

VOCABULARY

1. BLUSTER (NOUN): धमकी

Pronunciation: bluh•stuh

Meaning: loud, aggressive, or indignant talk with little effect.

Synonyms: ranting, hectoring, thundering

Antonyms: tranquility, quietude

Sentence: I believe deeply in persuasion, not *bluster*.

2. POMPOUS (ADJECTIVE): गर्वित

Pronunciation: pawmp•uhs

Meaning: affectedly and irritatingly grand, solemn, or self-important.

Synonyms: self-important, imperious, overbearing

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

Sentence: He appears *pompous* but is a good man underneath.

3. INOPPORTUNE (ADJECTIVE): बेवक़्त

Pronunciation: i•naw•puh•choon

Meaning: occurring at an inconvenient or inappropriate time.

Synonyms: untimely, ill-timed, badly timed

Antonyms: timely, expected

Sentence: They arrived at an *inopportune* moment.

4. ENNOBLE (VERB): उदात्त बनाना

Pronunciation: uh•noh•bl

Meaning: give (someone) a noble rank or title.

Synonyms: aggrandize, canonize, elevate

Antonyms: abase, degrade, demean

Sentence: The heroic actions of firefighters during the terrorist attack did much to *ennoble* the profession of fire fighting in the public mind.

5. MASCULINITY (NOUN): बहादुरता

Pronunciation: ma•skyoo•lin•uh•tee

Meaning: qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of men.

Synonyms: virility, manliness, maleness

Antonyms: muliebrity, effeminacy

Sentence: Handsome, muscled, and driven, he's a prime example of *masculinity*.

6. QUELL (VERB): शांत करना

Pronunciation: Kvel

Meaning: put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder), typically by the use of force.

Synonyms: end, finish, get rid of

Antonyms: support, foment, incite

Sentence: Soldiers were sent in to *quell* the riots.

7. BLARNEY (NOUN): चापलूसी

Pronunciation: blaa•nee

Meaning: talk that aims to charm, pleasantly flatter, or persuade.

Synonyms: blandishments, honeyed word, flattery

Antonyms: disparagement, Sincerity, Directness

Sentence: Only a fool will believe your *blarney*.

8. PENCHANT (NOUN): लगन

Pronunciation: pawn•shawn

Meaning: a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

Synonyms: liking, fondness, preference

Antonyms: dislike, distaste

Sentence: She has a *penchant* for Indian food.

9. FOMENTED (VERB): भड़काना

Pronunciation: fuh•ment•uhd

Meaning: instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Synonyms: instigate, incite, provoke

Antonyms: allay, calm, settle

Sentence: They accused him of *fomenting* political unrest.

10. RAUCOUS (ADJECTIVE): कर्कश

Pronunciation: raw•kuhs

Meaning: making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

Synonyms: harsh, strident, screeching

Antonyms: sedate, sober, quiet

Sentence: I heard the *raucous* call of the crows.