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**Happy learning!!!**

### 1. THINGAMABOB (noun) : अज्ञात

**Pronunciation:** *thingamabob*

**Meaning:** something unspecified whose name is either forgotten or unknown

**Synonyms:** doohickey, thingummy, doodad

**Antonyms:** insulator, conductor, unclog

**Sentence:** Our intern got us one of those thingamabobs which you can use to take selfies.

### 2. HARDHANDED (adj.) : कठोर

**Pronunciation:** hard-hand•ed

**Meaning:** difficult to endure; as in tough

**Synonyms:** tough, harsh, hard

**Antonyms:** easy, light, soft

**Sentence:** The hardhanded rule of a tyrannical regime.

### 3. RIGGED (verb) : प्रस्तुत

**Pronunciation:** rigd

**Meaning:** to provide (someone) with what is needed for a task or activity

**Synonyms:** equipped, furnished, supplied

**Antonyms:** stripped, deprived, divested

**Sentence:** Our boat has been rigged up with new sails.

### 4. MERITOCRACY (noun) : प्रतिभा के आधार पर चयन किया सरकार

**Pronunciation:** meh·ruht·aw·kruh·see

**Meaning:** the government or the holding of power by people selected on the basis of their ability.

**Synonyms:** government, administration, regime

**Antonyms:** prejudice, discrimination, intolerance

**Sentence:** However, in a meritocracy, those at the bottom are clearly inferior.

### 5. SIPHONED (verb) : बाहर निकाला

**Pronunciation:** sai·fnd

**Meaning:** to remove (liquid) gradually or completely

**Synonyms:** pumped, drained, sucked

**Antonyms:** filled, soaked, watered

**Sentence:** The waste liquid needs to be siphoned off.

**6. ENCAPSULATE (verb) : संक्षिप्त करना**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·kaps·yool·ayt

**Meaning:** to make into a short statement of the main points (as of a report)

**Synonyms:** summarize, reprise, recapitulate

**Antonyms:** extend, prolong, lengthen

**Sentence:** It was very difficult to encapsulate the story of the revolution in a single one-hour documentary.

**7. DEVISE (verb) : ईजाद करना**

**Pronunciation:** duh·vize

**Meaning:** to create or think of by clever use of the imagination

**Synonyms:** concoct, invent, conceive

**Antonyms:** replicate, mimic, imitate

**Sentence:** Scientists are working to devise a means of storing this type of power.

**8. FICKLE (adj.) : अस्थिर**

**Pronunciation:** fi·kl

**Meaning:** changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.

**Synonyms:** capricious, changeable, variable

**Antonyms:** constant, certain, unchanging

**Sentence:** Fortune is fickle.

**9. PIQUANT (adj.) : सरस**

**Pronunciation:** pee·knt

**Meaning:** having a pleasantly sharp taste or appetizing flavor.

**Synonyms:** spicy, tangy, spiced

**Antonyms:** tasteless, dull

**Sentence:** Bland vegetables are often served with a piquant sauce.

**10. GRATIS (adv.) : निःशुल्क**

**Pronunciation:** gra·tuhs

**Meaning:** without charge; free.

**Synonyms:** free, without charge, for nothing

**Antonyms:** paid, costly

**Sentence:** I'll give it to you, gratis!

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**21. INCREDULITY (noun) : शक****Pronunciation:** in·kreh·dyoo·luh·tee**Meaning:** a state of uncertainty or hesitation.**Synonyms:** disbelief, incredulity, unbelief**Antonyms:** assurance, belief, certainty**Sentence:** He stared down the street in incredulity.**22. FINESSE (noun) : चालाकी****Pronunciation:** fuh·nes**Meaning:** intricate and refined delicacy.**Synonyms:** skill, subtlety, expertise**Antonyms:** inadequacy, incompetence, ineptitude**Sentence:** He is a true believer, but sadly lacks finesse.**23. GLUM (adj.) : उदास****Pronunciation:** gluhm**Meaning:** looking or feeling dejected; morose.**Synonyms:** bleak, sad, depressed**Antonyms:** cheerful, cheery, bright**Sentence:** You look glum What's up?**24. STEALTHY (adj.) : गुप्त****Pronunciation:** stelth·ee**Meaning:** behaving, done, or made cautiously and surreptitiously, so as not to be seen or heard.**Synonyms:** furtive, secretive, secret**Antonyms:** public, open**Sentence:** Cats are among the stealthiest of stalkers.**25. RECLAMATION (noun) : उद्धार****Pronunciation:** reh·kluhm·ay·shn**Meaning:** the process of claiming something back or of reasserting a right.**Synonyms:** recovery, recapture, retrieval**Antonyms:** loss, misplacement**Sentence:** Pumped water out of the field as part of the land reclamation program designed to provide farmers with more farmland.**26. PURITANICAL (adj.) : सख्त****Pronunciation:** pyaw·ruh·ta·nuh·kl**Meaning:** practicing or affecting strict religious or moral behavior.**Synonyms:** moralistic, pietistic, prudish

**Antonyms:** permissive, prurient

**Sentence:** His puritanical parents saw any kind of pleasure as the road to damnation.

### 27. VAUNT (verb) : अपनी बड़ाई करना

**Pronunciation:** vawnt

**Meaning:** boast about or praise (something), especially excessively.

**Synonyms:** boast, brag, pride

**Antonyms:** belittle, underrate

**Sentence:** Even the noblest of fellows have been known to vaunt a bit.



### 28. CONDONE (verb) : माफ करना

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·done

**Meaning:** accept and allow (behavior that is considered morally wrong or offensive) to continue.

**Synonyms:** deliberately ignore, disregard, take no notice of

**Antonyms:** heed, mark, mind

**Sentence:** The state does not condone violence.

### 29. CURSORY (adj.) : जल्दबाजी

**Pronunciation:** kuh·suh·ree

**Meaning:** hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.

**Synonyms:** perfunctory, desultory, casual

**Antonyms:** deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

**Sentence:** He put aside the papers after a cursory study.

### 30. DISSIMILITUDE (noun) : विभिन्नता

**Pronunciation:** dis·suh·mi·luh·chood

**Meaning:** dissimilarity or diversity.

**Synonyms:** dissimilarity, difference, variance

**Antonyms:** likeness, similarity, likeness

**Sentence:** There's a real dissimilitude between literature and film, and a critic shouldn't evaluate one in terms of the other.

**31. CONTRIVANCE (noun) : युक्ति**

**Pronunciation :** kuhn·trive·uhns

**Meaning:** the use of skill to bring something about or create something.

**Synonyms:** scheme, stratagem, tactic

**Antonyms:** ignorance., disorganization

**Sentence:** He erected some contrivance for storing rain water.

**32. SUBSUME (verb) : किसी नियम के अंतर्गत करना**

**Pronunciation :** suhb·syoom

**Meaning:** include or absorb (something) in something else.

**Synonyms:** comprehend, contain, embrace

**Antonyms:** exclude, leave (out), miss out

**Sentence:** States subsume many of the responsibilities of governing from the county.

**33. SAPIENCE (noun) : बुद्धिमत्ता**

**Pronunciation :** sa·pi·ence

**Meaning:** the ability to understand inner qualities or relationships

**Synonyms:** discernment, insight, perception

**Antonyms:** foolishness, idiocy, imbecility

**Sentence:** The kind of sapience that comes from a lifetime of experience as an educator.

**34. STIFLED (verb) : दबाया**

**Pronunciation :** stai·fld

**Meaning:** make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate.

**Synonyms:** suffocate, choke, asphyxiate

**Antonyms:** breathed, exhaled

**Sentence:** He is said to have stifled his victim with a pillow.

**35. UNNERVE (verb) : हतोत्साहित करना**

**Pronunciation :** uhn·nuhv

**Meaning:** make (someone) lose courage or confidence.

**Synonyms:** demoralize, discourage, dishearten

**Antonyms:** embolden, encourage, fortify

**Sentence:** I may unnerve you by saying that many of us err in this.

**36. HARBINGER (noun) : अग्र-दूत**

**Pronunciation :** haa·buhn·juh

**Meaning:** a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another.

**Synonyms:** herald, sign, indicator



**Antonyms:** conceal, deny, hide, secret

**Sentence:** The hope that the housing slump does not harbinger a general economic recession.

### **37. INCORPOREAL (adj.) : निराकार**

**Pronunciation :** in·kaw·paw·ree·uhl

**Meaning:** not composed of matter; having no material existence.

**Synonyms:** intangible, impalpable, nonmaterial

**Antonyms:** bodily, corporeal, material

**Sentence:** Plato demonstrated the incorporeal nature of the soul.

### **38. PONDERING (verb) : विचार करना**

**Pronunciation :** pawn·duh·ruhng

**Meaning:** think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.

**Synonyms:** think about, give thought to, consider

**Antonyms:** disregarding, ignoring, overlooking

**Sentence:** I am pondering how to respond.

### **39. PERPLEX (verb) : हक्का-बक्का करना**

**Pronunciation :** puh·pleks

**Meaning:** (of something complicated or unaccountable) cause (someone) to feel completely baffled.

**Synonyms:** puzzle, baffle, mystify

**Antonyms:** simplify, streamline

**Sentence:** The disease has continued to perplex doctors.

### **40. DIAPHANOUS (adj.) : पारदर्शक**

**Pronunciation :** dai·a·fuh·nuhs

**Meaning:** (especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.

**Synonyms:** sheer, fine, ultra-fine

**Antonyms:** opaque, cloudy, foggy

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**51. DESCRIBED (verb) : पता लगा लेना**

**Pronunciation:** duh·skrai

**Meaning:** to make notes of (something) through the use of one's eyes

**Synonyms:** spot, notice, observe

**Antonyms:** disregard, ignore, neglect

**Sentence:** He can descry a way of overcoming the difficulty.

### **52. DISENTANGLE (verb) : सुलझाना**

**Pronunciation:** dis·uhn·tang·gl

**Meaning:** free (something or someone) from an entanglement; extricate.

**Synonyms:** extricate, extract, free

**Antonyms:** embroil, entangle

**Sentence:** It is sometimes difficult to disentangle truth from falsehood.

### **53. TIMOROUS (adj.) : डरपोक**

**Pronunciation:** ti·muh·ruhs

**Meaning:** showing or suffering from nervousness, fear, or a lack of confidence.

**Synonyms:** easily frightened, lacking courage, fearful

**Antonyms:** brave, courageous, bold

**Sentence:** The timorous kitten would not come out from under the bed.

### **54. WALLOP (noun) : प्रहार**

**Pronunciation:** vaw·luhp

**Meaning:** strike or hit (someone or something) very hard.

**Synonyms:** hit, strike, beat

**Antonyms:** submit, yield, succumb

**Sentence:** They walloped the back of his head with a stick.

### **55. PREDISPOSE (noun) : संभावना अधिक होती है**

**Pronunciation:** pree·duh·spoze

**Meaning:** make someone liable or inclined to a specified attitude, action, or condition.

**Synonyms:** make susceptible, make liable, make prone

**Antonyms:** comply, consent, discourage.

**Sentence:** His good manners predispose people to like him.

### **56. PROPRIETY (noun) : औचित्य**

**Pronunciation:** pruh·prai·uh·tee

**Meaning:** the state or quality of conforming to conventionally accepted standards of behavior or morals.

**Synonyms:** decorum, respectability, decency

**Antonyms:** impropriety, indecency, indecorum

**Sentence:** He always behaved with the utmost propriety.

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### 57. RIFT (noun) : अनबन

**Pronunciation:** rift

**Meaning:** a serious break in friendly relations.

**Synonyms:** breach, division, split

**Antonyms:** unify, unite

**Sentence:** Their demise caused a rift between the city's town and gown.

### 58. CONSENSUS (noun) : आम सहमति

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·sen·suhs

**Meaning:** a general agreement.

**Synonyms:** agreement, harmony, concord

**Antonyms:** conflict, disagreement, dissensus

**Sentence:** I want to get a new bike but I am not getting consensus from my family members.

### 59. SALUBRIOUS (adj.) : स्वास्थ्यप्रद

**Pronunciation:** suh·loo·bree·uhs

**Meaning:** health-giving; healthy.

**Synonyms:** healthy, beneficial

**Antonyms:** insalubrious, noxious, unhealthful

**Sentence:** He doesn't live in a very salubrious part of town.

### 60. REVEL (verb) : आनंद लेना

**Pronunciation:** reh·vl

**Meaning:** enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way, especially with drinking and dancing.

**Synonyms:** celebrate, make merry, have a party

**Antonym:** mourn

**Sentence:** They spent the evening reveling with their guests.

### 61. SNOBBISH (adj.) : दंभपूर्ण

**Pronunciation:** snawb·uhsh



**Meaning:** relating to, characteristic of, or like a snob.

**Synonyms:** elitist, snobby, superior

**Antonyms:** humble, modest, unpretentious

**Sentence:** My brother is very snobbish about cars.

## **62. INSoucIANCE (noun) : लापरवाही**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·soo·see·uhns

**Meaning:** casual lack of concern; indifference.

**Synonyms:** nonchalance, unconcern, lack of concern

**Antonyms:** concern, interest, regard

**Sentence:** For all her apparent insouciance, she was desperately unhappy.

## **63. AVIDITY (noun) : उत्कट इच्छा**

**Pronunciation:** uh·vid·uh·tee

**Meaning:** extreme eagerness or enthusiasm.

**Synonyms:** enthusiasm, keenness, eagerness

**Antonyms:** apathy, indifference

**Sentence:** He read detective stories with avidity.

## **64. PERUSAL (noun) : अध्ययन**

**Pronunciation:** puh·rooz·uhl

**Meaning:** the action of reading or examining something.

**Synonyms:** reading, scrutiny, inspection

**Antonyms:** ignorance, neglect,

**Sentence:** I continued my perusal of the instructions.

## **65. INKLING (noun) : आभास**

**Pronunciation:** ing·kluhng

**Meaning:** a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.

**Synonyms:** idea, sense, notion

**Antonyms:** answer, solution

**Sentence:** The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.

## **66. TWEAK (verb) : बदलाव**

**Pronunciation:** tweek

**Meaning:** improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it.

**Synonyms:** modify, alter, change

**Antonyms:** fixation, stabilization

**Sentence:** Engineers tweak the car's operating systems during the race.

## **67. ACRIMONIOUS (adj.) : उग्र**

**Pronunciation:** a·kruh·moh·nee·uhs

**Meaning:** (typically of speech or a debate) angry and bitter.

**Synonyms:** bitter, rancorous, caustic

**Antonyms:** caring, gentle, kind

**Sentence:** Their marriage ended eight years ago in an acrimonious divorce

### 68. IMPUGN (verb) : बहस करना

**Pronunciation:** uhm·pyoon

**Meaning:** dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of (a statement or motive)

**Synonyms:** call into question, debate, dispute

**Antonyms:** justify, pardon, remit

**Sentence:** I did not mean to impugn her professional abilities.

### 69. DIVULGE (verb) : प्रकट करना

**Pronunciation:** dai·vuhlj

**Meaning:** make known (private or sensitive information).

**Synonyms:** disclose, reveal, make known

**Antonyms:** conceal, enshroud, hide

**Sentence:** I do not want to divulge my plans at the moment.

### 70. RADIANCE (noun) : चमक

**Pronunciation:** ray·dee·uhns

**Meaning:** light or heat as emitted or reflected by something.

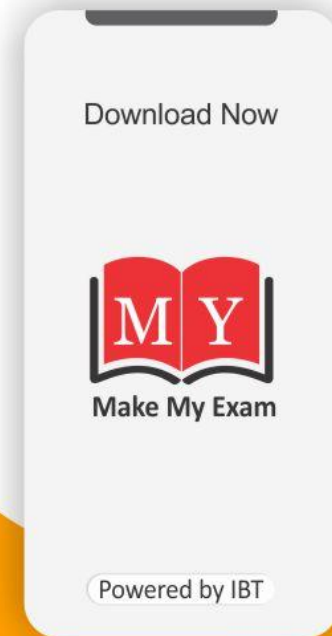
**Synonyms:** light, shining, brightness

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**Sentence:** She seemed to shine with an inner radiance.

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