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1. PROPONENT (noun): समर्थक

Pronunciation: pruh·poh·nuhnt

Meaning: a person who actively supports or favors a cause

Synonyms: advocate, supporter, upholder **Antonyms:** adversary, antagonist, opponent

Sentence: She has always been a strong <u>proponent</u> of women's rights.

2.PIFFLE (noun) : बकवास

Pronunciation: pi·fl

Meaning: language, behavior, or idea that is absurd and contrary to good sense

Synonyms: nonsense, blather, claptrap **Antonyms:** sense, discernment, reasonable

Sentence: Joe really does talk a lot of piffle sometimes.

3.BUMPTIOUS (adj.) : ख़द-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 <u>bumptious</u> behavior.

4.SECESSIONISM (noun) : अलगाव

Pronunciation: suh.seh.shn

Meaning: the act or process of a whole separating into two or more parts

Synonyms: bifurcation, division, partition

Antonyms: association, aggregation, unification

Sentence: Fundamentalism and <u>secessionism</u> are of course a direct result of poor

governance.

5.CONFUTING (verb) : झूठा ठहराना

Pronunciation: kawn·takt ·uhng

Meaning: prove (a person or an assertion) to be wrong. **Synonyms:** disprove, show/prove to be false, contradict



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Antonyms: proving, validating, verifying

Sentence: Theories that will eventually be confirmed or <u>confuted</u> by experience.

6.GLOSSARY (noun): शब्दकोष

Pronunciation: glaw·suh·ree

Meaning: an alphabetical list of terms or words found in or relating to a specific subject,

text, or dialect, with explanations; a brief dictionary. **Synonyms:** dictionaries, wordbooks, catalogues **Antonyms:** Conciseness, gibberish, individual word.

Sentence: The book includes a glossary of financial terms.

7.DISPARAGED (verb): अपमानित करना

Pronunciation: duh·spae·ruhjd

Meaning: regard or represent as being of little worth.

Synonyms: denigrate, deprecate, depreciate **Antonyms:** acclaimed, applauded, exalted

Sentence: Her bad behavior has disparaged her whole family.

8.DERELICT (adj.) : त्याग किया हुआ

Pronunciation: deh·ruh·luhkt

Meaning: in a very poor condition as a result of disuse and neglect.

Synonyms: dilapidated, ramshackle, neglecting

Antonyms: conscientious, non-negligent

Sentence: He purchased an old <u>derelict</u> mansion that was rumored to be haunted.

9.BALK (verb) : बाधा डालना

Pronunciation: bawk

Meaning: to prevent from achieving a goal

Synonyms: block, hinder, thwart

Antonyms: facilitate, assist, encourage

Sentence: Their strategies to <u>balk</u> at the enemy had failed.

10.DAZE (verb): मति-मंद करना

Pronunciation: dayz

Meaning: make (someone) unable to think or react properly; stupefy; bewilder.

Synonyms: stun, stupefy, dumbfound

Antonyms: bore, calm, clarify

Sentence: The fall <u>daze</u> him for a moment, causing him to become disoriented.



11.DELECTABLE (adj.): स्वादिष्ट

Pronunciation: duh·lek·tuh·bl

Meaning: (of food or drink) delicious.

Synonyms: delicious, mouthwatering, appetizing **Antonyms:** distasteful, tasteless, flavorless,

Sentence: Delectable smells rose from the kitchen.

12.DOVETAILING (verb) : सहमत होना

Pronunciation: duhv·tayl·uhng

Meaning: to be in agreement on every point

Synonyms: according, agreeing

Antonyms: differing, disagreeing, mismatching

Sentence: The Union and the Confederate accounts of the battle don't dovetail at all.

13.HETERODOX (adj.): विधर्मिक

Pronunciation: heh-tuh-ruh-dawks

Meaning: not conforming with accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs.

Synonyms: unorthodox, heretical, dissenting **Antonyms:** conformist, conventional, orthodox

Sentence: His opinions have always been distinctly <u>heterodox</u>.



14.TEMERITY (noun): उतावलापन

Pronunciation: tuh·meh·ruh·tee

Meaning: excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

Synonyms: audacity, boldness, audaciousness **Antonyms:** bashfulness, diffidence, hesitancy

Sentence: He had the temerity to ask for higher wages after only a day's work.

15.PRESAGE (noun) : पूर्व-सूचना

Pronunciation: preh·suhj



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Meaning: a sign or warning that something, typically something bad, will happen; an

omen or portent.

Synonyms: sign, indication, portent **Antonyms:** fulfilment, event, occurrence

Sentence: Those black clouds presage a storm.

16.NAGGING (adj.): छिद्रान्वेषी

Pronunciation: nag·uhng

Meaning: (of a person) constantly harassing someone to do something.

Synonyms: grumbling, hounding, scolding

Antonyms: acclaiming, applauding

Sentence: He wanted to get away from his nagging parents.

17.EDICT (noun) : अध्यादेश

Pronunciation: ee · duhkt

Meaning: an official order or proclamation issued by a person in authority.

Synonyms: decree, order, command

Antonyms: permit, decriminalize, legalize.

Sentence: The festival was banned by royal <u>edict</u>.

18.BAITING (verb) : उत्पीड़न

Pronunciation: bayt·uhng

Meaning: deliberately annoy or taunt (someone).

Synonyms: taunt, goad, provoke

Antonyms: appease, conciliate, mollify

Sentence: I wished the candidates would stop baiting each other and instead address the

real issues.

19.ANOMALY (noun): विसंगति

Pronunciation: uh·naw·muh·lee

Meaning: something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.

Synonyms: oddity, peculiarity, abnormality

Antonyms: norm, ordinary, usual

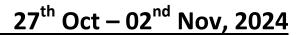
Sentence: Snow in July is an <u>anomaly</u> in most of the northern hemisphere.

20.PARLEY (noun): बातचीत

Pronunciation: paa·lee

Meaning: a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of

terms for an armistice.





Synonyms: negotiation, talk, meeting

Antonyms: quiet, silence, calm

Sentence: The governor was forced to <u>parley</u> with the rebels.

21.PERDITION (noun) : विनाश

Pronunciation: puh·di·shn

Meaning: (in Christian theology) a state of eternal punishment and damnation into which a

sinful and unpenitent person passes after death. **Synonyms:** damnation, destruction, downfall

Antonyms: bliss, paradise

Sentence: Simple stupidity is not enough to doom one to <u>perdition</u>.

22.FOOLHARDY (adj.): असावधान

Pronunciation: fool·haad·ee **Meaning:** recklessly bold or rash.

Synonyms: reckless, careless, incautious **Antonyms:** careful, cautious, heedful

Sentence: It would be <u>foolhardy</u> to go into the scheme without support.



23.CLUTTER (noun) : भाग-दौड़

Pronunciation: kluh·tuh

Meaning: an unorganized collection or mixture of various things

Synonyms: agglomerate, agglomeration, mixed bag

Antonyms: order, organization, singularity **Sentence:** Sorry about the <u>clutter</u> in the kitchen

24.EXCULPATE (verb) : निर्दोष सिद्ध करना

Pronunciation: ek·skuhl·payt

Meaning: show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.

Synonyms: absolve, acquit, clear

Antonyms: accuse, arraign

Sentence: He <u>exculpates</u> himself from stealing the money.



25.CONVENE (verb): आमन्त्रित करना

Pronunciation: kuhn·veen

Meaning: come or bring together for a meeting or activity; assemble.

Synonyms: assemble, call, convoke

Antonyms: disperse, divide, scatter, separate

Sentence: He had <u>convened</u> a secret meeting of military personnel.

26.SUPINE (adj.) : कमज़ोर

Pronunciation: soo pine

Meaning: lacking the ability or will to act on one's own

Synonyms: weak, feeble, yielding **Antonyms:** powerful, puissant, strong

Sentence: They blamed the disaster on <u>supine</u> politicians who allowed large corporations

to flout regulations.

27.DEMARCATE (verb) : निर्धारित करना

Pronunciation: dee·maa·kayt.uhd **Meaning:** to mark the limits of

Synonyms: bound, circumscribe, delimit **Antonyms:** attach, combine, connect

Sentence: A bright yellow line <u>demarcated</u> the county on the road map.

28.MOIETY (noun) : आधा भाग

Pronunciation: moy·uh·tee

Meaning: each of two parts into which a thing is or can be divided.

Synonyms: half, moiety, part **Antonyms:** entirety, whole, full

Sentence: The tax was to be delivered in two <u>moieties</u>.

29.MEEKLY (adv.) : नर्मी से

Pronunciation: meek·lee

Meaning: in a quiet, gentle, and submissive manner.

Synonyms: abjectly, deferentially, modestly **Antonyms:** arrogantly, audaciously, boldly

Sentence: Most have <u>meekly</u> accepted such advice.

30.RUMMAGE (verb): चप्पा चप्पा छान मारना

Pronunciation: ruh·muhj



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Meaning: search unsystematically and untidily through a mass or receptacle.

Synonyms: search, explore **Antonyms:** hide, abandon

Sentence: Have a rummage around in the drawer and see if you can find a pen.

31.CONTEMPORANEOUS (adj.): समसामयिक

Pronunciation: kuhn·tem·puh·ray·nee·uhs

Meaning: existing or occurring in the same period of time.

Synonyms: coetaneous, coeval, coexistent **Antonyms:** asynchronous, non contemporary

Sentence: The two events were more or less contemporaneous, with only months between

them.



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32.HUBRISTIC (adj.): आत्मसंतुष्ट

Pronunciation: hyoo'-brĭs'-tĭk

Meaning: excessively proud or self-confident. **Synonyms:** complacent, conceited, egocentric

Antonyms: humble, lowly, modest

Sentence: The administration's <u>hubristic</u> foreign policy has been efficiently exposed.

33.SUBURB (noun): उपनगर

Pronunciation: suh · buhb

Meaning: an outlying district of a city, especially a residential one.

Synonyms: outlying district, residential area, dormitory area

Antonyms: center, metropolis, heart

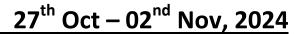
Sentence: Box Hill is a <u>suburb</u> of Melbourne.

34.TROTH (noun): विश्वास

Pronunciation: trothe

Meaning: faith or loyalty when pledged in a solemn agreement or undertaking.

Synonyms: commitment, agreement, faith **Antonyms:** disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness





Sentence: This troth seems to be self-evident.

35.PREPONDERANCE (noun): प्रधानता

Pronunciation: pruh·pawn·duh·ruhns

Meaning: the quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance.

Synonyms: prevalence, predominance, dominance **Antonyms:** insignificance, inferiority, mediocrity

Sentence: The <u>preponderance</u> of evidence suggests that he's guilty.

36.FLABBERGAST (verb): हैरत में डालना

Pronunciation: fla·buh·gaast

Meaning: surprise (someone) greatly; astonish.

Synonyms: astonish, astound, amaze **Antonyms:** aware, clear, oriented

Sentence: He was flabbergasted when we told him how cheap it was.

37.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 <u>cataclysmic</u> famine.

38.HUMDRUM (adj.): नीरस

Pronunciation: huhm · druhm

Meaning: lacking excitement or variety; dull; monotonous.

Synonyms: mundane, dull, dreary

Antonyms: interesting, engrossing, gripping

Sentence: We lead such a <u>humdrum</u> life/existence.

39.CONCOCTED (verb): मनगढ़त

Pronunciation: kuhng·kawkt·uhd

Meaning: existing only in the imagination. **Synonyms:** artificial, fabricated, imaginary

Antonyms: genuine, natural, real

Sentence: John <u>concocted</u> an elaborate excuse for being late.

40.LINGER (verb): दीर्घ काल तक रहना

Pronunciation: ling · guh



Meaning: stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave.

Synonyms: wait around, stay, remain **Antonyms:** bowl, breeze, dart, hump

Sentence: Unfortunately, the tax will <u>linger</u> until April.

