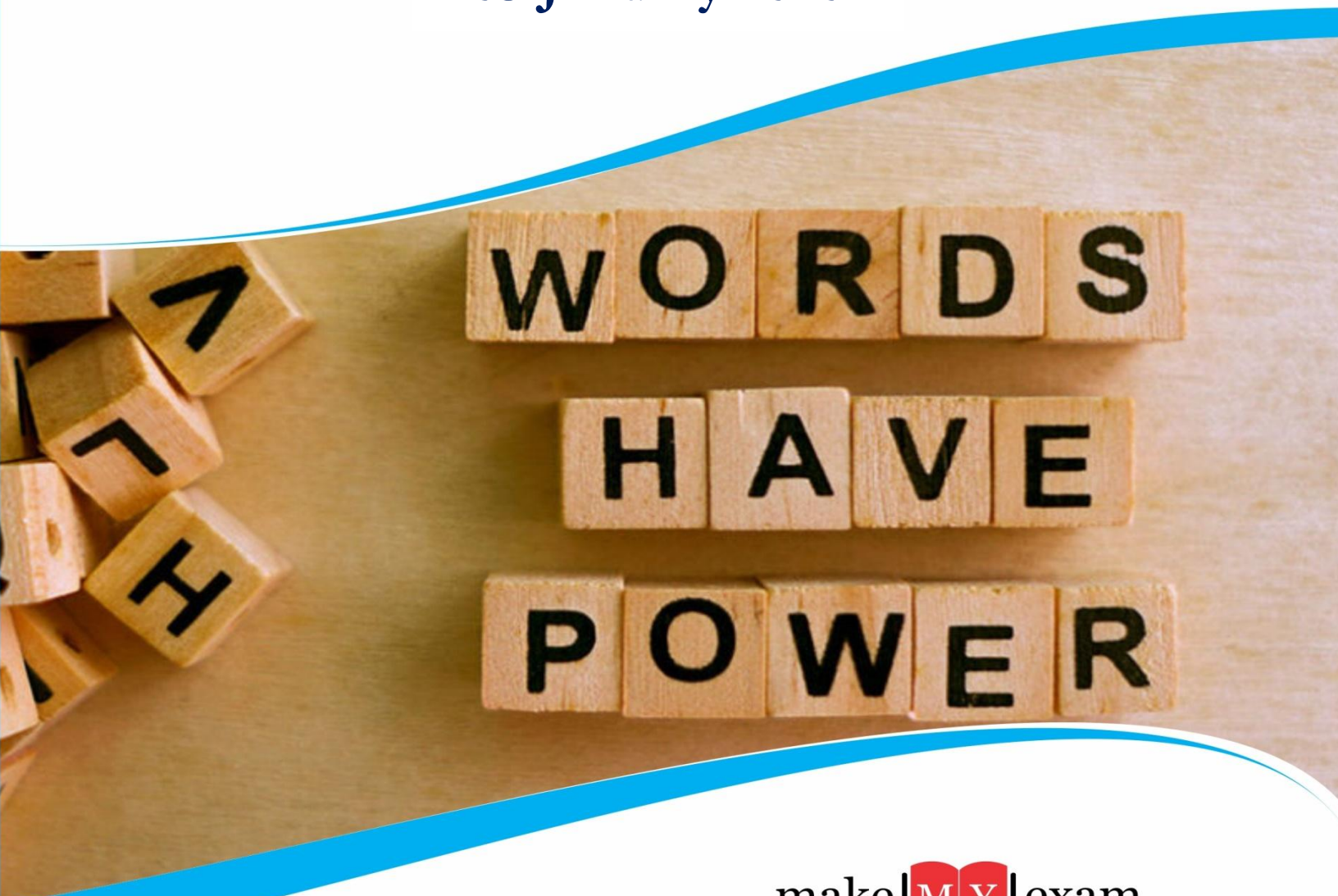


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1. CLAMPDOWN (noun) – प्रतिबंध, अवरोध

Pronunciation: klamp-daun

Meaning: a sudden action taken by a government or people in authority to stop or limit a particular activity

Synonyms: suppression, prevention, stopping, crackdown, limitation, restriction, restraint, curb, check

Antonyms: support, encouragement, freedom

Usage: The government has decided to have a clampdown on building roads.

2. FESTER (verb) – सड़ना, गलना

Pronunciation: fes-tur

Meaning: (of food or rubbish) become rotten and offensive to the senses; (of a negative feeling or a problem) become worse or more intense, especially through long-term neglect or indifference

Synonyms: rot, moulder, decay, decompose, putrefy; rankle, chafe

Usage: A dirty wound will probably fester.

3. HUMANE (adjective) – दयालु, दयाशील

Pronunciation: hyu-mein

Meaning: having or showing compassion

Synonyms: compassionate, kind, kindly, kind-hearted, considerate, understanding, sympathetic, tolerant, civilized

Antonyms: cruel, inhumane

Usage: Is it humane to kill animals for food?

4. SACRILEGE (noun) – अपवित्रीकरण

Pronunciation: sakriliij

Meaning: violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred

Synonyms: desecration, profanity, blasphemy, impiety

Antonym: piety

Usage: Stealing from a place of worship was regarded as sacrilege.

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5. INTENT (noun, adjective) – इरादा

Pronunciation: in-tent

Meaning: intention or purpose; determined to do (something); attentively occupied with

Synonyms: aim, purpose, intention, objective; set, determined, insistent, resolved; attentive, absorbed, engrossed, fascinated, enthralled

Antonyms: half-hearted, reluctant; vacant

Usage:

- He is charged with possession of a gun with intent to commit a robbery.
- She was intent on pursuing a career in business.

6. REVEL (verb, noun) – आनंद मनाना

Pronunciation: rev-ul

Meaning: enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way, especially with drinking and dancing; get great pleasure from (a situation or experience)

Synonyms: celebrate, make merry, party, feast; enjoy, love, like, adore; celebration, festivity, jollification, merrymaking

Antonym: mourn, hate

Usage:

- They spent the evening revelling with their guests.
- Late-night revels are very common in city life.

7. TOTTER (verb) – लडखड़ाना

Pronunciation: totur

Meaning: move in a feeble or unsteady way; (of a building) shake as if about to collapse

Synonyms: teeter, stagger, wobble, stumble, dodder; shake, sway, tremble, quiver

Usage:

- The drunkard tottered along the road.
- Several tall piles of books tottered and fell.

8. SCORCHING (adjective) – झुलसानेवाला; कठोर आलोचना

Pronunciation: sko-ching

Meaning: very hot; (of criticism) harsh

Synonyms: red-hot, blazing, flaming, fiery, burning, blistering, searing; savage, scathing, withering

Antonyms: freezing; mild

Usage:

- Farmers are busy weeding under scorching sun.
- Jack showed his dislike for the scorching satire.

9. BESOTTED (adjective) – मुग्ध

Pronunciation: bi-soted

Meaning: completely in love with someone and always thinking of them

Synonyms: infatuated with, smitten with, in love with, love-struck by

Antonym: indifferent

Usage: The gentleman is besotted with a beautiful young girl.

10. SVELTE (adjective) – सुडौल

Pronunciation: svelt

Meaning: (of a person) attractively thin, graceful, and stylish

Synonyms: slender, slim, graceful, elegant, willowy, sylphlike

Antonyms: awkward, ungracious, inflexible, elegant, ugly

Usage: She was svelte and sophisticated.

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