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Happy learning !!!

1.ASININE (adjective) – बुद्धिहीन

Pronunciation: a·suh·nain

Meaning: extremely stupid or foolish

Synonyms: stupid, foolish, pointless, brainless, mindless, senseless, doltish, idiotic

Antonyms: intelligent, clever

Usage: Your asinine attempt of lying in court is going to cost you big time!

2.UNFEIGNED (adjective) – सच्चा

Pronunciation: uhn·feind

Meaning: genuine or sincere

Synonyms: sincere, genuine, real, true, honest, authentic, unaffected

Antonyms: insincere, feigned, pretended

Usage: He showed unfeigned satisfaction at his friend's success.

3.DRAWL (verb) – धीरा उच्चारण

Pronunciation: drawl

Meaning: speak in a slow, lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds

Synonyms: drag, lag, drone, say slowly, speak slowly

Antonyms: gabble

Usage: The children laughed at the way the man's sluggish drawl caused him to pronounce words.

4.MEDIEVAL (adjective) - मध्यकालीन

Pronunciation: mid·ee·vuhl

Meaning: relating to the middle ages

Synonyms: primitive, archaic, prehistoric, feudal, antediluvian

Antonyms: current, modern, present

Usage: Medieval period is an important era in Indian History for the development in the field of art, languages, culture and religion.

5.CHROMATIC (adjective) - रंगीन

Pronunciation: kruh·ma·tuhk

Meaning: relating to color

Synonyms: colorful, bright, flashy, gaudy, hued

Antonyms: colorless, plain, monotone

Usage: Holland produces a chromatic display of flowers during its peak season in April.

6.OPTIMUM (adjective) – सर्वोत्तम

Pronunciation: op·tuh·muhm

Meaning: most conducive to a favorable outcome

Synonyms: best, ideal, perfect, prime, supreme, excellent

Antonyms: least, poorest, worst

Usage: The layout of the furniture makes optimum use of the space available.

7.CARP (verb) – नुकताचीनी करना

Pronunciation: kaarp

Meaning: complain or find fault continually about trivial matters

Synonyms: complain, cavil, grumble, moan, grouse, grouch, whine

Antonyms: praise, forgiving, complimentary

Usage: He always finds something to carp about.

8.EXTORTIONATE (adjective) – हद से ज़्यादा

Pronunciation: uhk·staw·shuh·nuht

Meaning: much too high

Synonyms: exorbitant, excessive, outrageous, preposterous, immoderate, unreasonable

Antonyms: reasonable, acceptable

Usage: The prices in this shop are extortionate.

9.HOSPITABLE (adjective) – मेहमाननवाज़

Pronunciation: ho·spi·tuh·bl

Meaning: friendly and welcoming to visitors or guests

Synonyms: welcoming, friendly, sociable, convivial, cordial, gracious, amenable

Antonyms: unfriendly, hostile

Usage: The local people were very kind and hospitable.

10.ARTLESS (adjective) – सीधा

Pronunciation: aat·luhs

Meaning: natural and simple

Synonyms: natural, naive, simple, innocent, childlike, pure, ingenuous

Antonyms: scheming, crafty, pretentious

Usage: Being innocent and artless, she is loved by all.

11.VENERATE (verb) – सम्मानित करना**Pronunciation:** venur-eit**Meaning:** regard with great respect**Synonyms:** revere, reverence, respect, worship, adulate, hallow, idolize**Antonyms:** despise, disrespect, disregard**Usage:** Philip of Beverley was venerated as a saint.**12.BACKLASH (noun) – प्रतिक्रिया****Pronunciation:** bak-lash**Meaning:** a strong negative reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development**Synonyms:** counterblast, retaliation, reprisal, repercussion, resentment**Antonyms:** question, cause**Usage:** Such a decision may provoke a backlash from their supporters.**13.CHUBBY (adjective) – गोल-मटोल****Pronunciation:** chubi**Meaning:** having a full rounded shape**Synonyms:** plump, tubby, roly-poly, rotund, portly, stout, dumpy, chunky**Antonyms:** skinny, slender, lean**Usage:** Sophia is a pretty child with chubby cheeks.**14.JITTER (noun) – घबराहट****Pronunciation:** ji·ter**Meaning:** feelings of extreme nervousness**Synonyms:** nervousness, uneasiness, anxiety, anxiousness, tension, agitation**Antonyms:** calmness, serenity, composure**Usage:** I always get the jitters before exams.**15.VEHEMENT (adjective) – जोशीला, प्रचंड****Pronunciation:** vee·uh·muhnt**Meaning:** showing strong feeling**Synonyms:** passionate, forceful, ardent, impassioned, heated**Antonyms:** mild, apathetic, gentle**Usage:** The proposal has faced vehement opposition from many teachers.**16.REBUTTAL (noun) – खंडन****Pronunciation:** ruh·buh·tl**Meaning:** an instance of claiming that an evidence or accusation is false

Synonyms: refutation, denial, disproving, countering, invalidation, negation, contradiction

Antonym: confirmation

Usage: The Ministry of Defense issued a rebuttal of the report two hours before it was published.

17.COALESCE (verb) – संगठित होना

Pronunciation: kow·uh·les

Meaning: come together to form one mass or whole

Synonyms: unite, combine, merge, fuse, mingle, meld, blend

Antonyms: divide, separate, detach

Usage: Local high school principals have agreed to coalesce around new approaches for college preparation.

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18.OVERBEARING (adjective) – रोबदार

Pronunciation: ow·vuh·beuh·ruhng

Meaning: unpleasantly & extremely strong or intense

Synonyms: domineering, dominating, autocratic, tyrannical, despotic, oppressive

Antonyms: humble, meek

Usage: George has an overbearing and arrogant personality.

19.INADVISABLE (adjective) – अनुचित, अनुपयुक्त

Pronunciation: in·uhd·vai·zuh·bl

Meaning: likely to have unfortunate consequences

Synonyms: unwise, ill-advised, imprudent, injudicious, impolitic, foolish

Antonyms: shrewd, wise, recommended

Usage: It is inadvisable to bring children on this trip.

20.ARMISTICE (noun) – युद्धविराम

Pronunciation: aa·muh·stuhs

Meaning: an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time

Synonyms: truce, ceasefire, lull, respite, peace

Antonyms: fight, war

Usage: The two nations signed an armistice.

21. INESCAPABLE (adjective) – अनिवार्य

Pronunciation: i·nuh·skei·puh·bl

Meaning: unable to be avoided or denied

Synonyms: unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable, certain, inexorable

Antonym: avoidable

Usage: Sometimes, our anger and frustration are caused by very real and inescapable problems in our lives.

22. VOLUNTARY (adjective) – स्वैच्छिक

Pronunciation: vo·luhn·tuh·ree

Meaning: done, given, or acting of one's own free will

Synonyms: optional, discretionary, elective, open, volitional

Antonyms: compulsory, obligatory, necessary

Usage: Working on a voluntary basis, the chef cooks for the homeless as a way to help the community.

23. SIGNIFY (verb) – प्रकट करना

Pronunciation: sig·nuh·fai

Meaning: indicate or declare

Synonyms: express, indicate, proclaim, show, communicate, intimate, announce

Antonyms: withhold, refrain, refuse

Usage: In the painting the abandoned rose is supposed to signify a lost love.

24. ELONGATE (verb) – लंबा करना

Pronunciation: ee·long·geit

Meaning: to make something longer

Synonyms: lengthen, extend, broaden, widen, enlarge

Antonyms: shorten, abbreviate, curtail

Usage: The cells elongate as they take in water.

25. GESTURE (noun) – संकेत, इशारा

Pronunciation: jes·chuh

Meaning: a movement made to express a point

Synonyms: signal, expression, sign, motion, indication

Antonym: speech

Usage: The shrug is a gesture that usually means a person does not know or does not care.

26.DICEY (adjective) – अप्रत्याशित

Pronunciation: dai·see

Meaning: unpredictable and potentially dangerous

Synonyms: risky, unpredictable, precarious, unsafe, dangerous, perilous

Antonyms: predictable, expectable, constant

Usage: Gamblers will often take dicey chances with their money because most of the time they will lose most if not all of it.

27.BESOTTED (adjective) – मुग्ध

Pronunciation: buh·so·tuhd

Meaning: strongly infatuated or obsessed

Synonyms: infatuated, sloshed, affected, inebriated, smitten

Antonym: indifferent

Usage: He was besotted by the rhythm.

28.MULL (verb) – विचार करना

Pronunciation: muhl

Meaning: to think about something deeply and for a long period of time

Synonyms: contemplate, deliberate, examine, ponder, consider

Antonyms: dismiss, forget, deride

Usage: The jury needed the weekend to mull over the evidence and make a decision on the case.

29.OUTLAY (noun) – लागत, खर्च

Pronunciation: awt·lei

Meaning: an amount of money spent on something

Synonyms: investment, expense, disbursement, spending, expenditure

Antonyms: savings, income, revenue

Usage: The business quickly repaid the initial outlay on advertising.

30.PARLANCE (noun) – बोल-चाल, उच्चारण

Pronunciation: paa·luhns

Meaning: a way of speaking that is typical of a certain group or culture

Synonyms: jargon, argot, lingo, language, speech, vocabulary, vernacular

Antonym: standard

Usage: The legal parlance used by attorneys has its roots in the Latin language.

31.FUNDAMENTAL (adjective) – मौलिक, आधारभूत

Pronunciation: fuhn·duh·men·tl

Meaning: basic or essential part

Synonyms: basic, foundational, elementary, root, primary, principal, central

Antonyms: secondary, unimportant, auxiliary

Usage: He skipped over the fundamental steps, which caused his plan to fail.

32.FLEXIBILITY (noun) – लचीलापन

Pronunciation: flek·suh·bi·luh·tee

Meaning: the quality of bending easily without breaking

Synonyms: pliability, elasticity, resilience, mobility, fluidity

Antonyms: rigidity, inflexibility, intransigence

Usage: The ballerina's flexibility allowed her to do lots of bends and turns.



33.SATE (verb) – परितृप्त

Pronunciation: seit

Meaning: satisfy a desire or an appetite to the full

Synonyms: satiate, slake, quench, gorge

Antonyms: starve, deprive, dissatisfy

Usage: My family's huge get-togethers are filled with so much food that they can sate the hungriest person.

34.PERKY (adjective) – फुर्तीला, प्रफुल्लित

Pronunciation: puh·kee

Meaning: lively or enthusiastic

Synonyms: lively, vivacious, animated, bubbly, bouncy, bouncing, spirited

Antonyms: dull, lethargic, depressed

Usage: You look very perky this morning.

35.ASCENSION (noun) – अधिरोहण

Pronunciation: uh·sen·shn

Meaning: a rise in status or physical position

Synonyms: mounting, rise, scaling, soaring, escalating

Antonyms: declension, decline, descendancy

Usage: His ascension from mere Captain to General in the Army came from numerous successes and victories in the line of duty.

36.GRATIS (adjective) – मुफ्त

Pronunciation: gra·tuhs

Meaning: without charge

Synonyms: free, costless, freebie, complimentary, chargeless

Antonyms: costly, expensive, pricey

Usage: The homeless shelter provides food gratis for needy individuals.

37.ADJUDICATE (verb) – निर्णय करना

Pronunciation: uh·joo·duh·keit

Meaning: to make a decision on an issue

Synonyms: judge, adjudge, try, hear, examine, arbitrate

Antonyms: hesitate, defer

Usage: We asked him to adjudicate at the local flower show.

38.RITZY (adjective) – आलीशान

Pronunciation: rit·see

Meaning: expensively stylish

Synonyms: luxurious, luxury, deluxe, plush, sumptuous, palatial, lavish

Antonyms: plain, austere

Usage: We had dinner at the ritzy Drake Hotel.

39.PREHISTORIC (adjective) – प्रागैतिहासिक

Pronunciation: pree·huh·sto·ruhk

Meaning: relating to or denoting the period before written records

Synonyms: ancient, archaic, primeval, primitive, primordial

Antonym: current, modern

Usage: Archaeologists attribute the ruin to a flourishing prehistoric kingdom.

40.KNACK (noun) – कुशलता

Pronunciation: nak

Meaning: an acquired or natural skill

Synonyms: talent, flair, ability, genius, instinct, faculty

Antonym: inability

Usage: He's got a real knack for making money. **Antonyms:**

41.CHIVALROUS (adjective) – उदार

Pronunciation: shi **Synonyms:** ·vuhl·ruhs

Meaning: courteous and gallant, especially towards women

Synonyms: gallant, gentlemanly, respectful, thoughtful, considerate, protective

Antonyms: rude, boorish, unmannerly

Usage: During the heavy rain, the chivalrous man gave the woman his umbrella.

42.INCOGRUOUS (adjective) – बेमेल

Pronunciation: uhn·kong·groo·uhs

Meaning: not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something

Synonyms: inappropriate, unsuitable, discordant, dissonant, conflicting, clashing

Antonyms: appropriate, harmonious

Usage: I do not believe your story because the statement you gave yesterday is incogruous to the witness's statement.

43.CHATTERBOX (noun) – गप्पी, बकवादी

Pronunciation: cha·tuh·boks

Meaning: talkative person

Synonyms: talker, loudmouth, magpie, tattler, blabbermouth

Antonyms: taciturn, reticent, uncommunicative

Usage: I was a chatterbox at school.

44.ATARAXY (noun) – समवृत्ति, समभाव

Pronunciation: at·uh·rak·see

Meaning: a state of serene calmness

Synonyms: equanimity, aplomb, calmness, composure, serenity, tranquility

Antonyms: anxiety, excitement, frustration

Usage: Meditation and other methods of practicing mindfulness will help you achieve ataraxy.

45.FRESHMAN (noun) – पूर्वस्नातक, नौसिखिया

Pronunciation: fresh·muhn

Meaning: a first-year student at university

Synonyms: novice, beginner, undergraduate, newcomer, probationer, fledgling

Antonyms: graduate, expert, professional

Usage: He is a freshman at Harvard.

46.FORESIGHT (noun) – पूर्वदृष्टि, पूर्वज्ञान

Pronunciation: fo-sait

Meaning: the ability to predict what will happen or be needed in the future

Synonyms: forethought, anticipation, insight, prudence, providence

Antonym: hindsight

Usage: They had the foresight to invest in new technology.

47.VERSATILE (adjective) – बहुमुखी

Pronunciation: vuh-suh-tail

Meaning: able to adapt to many different functions or activities

Synonyms: multitalented, resourceful, adaptable, flexible, multifaceted

Antonyms: inflexible, limited, incapable

Usage: He is a very versatile young actor.

48.CONTRAVENE (verb) – अवहेलना करना

Pronunciation: kon-truh-veen

Meaning: to act against a rule or law

Synonyms: disobey, break, breach, violate, infringe

Antonyms: uphold, obey, accept

Usage: The content of the settlement agreement shall not contravene the law.

49.CAPACIOUS (adjective) – बड़ा, विशाल

Pronunciation: kuh-peɪ-shuhs

Meaning: having a lot of space inside

Synonyms: roomy, commodious, spacious, sizeable, plentiful

Antonyms: cramped, small

Usage: The van was capacious and he decided to fill up the space with a couple of sacks of fuel.

50.PERTINACIOUS (adjective) – दृढ़

Pronunciation: puh-tuh-nei-shuhs

Meaning: holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action

Synonyms: determined, tenacious, persistent, persevering, assiduous

Antonyms: irresolute, tentative

Usage: Like most successful actors, he is pertinacious and single-minded in the pursuit of his goals.

51.AMORPHOUS (adjective) – आकारहीन, आकृतिहीन

Pronunciation: uh-maw-fuhs

Meaning: without a clearly defined shape or form

Synonyms: shapeless, formless, nebulous, unformed, unshaped

Antonyms: shaped, definite

Usage: A dark, strangely amorphous shadow filled the room.

52. PLUCKY (adjective) – हिम्मती

Pronunciation: pluh·kee

Meaning: brave and determined

Synonyms: brave, courageous, bold, daring, fearless, intrepid, spirited

Antonyms: cowardly, timid, timorous

Usage: His plucky attitude made him a great candidate for police officer training academy.



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53. FOSTER (verb) – प्रोत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: fo·stuh

Meaning: to encourage or promote something

Synonyms: encourage, promote, support, cherish, enrich, nurture, strengthen

Antonyms: dampen, hinder, impede

Usage: You should make sure to foster friendliness and harmony in your children.

54. AGILE (adjective) – चुस्त, फुर्तीला

Pronunciation: a·jail

Meaning: able to move fast and easily

Synonyms: nimble, lithe, spry, supple, limber, sprightly, acrobatic

Antonyms: inactive, stiff, slow

Usage: Because he practiced parkour, he was an extremely agile athlete.

55. SUBLIME (adjective) – उत्कृष्ट, उदात्त

Pronunciation: suh·blaim

Meaning: of very great excellence or beauty

Synonyms: exalted, elevated, awesome, noble, lofty, imposing

Antonyms: poor, lowly, ordinary

Usage: After the sublime meal, we asked to see the chef so that we could give him our compliments.

56.IFFY (adjective) – अनिश्चित

Pronunciation: i·fee

Meaning: full of uncertainty

Synonyms: uncertain, capricious, doubtful, unsettled, chancy, conditional

Antonyms: settled, certain, definite

Usage: Ariel is iffy about going swimming with us tomorrow, but said she would let us know one way or another.

57.HARDINESS (noun) – साहस, सहन-शक्ति

Pronunciation: haa·dee·nuhs

Meaning: the ability to endure difficult conditions

Synonyms: robustness, strength, toughness, vigor, resilience

Antonym: frailty

Usage: The people here are known for their hardiness and courage.

58.MAGNITUDE (noun) – विशालता

Pronunciation: mag·nuh·chood

Meaning: the great size or extent of something

Synonyms: immensity, vastness, enormity, expanse, size, extent, greatness

Antonym: smallness

Usage: Because of the magnitude of the project, I need to hire some additional workers.

59.ORATION (noun) – भाषण

Pronunciation: aw·rei·shn

Meaning: a ceremonial speech that is formal

Synonyms: speech, lecture, homily, sermon, spiel, address, declamation

Antonyms: print, writing

Usage: After the president takes his oath of office, he gives an oration outlining his hopes for the country.

60.MAJESTIC (adjective) – तेजस्वी

Pronunciation: muh·jeh·stuhk

Meaning: displaying impressive grandeur

Synonyms: exalted, impressive, splendid, magnificent, great

Antonyms: humble, pitiful, pathetic

Usage: According to history, the king was a majestic man with a charismatic personality.

61.SPECIES (noun) – प्रजाति

Pronunciation: spee·sheez

Meaning: a specific class of plants or animals

Synonyms: class, breed, race, type, kind

Antonym: whole

Usage: These two species share a common set of characteristics.

62.EXTOL (verb) – प्रशंसा करना

Pronunciation: uhk·stowl

Meaning: praise enthusiastically

Synonyms: eulogize, acclaim, ballyhoo, laud, panegyryze

Antonyms: criticize, disparage, humiliate

Usage: They extol the virtues of the peaceful life.

63.ARCTIC (adjective) – अत्यधिक ठंडा

Pronunciation: aak·tuhk

Meaning: very cold

Synonyms: frosty, icy, freezing, wintry, glacial

Antonyms: tropical, hot, warm

Usage: We can't stand this arctic weather.

64.ITINERANT (adjective) – भ्रमणकारी

Pronunciation: uh·ti·nuh·ruhnt

Meaning: travelling from place to place

Synonyms: travelling, peripatetic, wandering, roving, roaming, touring, nomadic, migrant

Antonyms: sedentary, settled

Usage: Stan is an itinerant farm worker who follows the crops.

65.HOIST (verb) – ऊपर उठाना

Pronunciation: hoyst

Meaning: raise by means of ropes and pulleys

Synonyms: raise, lift, elevate, upraise, erect

Antonyms: lower, descent

Usage: We grabbed the flag and began to hoist it up the flagpole.

66.RANDOM (adjective) – अनियमित, क्रमरहित

Pronunciation: ran·dm

Meaning: without method or conscious decision

Synonyms: unplanned, accidental, arbitrary, incidental, indiscriminate, irregular

Antonyms: methodical, planned, systematic

Usage: To fairly choose the winner, the store owner pulled a random slip out of a hat full of numbered papers.

67.ODDS (noun) – संभावना

Pronunciation: odz

Meaning: the chances or likelihood of something happening

Synonyms: likelihood, balance, chances, probability, chance, possibility

Antonyms: improbability, unlikelihood, disadvantage

Usage: The odds are very much in our favor.

68.INSULATE (verb) – बचाना

Pronunciation: in·syuh·leit

Meaning: protect from heat, cold, or noise by surrounding with interposing material

Synonyms: shield, cover, encase, cushion, isolate, seclude, sequester

Antonyms: join, mingle, uncover

Usage: You can insulate a house against heat loss by having the windows double-glazed.

69.OBVIATE (verb) – अनावश्यक बनाना

Pronunciation: ob·vee·eit

Meaning: to make unnecessary

Synonyms: preclude, prevent, remove, counteract, forestall, anticipate, avert

Antonyms: support, encourage, assist

Usage: The presence of roller blinds obviated the need for curtains.

70.MELODIC (adjective) – मधुर

Pronunciation: muh·lo·duhk

Meaning: pleasant sounding

Synonyms: melodious, canorous, dulcet, arioso, pleasant

Antonym: discordant

Usage: His voice was deep and melodic.

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