



# Weekly Vocab Dose

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**Happy learning!!!**

### 1. ENERVATE (verb) : कमज़ोर

**Pronunciation:** enervate

**Meaning:** cause (someone) to feel drained of energy or vitality; weaken.

**Synonyms:** exhaust, tire, fatigue

**Antonyms:** strengthen, fortify, energize

**Sentence:** The hot sun enervated her to the point of collapse.

### 2. PRIM (adj.) : नैतिक

**Pronunciation:** prim

**Meaning:** stiffly formal and respectable; feeling or showing disapproval of anything regarded as improper.

**Synonyms:** puritanical, proper, moral

**Antonyms:** permissive, improper, indecent

**Sentence:** A very prim and proper matron was in charge of the girls' dorm.

### 3. VAUNT (verb) : अपनी बड़ाई करना

**Pronunciation:** vawnt

**Meaning:** boast about or praise (something), especially excessively.

**Synonyms:** boast, brag, pride

**Antonyms:** belittle, underrate

**Sentence:** Even the noblest of fellows have been known to vaunt a bit.

### 4. UNSCATHED (adj.) : अहानिकर

**Pronunciation:** uhn·skaydhd

**Meaning:** without suffering any injury, damage, or harm.

**Synonyms:** unharmed, unhurt, uninjured

**Antonyms:** damaged, injured, hurt

**Sentence:** He escaped unscathed from the accident.

### 5. HALE AND HEARTY (adj.) : चुस्त और तंदुरुस्त

**Pronunciation:** hayl uhn haat·ee

**Meaning:** (of a person, especially an elderly one) strong and healthy.

**Synonyms:** healthy, well, fit

**Antonyms:** ill, feeble, sick

**Sentence:** She was still hale and hearty in her nineties.

### **6. HANKER (verb) : लालायित होना**

**Pronunciation:** hang·kuh

**Meaning:** feel a strong desire for or to do something.

**Synonyms:** yearn, crave, desire

**Antonyms:** abhor, abominate, despise

**Sentence:** What did you hanker after most when you were in prison?

### **7. STARTLING (adj.) : चौंकाने**

**Pronunciation:** staat·ling

**Meaning:** very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable.

**Synonyms:** surprising, astonishing, amazing

**Antonyms:** unsurprising, common, usual

**Sentence:** Her technical accomplishment on the piano is startling.

### **8. SEDENTARY (adj.) : निष्क्रिय**

**Pronunciation:** seh·duhn·tree

**Meaning:** (of a person) tending to spend much time seated; somewhat inactive.

**Synonyms:** dormant, immobile, inanimate

**Antonyms:** active, mobile, busy

**Sentence:** They led a sedentary life after retirement, spending their days in front of the television.

### **9. AUTONOMOUS (adj.) : स्वायत्तशासी**

**Pronunciation:** aw·taw·nuh·muhs

**Meaning:** (of a country or region) having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs.

**Synonyms:** independent, self-governed, self-governing

**Antonyms:** dependent, non-self-governing, subject, unfree

**Sentence:** They proudly declared themselves part of a new autonomous province.

### **10. MORATORIUM (noun) : रोक**

**Pronunciation:** maw·ruh·taw·ree·uhm

**Meaning:** a temporary prohibition of an activity.

**Synonyms:** stop, ban

**Antonyms:** continuance, continuation

**Sentence:** The debt was to be subject to a five-year moratorium.

**11. HOOLIGANISM (noun) : उपद्रव**

**Pronunciation:** hoo·luh·guhn·i·zm

**Meaning:** violent or rowdy behavior by young troublemakers, typically in a gang

**Synonyms:** evil, immorality, sin

**Antonyms:** goodness, honesty, obedience

**Sentence:** He committed hooliganism even under the watchful eyes of the people.

**12. ERRANT (adj.) : भटकनेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** eh·ruhnt

**Meaning:** traveling in search of adventure.

**Synonyms:** traveling, wandering, itinerant

**Antonyms:** motionless, still, immobile

**Sentence:** She went to Paris to bring back her errant son.

**13. THUMPING (adv.) : बहुत**

**Pronunciation:** thuhmp·uhng

**Meaning:** impressively large, great, or excellent.

**Synonyms:** extremely, very, perfectly

**Antonyms:** little, slightly, nominally

**Sentence:** They won by a thumping majority.

**14. MEDDLE (verb) : हस्तक्षेप करना**

**Pronunciation:** meh·dl

**Meaning:** interfere in or busy oneself unduly with something that is not one's concern.

**Synonyms:** interfere, intervene, intrude

**Antonyms:** disregard, ignore, neglect

**Sentence:** I don't want him meddling in our affairs.

**15. HILARITY (noun) : आनंद****Pronunciation:** huh·la·ruh·tee**Meaning:** extreme amusement, especially when expressed by laughter.**Synonyms:** amusement, mirth, laughter**Antonyms:** depression, despondence, sorrow**Sentence:** His incredulous expression was the cause of much hilarity.**16. DEXTERITY (noun) : निपुणता****Pronunciation:** dek·steh·ruh·tee**Meaning:** skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands.**Synonyms:** deftness, adeptness, adroitness**Antonyms:** inadequacy, inability, incapability**Sentence:** I don't have the dexterity for juggling.**17. GAIETY (noun) : आमोद-प्रमोद****Pronunciation:** gay·uh·tee**Meaning:** the state or quality of being lighthearted or cheerful.**Synonyms:** cheerfulness, merriment, joy**Antonyms:** misery, mourning, despondence**Sentence:** Their gaiety helped the party a lot.**18. RAPACIOUS (adj.) : लालची****Pronunciation:** ruh·pay·shuhs**Meaning:** aggressively greedy or grasping.**Synonyms:** grasping, greedy, avaricious**Antonyms:** satisfied, stuffed, generous**Sentence:** Hawks and other rapacious birds prey on a variety of small animals.**19. APPROBATION (noun) : प्रशंसा****Pronunciation:** a·proh·bay·shn**Meaning:** approval or praise.**Synonyms:** approval, acceptance, assent**Antonyms:** disapprobation, disapproval, disfavor**Sentence:** The manager surveyed her report with approbation.**20. FLEDGLING (noun) : अनुभवहीन मनुष्य****Pronunciation:** flej·luhng**Meaning:** a person who is just starting out in a field of activity**Synonyms:** learner, student, trainee

**Antonyms:** expert, master, veteran

**Sentence:** In my junior year a friend, a fledgling pilot, taught me the basics of handling a small plane.

### **21. NULLITY (noun) : व्यर्थता**

**Pronunciation:** nuhl·uh·tee

**Meaning:** a person of no importance or influence

**Synonyms:** insignificance, nonentity, inferior

**Antonyms:** bigwig, eminence, notable

**Sentence:** The judge's order was a nullity and no effective variation was made of the earlier flawed order of the justices.

### **22. QUANDARY (noun) : व्याकुलता**

**Pronunciation:** kvawn·duh·ree

**Meaning:** a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation.

**Synonyms:** dilemma, plight, predicament

**Antonyms:** solution, boon, success.

**Sentence:** The government appears to be in a quandary about what to do with so many people.

### **23. CATAclysmic (adj.) : दुर्घटना**

**Pronunciation:** ka·tuh·kliz·muhk

**Meaning:** relating to or denoting a violent natural event.

**Synonyms:** disastrous, catastrophic, calamitous

**Antonyms:** non-destructive, protective

**Sentence:** These countries are on the brink of cataclysmic famine.

### **24. SQUISHY (adj.) : मुलायम**

**Pronunciation:** skvish·ee

**Meaning:** soft and moist.

**Synonyms:** soft, spongy, squashy

**Antonyms:** firm, hard, solid

**Sentence:** The ground was soft and squishy, and she felt mud oozing over the top of her shoes.

### **25. GRATING (adj.) : कर्कश**

**Pronunciation:** grayt·uhng

**Meaning:** sounding harsh and unpleasant.

**Synonyms:** croaking, croaky, gravel

**Antonyms:** gentle, gliding, melodious

**Sentence:** She recognized the grating voice of Dr. Sarnoff.

**26. FECUND (adj.) : फलप्रद**

**Pronunciation:** fe-kənd 'fē

**Meaning:** producing abundantly

**Synonyms:** fertile, fructuous, fruitful

**Antonyms:** infertile, sterile, unproductive

**Sentence:** The pampas are still among the most fecund lands in the world.

**27. PORTEND (verb) : संकेत मिलता**

**Pronunciation:** paw·tend

**Meaning:** be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen.

**Synonyms:** presage, augur, foreshadow

**Antonyms:** describe, narrate, recite

**Sentence:** The change did not portend a basic improvement in social conditions.

**28. HOBNOBBED (verb) : सामाजिक रूप से मिलना**

**Pronunciation:** hawb·nawbd

**Meaning:** mix socially, especially with those of higher social status.

**Synonyms:** associate, mix, fraternize

**Antonyms:** eschewed, shunned, alienated

**Sentence:** He was often seen hobnobbing with influential business people.

**29. CURSORY (adj.) : जल्दबाजी**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·suh·ree

**Meaning:** hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.

**Synonyms:** perfunctory, desultory, casual

**Antonyms:** deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

**Sentence:** He put aside the papers after a cursory study.

**30. HIATUS (noun) : विराम**

**Pronunciation:** hai·uh·tuhs

**Meaning:** a pause or gap in a sequence, series, or process.

**Synonyms:** pause, break, interval

**Antonyms:** continuation, continuity

**Sentence:** There was a brief hiatus in the war.

**31. SOLITUDE (noun) : अकेलापन**

**Pronunciation:** saw·luh·chood

**Meaning:** the state or situation of being alone.

**Synonyms:** loneliness, solitariness, remoteness

**Antonyms:** camaraderie, companionship, company

**Sentence:** She savored her few hours of freedom and solitude.

**32. RETRIBUTION (noun) : प्रतिदण्ड**

**Pronunciation:** reh·truh·byoo·shn

**Meaning:** punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act.

**Synonyms:** punishment, penalty, nemesis

**Antonyms:** clemency, grace, leniency

**Sentence:** They fled because they feared retribution for the genocide.

**33. DIFFUSELY (adv.) : विस्तारपूर्वक**

**Pronunciation:** di. fyüs.ly

**Meaning:** in a detailed way.

**Synonyms:** verbosely, wordily, redundantly

**Antonyms:** briefly, compactly, concisely

**Sentence:** As a result, they diffract X-rays diffusely.

**34. DISCERNMENT (noun) : सूझ-बूझ**

**Pronunciation:** duh·suhn·muhnt

**Meaning:** the ability to judge well.

**Synonyms:** judgment, refinement, perception

**Antonyms:** foolishness, idiocy, imbecility

**Sentence:** It's clear that you are a person of discernment.

**35. REPENTANCE (noun) : पछतावा**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·pent·uhns



**Meaning:** the action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse.

**Synonyms:** remorse, contrition, contriteness

**Antonyms:** impenitence, remorselessness

**Sentence:** Confession is the first step to repentance.

### **36. DIATRIBE (noun) : अभियोगात्मक भाषण**

**Pronunciation:** dai·uh·tribe

**Meaning:** a forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something.

**Synonyms:** tirade, harangue, verbal onslaught

**Antonyms:** encomium, eulogy, panegyric

**Sentence:** The book is a diatribe against the academic left.

### **37. OBSTINATE (adj.) : जिद्दी**

**Pronunciation:** awb·stuh·nuht

**Meaning:** stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so.

**Synonyms:** stubborn, headstrong, intransigent

**Antonyms:** acquiescent, agreeable, amenable

**Sentence:** He was the most obstinate man I've ever met.

### **38. GULLIBLE (adj.) : भोला**

**Pronunciation:** guh·luh·bl

**Meaning:** easily persuaded to believe something; credulous.

**Synonyms:** credulous, over-trusting, easily deceived

**Antonyms:** cynical, mistrustful, sophisticated

**Sentence:** He's so gullible he'll believe anything.

### **39. EPHEMERAL (adj.) : अल्पकालिक**

**Pronunciation:** uh·feh·muh·ruhl

**Meaning:** lasting for a very short time.

**Synonyms:** transitory, transient, fleeting

**Antonyms:** eternal, everlasting, endless

**Sentence:** Most newspapers are of ephemeral interest.

### **40. DIAPHANOUS (adj.) : पारदर्शक**

**Pronunciation:** dai·a·fuh·nuhs

**Meaning:** (especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.

**Synonyms:** sheer, fine, ultra-fine

**Antonyms:** opaque, cloudy, foggy

**Sentence:** The little light fades the immense and diaphanous shadows.

### 41. SAPPING (verb) : निर्बल बनाना

**Pronunciation:** sap·uhng

**Meaning:** gradually weaken or destroy (a person's strength or power).

**Synonyms:** draining, weakening, debilitating

**Antonyms:** reviving, rejuvenating, stimulating

**Sentence:** Our energy is being sapped by bureaucrats and politicians.

### 42. THY (article) : तेरा

**Pronunciation:** thy

**Meaning:** archaic or dialect form of your.

**Synonyms:** thine, thee, yours

**Antonyms:** its, mine, theirs

**Sentence:** Hide nothing from thy physician.



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### 43. EKE (verb) : बड़ी मुश्किल से पाना

**Pronunciation:** Eke

**Meaning:** manage to support oneself or make a living with difficulty.

**Synonyms:** earn, obtain, scrounge

**Antonyms:** waste, misspend, misuse

**Sentence:** They had to eke out a living on a tiny income.

### 44. GINGERLY (adv.) : सावधानी से

**Pronunciation:** jin·juh·lee

**Meaning:** in a careful or cautious manner.

**Synonyms:** cautiously, carefully, circumspectly

**Antonyms:** careless, heedless, unmindful

**Sentence:** He opened the box gingerly and looked inside.

**45. SHAM (noun) : दिखावा****Pronunciation:** shaam**Meaning:** a thing that is not what it is purported to be.**Synonyms:** pretense, fake, act**Antonyms:** real, genuine, authentic**Sentence:** The latest crime figures are a complete sham.**46. VICTUAL (noun) : अन्न****Pronunciation:** vi·tl**Meaning:** food or provisions.**Synonyms:** food, meal, viand**Antonyms:** diet, fast, starve**Sentence:** "I can't bear to see good victuals wasted," said Martha.**47. IMPRESARIO (noun) : आयोजक****Pronunciation:** im·pruh·saa·ree·oh**Meaning:** a person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas.**Synonyms:** organizer, manager, producer**Antonyms:** adversary, antagonist**Sentence:** It was the actor's dream to work under the renowned impresario.**48. CON (verb) : ठगना****Pronunciation:** kawn**Meaning:** persuade (someone) to do or believe something, typically by use of a deception.**Synonyms:** swindle, defraud, cheat**Antonyms:** undeceive, disclose**Sentence:** Tried to con me into thinking that he had won the lottery.**49. INCOMMODIOUS (adj.) : असुविधाजनक****Pronunciation:** in·kuh·moh·dee·uhs**Meaning:** causing inconvenience or discomfort.**Synonyms:** limited, restricted**Antonyms:** commodious, capacious**Sentence:** The harbour is unsafe and incommodious.**50. GAZILLION (noun) : अधिक****Pronunciation:** guh·zi·lee·uhn**Meaning:** a very large number or quantity (used for emphasis).**Synonyms:** million, thousands, excess

**Antonyms:** little, inadequacy, deficiency

**Sentence:** I have a gazillion things to do.

**51. ASCENSION (noun) : अधिरोहण**

**Pronunciation:** uh·sen·shn

**Meaning:** the act of rising to an important position or a higher level.

**Synonyms:** ascent, climb, rise

**Antonyms:** descent, downfall, downgrade

**Sentence:** His ascension to the ranks of the pop star.

**52. FRETTING (verb) : बेचैन रहना**

**Pronunciation:** fret·uhng

**Meaning:** be constantly or visibly worried or anxious.

**Synonyms:** worry, be anxious, feel uneasy

**Antonyms:** calm, relaxed, confident

**Sentence:** What are you fretting about?

**53. OBSTREPEROUS (adj.) : प्रचंड**

**Pronunciation:** uhb·streh·puh·ruhs

**Meaning:** noisy and difficult to control.

**Synonyms:** unruly, unmanageable, undisciplined

**Antonyms:** calm, hushed, subdued

**Sentence:** He becomes obstreperous when he's had a few drinks.

**54. PARLEY (noun) : बातचीत**

**Pronunciation:** par·ley

**Meaning:** a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice.

**Synonyms:** negotiation, talk, meet

**Antonyms:** quiet, silence

**Sentence:** The governor was forced to parley with the rebels.

**55. VAPID (adj.) : नीरस**

**Pronunciation:** va·puhd

**Meaning:** offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging.

**Synonyms:** insipid, uninspired, tepid

**Antonyms:** amazing, astonishing, astounding

**Sentence:** The vapid conversation bored her.

**56. BOULEVARD (noun) : मार्ग**

**Pronunciation:** bou·le·vard

**Meaning:** a wide street in a town or city, typically one lined with trees.

**Synonyms:** avenue, street, road

**Antonyms:** blockade, roadblock, closure

**Sentence:** They replaced the narrow streets with wide boulevards.

**57. FURTIVELY (adv.) : चोरी से**

**Pronunciation:** fuh·tuhv·lee

**Meaning:** in a way that attempts to avoid notice or attention; secretly.

**Synonyms:** secretly, sneakily, stealthily

**Antonyms:** openly, publicly

**Sentence:** She opened the door and looked furtively down the hall.

**58. STOLID (adj.) : सुस्त**

**Pronunciation:** staw·luhd

**Meaning:** (of a person) calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation.

**Synonyms:** impassive, phlegmatic, unemotional

**Antonyms:** demonstrative, emotional, fervent

**Sentence:** He's a very stolid, serious man.

**59. OBLITERATION (noun) : विस्मृति**

**Pronunciation:** uh·bli·tuh·ray·shn

**Meaning:** the action or fact of obliterating or being obliterated; total destruction.

**Synonyms:** eradication, erasing, erasure

**Antonyms:** raising, regeneracy, refurbishment

**Sentence:** The result of these invasions was the near obliteration of ancient Egypt.

**60. EXERTION (noun) : तनाव**

**Pronunciation:** uhg·zuh·shn

**Meaning:** physical or mental effort.

**Synonyms:** strain, struggle, toil

**Antonyms:** happiness, fun, entertainment

**Sentence:** A person with nephritis must avoid all exertion.

### **61. TUTELAGE (noun) : संरक्षण**

**Pronunciation:** tyoo·tuhl·uhj

**Meaning:** protection of or authority over someone or something; guardianship.

**Synonyms:** shielding, shelter, safeguarding

**Antonyms:** improvidence, imprudence, inactivity

**Sentence:** A new regime was installed under French tutelage.

### **62. CONTENTIOUS (adj.) : विवादास्पद**

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·ten·shuhs

**Meaning:** causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.

**Synonyms:** controversial, disputable, debatable

**Antonyms:** noncontroversial, incontestable, indisputable

**Sentence:** Both views are highly contentious.

### **63. PANEGYRIC (noun) : प्रशंसात्मक**

**Pronunciation:** pa·nuh·ji·ruhk

**Meaning:** a public speech or published text in praise of someone or something.

**Synonyms:** accolade, citation, commendation,

**Antonyms:** admonition, harangue

**Sentence:** She delivered a panegyric on the President-elect.

### **64. DULCET (adj.) : आनंदकर**

**Pronunciation:** duhl·suht

**Meaning:** giving pleasure or contentment to the mind or senses

**Synonyms:** delightful, enjoyable, felicitous

**Antonyms:** unpalatable, unpleasant, disturbing

**Sentence:** She recorded the dulcet tones of her family and friends.

### **65. SEETHING (adj.) : क्रोध में**

**Pronunciation:** seedh·uhng

**Meaning:** filled with or characterized by intense but unexpressed anger.

**Synonyms:** blazing, raging, rankling

**Antonyms:** cool, calmness

**Sentence:** He marched off, seething with frustration.

**66. TAD (adv.) :** अल्प

**Pronunciation:** TAD

**Meaning:** to a small extent; somewhat.

**Synonyms:** little, bit, ounce

**Antonyms:** abundance, barrel, boatload

**Sentence:** Could you turn the sound down just a tad?

**67. ASTUTE (adj.) :** चतुर

**Pronunciation:** uh·styoot

**Meaning:** having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

**Synonyms:** shrewd, sharp, ingenious

**Antonyms:** foolish, idiotic, moronic

**Sentence:** A good leader must be an astute judge of ability.

**68. BUMPTIOUS (adj.) :** खुद-एतमाद

**Pronunciation:** buhmp·shuhs

**Meaning:** self-assertive or proud to an irritating degree.

**Synonyms:** self-important, conceited, arrogant

**Antonyms:** humble, modest, unarrogant

**Sentence:** She was clearly embarrassed at times by Durkin's bumptious behaviour.

**69. CORUSCATE (verb) :** उज्ज्वल होना

**Pronunciation:** kaw·ruh·skayt

**Meaning:** (of light) flash or sparkle.

**Synonyms:** flash, glance, gleam

**Antonyms:** dim, dull

**Sentence:** The light was coruscating from the walls.

**70. IMPRIMATUR (noun) :** इजाज़त

**Pronunciation:** im·pruh·maa·tuh

**Meaning:** an acceptance of something as satisfactory

**Synonyms:** approbation, approval, acceptance

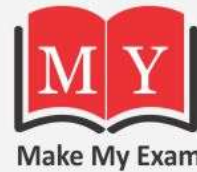
**Antonyms:** disapprobation, disapproval, disfavor

**Sentence:** They can also get the imprimatur of the Constitutional Court to achieve this.

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