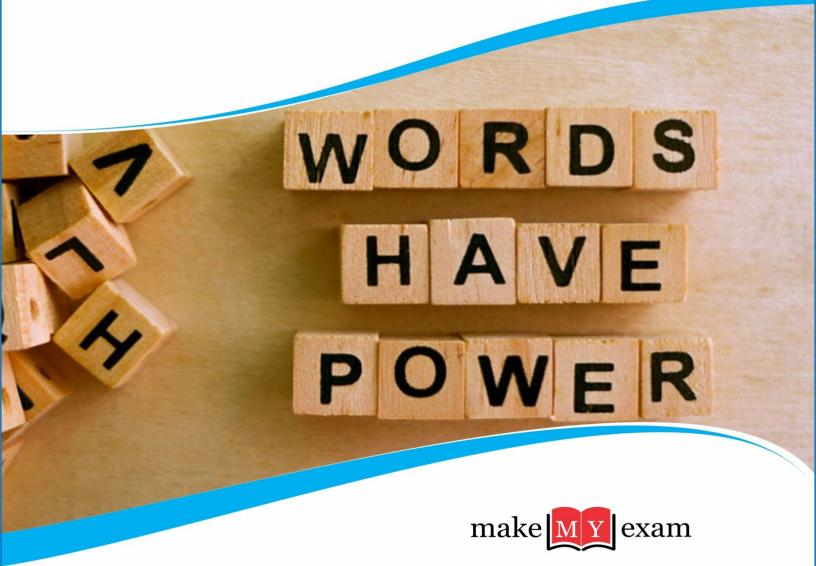




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1. DISTRAUGHT (adjective) - व्याक्ल, परेशान

Pronunciation: duh•strawt

Meaning: very worried and upset

Synonyms: worried, upset, distressed, fraught, devastated, shattered

Antonyms: un-agitated, relaxed

Usage: Jerry became <u>distraught</u> when his wife approached him with divorce papers.

2. BRINK (noun) – कगार

Pronunciation: bringk

Meaning: the extreme edge of land before a steep slope or a body or water

Synonyms: edge, verge, margin, rim, lip, extremity, border, boundary, fringe, perimeter

Antonyms: middle

Usage: The tree grew on the brink of the cliff.

3. RITE (noun) – संस्कार, धार्मिक उत्सव

Pronunciation: rait

Meaning: a religious or other solemn ceremony or act

Synonyms: ceremony, ritual, ceremonial, observance, service, sacrament

Antonyms: desuetude, contravention

Usage: This festival descends from a Chinese rite.

4. INCITE (verb) – उकसाना, भड़काना

Pronunciation: uhn•sait

Meaning: encourage or stir up violent or unlawful behaviour

Synonyms: stir up, encourage, fuel, ignite, inflame, stimulate, kindle

Antonyms: suppress, deter

Usage: The party agreed not to <u>incite</u> its supporters to violence.

5. DERELICT (adjective) – त्यागा हुआ

Pronunciation: deh•ruh•luhkt

Meaning: in a very poor condition as a result of disuse and neglect **Synonyms**: worn out, in ruins, ruined, rickety, creaky, insecure

Antonyms: safe, wholesome, secure

Usage: The theatre has been left to stand <u>derelict</u>.

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6. INSENSATE (adjective) – संवेदन-शून्य

Pronunciation: uhn•sen•suht

Meaning: lacking physical sensation

Synonyms: unconscious, insensible, senseless, insentient, blacked out, inert, numb

Antonym: conscious, responsive

Usage: The patient was permanently unconscious and insensate.

7. ACTUTATE (verb) – सक्रिय करना, चालू करना

Pronunciation: ak•tyoo•eit

Meaning: cause a machine or device to operate

Synonyms: activate, trigger, initiate, operate, turn on, start up

Antonyms: impede, hinder

Usage: The flow of current is required to actuate the signal.

8. INCULCATE (verb) – मन में बैठाना

Pronunciation: in kuhl keit

Meaning: instill an idea, attitude, or habit by persistent instruction

Synonyms: instill, implant, fix, ingrain, infuse, impress, imprint, introduce

Antonyms: neglect, abjure

Usage: Our football coach has worked hard to <u>inculcate</u> a team spirit in the players.

9. CALLOUS (adjective) - निर्दयी, कठोर

Pronunciation: ka•luhs

Meaning: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others **Synonyms**: heartless, insensitive, cold-hearted, hard, cold-blooded, ruthless

Antonyms: kind, compassionate

Usage: The killer was a <u>callous</u> man who murdered without feeling guilty.

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10. CONJECTURE (noun, verb) – अनुमान

Pronunciation: kuhn•jek•chuh

Meaning: an opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information

Synonyms: guess, speculation, surmise, fancy, hypothesis

Antonyms: fact, know

Usage:

- That was a <u>conjecture</u>, not a fact. (noun)
- She <u>conjectured</u> the existence of a completely new species. (verb)



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