

VOCABULARY

1. SWARMING (ADJECTIVE): झुंड

Pronunciation: svawm•uhng

Meaning: moving in or forming a large or dense group.

Synonyms: abounding, abundant, crowd

Antonyms: devoid, empty

Sentence: The place was *swarming* with police and displaced residents.

2. GRIPPING (ADJECTIVE): मनोरंजक

Pronunciation: grip•uhng

Meaning: firmly holding the attention or interest; exciting.

Synonyms: enthralling, fascinating, immersing

Antonyms: boring, drab, monotonous

Sentence: The film turned out to be a *gripping* thriller.

3. DUTIFUL (ADJECTIVE): कर्तव्य परायण

Pronunciation: dyoo•tuh•ful

Meaning: conscientiously or obediently fulfilling one's duty.

Synonyms: conscientious, responsible, dedicated

Antonyms: undutiful, discourteous, insolent

Sentence: She was a complaisant wife and *dutiful* daughter.

4. DISTRAUGHT (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

Pronunciation: duh•strawt

Meaning: deeply upset and agitated.

Synonyms: worried, upset, distressed

Antonyms: calm, peaceful, placid

Sentence: Her *distraught* mother had spent all night waiting by the phone.

5. PLOYS (NOUN): चाल

Pronunciation: ployz

Meaning: a cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage.

Synonyms: tactic, stratagem, trick

Antonyms: liability, deficit, openness, honesty

Sentence: Asking me to take her shopping turned out to be a *ploy* to get me to the surprise party.

6. FIASCO (NOUN): असफलता

Pronunciation: fee•a•skoh

Meaning: a thing that is a complete failure, especially in a ludicrous or humiliating way.

Synonyms: failure, debacle, shambles

Antonyms: hit, smash, success

Sentence: The mass rally was a total *fiasco*.

7. DEFILE (VERB): गंदा करना

Pronunciation: dih-fyle

Meaning: to make unfit for use by the addition of something harmful or undesirable.

Synonyms: befoul, contaminate, spoil

Antonyms: decontaminate, purify, clean

Sentence: Supplies of meat that had been *defiled* by maggots.

8. INCULCATE (VERB): मन में बैठाना

Pronunciation: in•kuhl•kayt

Meaning: instill (an attitude, idea, or habit) by persistent instruction.

Synonyms: instil, implant, imbue

Antonyms: deprive, clear, empty

Sentence: Not all schools manage to successfully *inculcate* a love of learning.

9. AFFABILITY (NOUN): नेकी

Pronunciation: af-uh-bil-uh-tee

Meaning: the quality of having a friendly and good-natured manner.

Synonyms: friendliness, amiability, geniality

Antonyms: disagreeableness, unpleasantness

Sentence: He was beloved by the nation for his *affability* toward people from all walks of life.

10. 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.