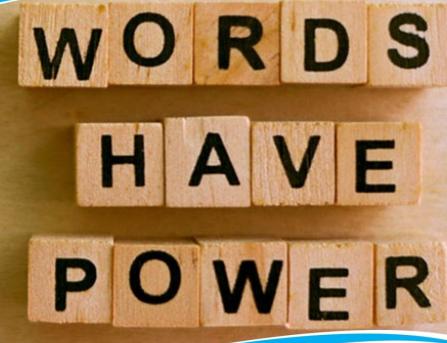






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# 1. CONSERVATISM (NOUN): रूढ़िवाद

Pronunciation: nkuhn·suhv·uh·ti·zm

Meaning: the disapproval of new ideas and change. Synonyms: conservativeness, bigotry, fogeyism Antonyms: Liberalism, progressivism, radicalism Sentence: His views on social issues reflect his deep <u>conservatism</u> and resistance to change.

# 2. DISCONCERT (VERB):चिंताजनक

#### Pronunciation: dis·kuhn·suht

Meaning: disturb the composure of; unsettle. Synonyms: confuse, fluster, rattle Antonyms: relieve, soothe, comfort Sentence: John would <u>disconcert</u> his parents by not coming home after school.

# 3. ADDLED (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

#### **Pronunciation: a·dld**

Meaning: unable to think clearly; confused.

Synonyms: dazed, bewildered, confused

Antonyms: conscious, clearheaded, alert

**Sentence:** Because my grandmother is in her mid-nineties, she is a bit <u>addled</u> at times and requires the aid of a personal caregiver.

# 4. CATHARSIS(NOUN): विरेचन

## **Pronunciation:** kuh·thaa·suhs

**Meaning:** the process of releasing strong emotions through a particular activity or experience, such as writing or theatre, in a way that helps you to understand those emotions.

Synonyms: Emotional release, purgation

Antonyms: Suppression, inhibition, repression

Sentence: Crying is a great <u>catharsis</u> for releasing pain and anger.

# 5. FOLLY (NOUN): मूर्खता





#### **Pronunciation:** faw·lee

**Meaning:** an act that is not sensible and may have a bad result. **Synonyms:** insanity, idiocy, absurdity

Antonyms: wisdom, prudence, discretion

**Sentence:** It was sheer <u>folly</u> to invest all his money in a risky business venture without proper research and planning.

## 6. JOCUND (ADJECTIVE): प्रफुल्ल

#### **Pronunciation: joh·knd**

Meaning: cheerful and lighthearted, in a happy mood.

Synonyms: merry, jolly, festive

Antonyms: melancholy, sorrowful, sad

**Sentence:** As soon as I walked towards the front door of the luxury hotel, a jocund doorman greeted me with a smile.

#### 7. DILATION (NOUN): फैलाव

#### **Pronunciation:** dai·lay·shn

Meaning: the action or condition of becoming or being made wider, larger, or more open. Synonyms: dispersion, expansion, inflation Antonyms: contraction, decrease, lessening Sentence: The doctor will repair the narrowed vessels by inserting a tube to <u>dilate</u> them.

## 8. CURTAIL (VERB): घटाना

#### **Pronunciation : kuh·tayl**

Meaning: to reduce or restrict; to cut short or diminish.Synonyms: Reduce, decrease, limitAntonyms: Expand, increase, extend, amplifySentence: The company had to <u>curtail</u> its expenses in order to stay within thebudget.

## 9. REDRESS (VERB/NOUN): सुधार करना

#### **Pronunciation: ruh·dres**

**Meaning:** to correct something that is wrong or unfair.

Synonyms: reparation, damages, refund

Antonyms: Aggravate, worsen, exacerbate

**Sentence:** The organization is working towards providing <u>redress</u> to the victims of the fraud.

# 10. WANTON (ADJECTIVE): प्रचंड

**Pronunciation:** vawn·tn



**Meaning:** (used about an action) done in order to hurt somebody or damage something for no good reason.

**Synonyms:** Reckless, malicious, cruel

Antonyms: Careful, responsible, conscientious

Sentence: The wanton destruction of the property angered the community.

