVE): शीघ्र

Pronunciation: ek•spuh•di•shuhs

Meaning: acting or being done both quickly and efficiently, without wasting time

Synonyms: Swift, Quick, rapid

Antonyms: Slow, tardy, dilatory

Sentence: The investigation was supposed to be *expeditious*.

6. PROMPT (VERB): प्रेरित करना

Pronunciation:prawmt

Meaning: to cause, encourage, or remind someone to do something.

Synonyms: Urge, Motivate, Encourage

Antonyms: Discourage, Suppress, Deter

Sentence:Curiosity *prompted* him to look inside.

7. REAP (NOUN): प्राप्त करना

Pronunciation:reep

Meaning: to cut and harvest crops, or to gain rewards/benefits as a result of your actions

Synonyms: Obtain, Get, Acquire

Antonyms: Lose, Pay, Forfeit

Sentence:The company is *reaping* the benefits.

8. POST (PREPOSITION): के उपरांत

Pronunciation:poset

Meaning: "following" or "happening after" something else

Synonyms: After, Subsequent to, Following

Antonyms: Before, Prior to, Ahead of

Sentence:American poetry *post* the 1950s hasn't had the same impact.

9. DASTARDLY (ADJECTIVE): दुष्ट

Pronunciation:daa•stuhd•lee

Meaning: means wicked, cruel, and underhanded

Synonyms: evil, treacherous, nefarious

Antonyms: noble, courageous, heroic

Sentence:We all know the pirates and their *dastardly* deeds.

10. EARMARK (VERB): चिह्नित करना

Pronunciation:eeuh•maak

Meaning: to designate or set aside funds, resources, or items for a specific, intended purpose or recipient

Synonyms: Reserve, Appropriate, Set aside

Antonyms: Use up, Squander, Neglect

Sentence:The cash had been *earmarked* for a big expansion of the programme.