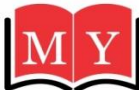


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1. METAPHYSICAL (adjective) – अभौतिक

Pronunciation: meh·tuh·fi·zuh·kl

Meaning: without physical presence

Synonyms: abstract, mystical, spiritual, philosophical, abstruse, supernatural

Antonyms: empirical, factual, physical

Usage: While the girl believes in alternate worlds, her parents view her ideas as metaphysical fancies.

2. GLEE (noun) – उल्लास

Pronunciation: glee

Meaning: great delight

Synonyms: delight, pleasure, happiness, joy, elation, cheerfulness, exhilaration

Antonyms: gloom, disappointment

Usage: Smiling with glee, the child unwrapped his birthday gift.

3. INDOLENCE (noun) – आलस

Pronunciation: in·duh·luhns

Meaning: avoidance of activity or exertion

Synonyms: laziness, idleness, procrastination, sloth, inactivity, inaction

Antonyms: diligence

Usage: My failure is probably due to my own indolence.

4. DILIGENT (adjective) – मेहनती

Pronunciation: di·luh·jnt

Meaning: careful in carrying out tasks and duties

Synonyms: industrious, assiduous, conscientious, particular, punctilious, meticulous, painstaking

Antonyms: lazy, casual, careless

Usage: Success always smiles upon people who are diligent.

5. PREJUDICIAL (adjective) – हानिकारक

Pronunciation: preh·ju·di·shl

Meaning: harmful to someone or something

Synonyms: harmful, detrimental, damaging, injurious, disadvantageous, hurtful

Antonyms: beneficial, advantageous

Usage: Poor reviews of a product on major sites are prejudicial to the overall sale of the item.



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6. PRODUCTIVITY (noun) – उत्पादकता

Pronunciation: pro·duhk·ti·vuh·tee

Meaning: a measure for how efficiently well something is working

Synonyms: efficiency, capacity, output, production, yield

Antonyms: inefficiency, unproductivity

Usage: The machine's productivity has increased since the parts were replaced.

7. RAVENOUS (adjective) – क्षुधातुर

Pronunciation: ra·vuh·nuhs

Meaning: extremely hungry

Synonyms: starving, famished, insatiable, hungry, rapacious, avaricious

Antonyms: satisfied, full

Usage: The boys ran in, ravenous after their game.

8. PROLIFERATE (verb) – संख्या में बढ़ना

Pronunciation: pruh·li·fuh·reit

Meaning: increase in number

Synonyms: multiply, propagate, burgeon, snowball, escalate

Antonyms: decrease, dwindle, lessen

Usage: Health food shops proliferate in this region.

9. LIONHEART (adjective) – शेरदिल

Pronunciation: lai·uhn·haat

Meaning: brave and determined

Synonyms: brave, courageous, valiant, gallant, intrepid, valorous, fearless

Antonyms: cowardly, timid, mousy

Usage: The lionhearted king defeated the enemy with a small army.

10. DEXTERITY (noun) – निपुणता

Pronunciation: dek·steh·ruh·tee

Meaning: the ability to perform a task both quickly and skillfully

Synonyms: capability, proficiency, agility, adroitness, nimbleness, ability, skill

Antonyms: clumsiness, stupidity, insensitivity

Usage: The student's vocal dexterity allows her to sing through many different ranges.

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