

VOCABULARY

1. CONSERVATISM (NOUN): रूढ़िवाद

Pronunciation: kuhn•suhv•uh•ti•zm

Meaning: commitment to traditional values and ideas with opposition to change or innovation.

Synonyms: Traditionalism, orthodoxy, Conventionalism

Antonyms: Liberalism, progressivism, radicalism

Sentence: His views on social issues reflect his deep *conservatism* and resistance to change.

2. DISCONCERT (VERB): चिंताजनक

Pronunciation: dis•kuhn•suht

Meaning: disturb the composure of; unsettle.

Synonyms: fluster, unsettle, discomfit, disturb

Antonyms: relieve, soothe, comfort, calm

Sentence: John would *disconcert* his parents by not coming home after school.

3. ADDLED (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

Pronunciation: a•dld

Meaning: Unable to think clearly; confused or muddled.

Synonyms: dazed, bewildered, confused

Antonyms: conscious, clearheaded

Sentence: Because my grandmother is in her mid-nineties, she is a bit *addled* 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, Ventilation

Antonyms: Suppression, inhibition, repression

Sentence: Crying is a great *catharsis* for releasing pain and anger.

5. WANTON (ADJECTIVE): अकारण

Pronunciation: vawn•tn

Meaning: showing no care or concern for others; reckless.

Synonyms: Reckless, malicious, Unprovoked, irresponsible

Antonyms: Careful, responsible, conscientious, considerate

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

6. FOLLY (NOUN): मूर्खता

Pronunciation: faw•lee

Meaning: lack of good sense; foolishness.

Synonyms: Inanity, idiocy, absurdity, stupidity, madness

Antonyms: wisdom, prudence, Sanity, sagacity

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

7. JOCUND (ADJECTIVE): प्रफुल्ल

Pronunciation: joh•knd

Meaning: cheerful and lighthearted, in a happy mood.

Synonyms: Cheerful, Merry, Joyful, Gleeful, Blithe

Antonyms: Gloomy, Melancholy, Sad, Sombre

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

8. DILATION (NOUN): फैलाव

Pronunciation: dai•lay•shn

Meaning: the action or condition of becoming or being made wider, larger, or more open.

Synonyms: Expansion, Enlargement, Inflation

Antonyms: contraction, shrinkage, reduction, compression

Sentence: The doctor will repair the narrowed vessels by inserting a tube to *dilate* them.

9. CURTAIL (VERB): छोटा या संक्षिप्त करना

Pronunciation: kuh•tayl

Meaning: to reduce or restrict; to cut short or diminish.

Synonyms: Reduce, decrease, limit, restrict, shorten

Antonyms: Expand, increase, extend, amplify

Sentence: The company had to *curtail* its expenses in order to stay within the budget.

10. REDRESS (VERB/NOUN): सुधार करना

Pronunciation: ruh•dres

Meaning: remedy, correct, or make amends for wrongdoing or injustice; compensation for a wrong or grievance.

Synonyms: Rectify, repair, Correct, Relieve

Antonyms: Aggravate, worsen, exacerbate

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