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### 1.JEERING (adj.): मज़ाक उड़ाना

Pronunciation: jeeuh

**Meaning:** making rude and mocking remarks, typically in a loud voice.

**Synonyms:** deriding, gibing, laughing (at)

Antonyms: applauding, commending, endorsing

**Sentence:** Others began jeering and eventually threw bottles and stones.

### 2.CONTEMPLATE (verb): मनन करना

**Pronunciation:** kawn·tuhm·playt

**Meaning:** look thoughtfully for a long time at.

Synonyms: look at, view, regard

Antonyms: disregard, ignore, overlook

**Sentence:** The possibility of war is too horrifying to <u>contemplate</u>.

## 3.INGRAINED (adj.) : दीर्घस्थायी

**Pronunciation:** in graynd

Meaning: (of a habit, belief, or attitude) firmly fixed or established; difficult to change.

**Synonyms:** built-in, entrenched, established **Antonyms:** adventitious, extraneous, extrinsic **Sentence:** Morals tend to be deeply <u>ingrained</u>.

# 4.SURFEIT (noun): अतिरेक

**Pronunciation:** suh-fuht

**Meaning:** an excessive amount of something.

Synonyms: excess, surplus, abundance

Antonyms: deficiency, deficit, insufficiency

**Sentence:** The country has a <u>surfeit</u> of cheap labor.

# 5.SAGENESS (noun) : बुद्धिमत्ता

**Pronunciation:** SAGENESS

**Meaning:** the ability to understand inner qualities **Synonyms:** discernment, insight, perception

Antonyms: dullness, folly, foolishness

Sentence: Her father has always shown an unpretentious sageness about the practicalities

of life.



### 6.CONSCIENCE (noun): अंतरात्मा की आवाज

**Pronunciation:** kawn·shns

**Meaning:** an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or

wrongness of one's behavior.

**Synonyms:** sense of right and wrong, moral sense, inner voice

**Antonyms:** impure,pure,immoral,evilness

**Sentence:** Her conscience told her to find the lost wallet's owner.

### 7.DECEIVE (verb) : धोखा देना

**Pronunciation:** duh-seev

Meaning: (of a person) causes (someone) to believe something that is not true, typically in

order to gain some personal advantage. **Synonyms:** swindle, defraud, cheat **Antonyms:** undeceive, expose, reveal

**Sentence:** Good words and ill deeds deceive wise and fools.

## 8.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

**Sentence:** The little light fades the immense and <u>diaphanous</u> shadows.

## 9.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

# 10.VOLITION (noun): इच्छाशक्ति

**Pronunciation:** vuh·li·shn

**Meaning:** the faculty or power of using one's will. **Synonyms:** accord, autonomy, self-determination

Antonyms: coercion, compulsion

**Sentence:** Oftentimes the dialect we speak is completely beyond our <u>volition</u>.

# 11.LOATHE (verb): घृणा करना

**Pronunciation:** lodhe



Meaning: feel intense dislike or disgust for.

**Synonyms:** hate, detest, abhor **Antonyms:** love, cherish, like

**Sentence:** She <u>loathed</u> him on sight.

### 12.INDECISIVE (adj.): अनिर्णायात्मक

**Pronunciation:** in duh sise uhv **Meaning:** not settling an issue.

**Synonyms:** inconclusive, undecided, unsettled **Antonyms:** conclusive, decisive, definable

**Sentence:** He was criticized as a weak and indecisive leader.

## 13.PRODIGIOUS (adj.): अद्भूत

**Pronunciation**: pruh·di·juhs

**Meaning:** remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree.

**Synonyms:** enormous, colossal, immense **Antonyms:** unimpressive, common, ordinary

**Sentence:** What a prodigious opportunity you have missed.

### 14.JEOPARDY (noun): ख़तरा

Pronunciation: jeh-puh-dee

**Meaning:** danger of loss, harm, or failure. **Synonyms:** danger, peril, endangerment

Antonyms: safety, secure, security

**Sentence:** The lives of thousands of birds are in <u>jeopardy</u> as a result of the oil spillage.

### 15.STRIFE (noun) : कलह

**Pronunciation:** strife **Meaning:** conflict.

**Synonyms:** conflict, disagreement, argument **Antonyms:** agreement, peace, harmony

Sentence: Racial strife is tearing our country apart.

# 16.ERRANT (adj.): भटकनेवाला

**Pronunciation**: eh-ruhnt

**Meaning:** traveling in search of adventure. **Synonyms:** traveling, wandering, itinerant **Antonyms:** motionless, still, immobile

**Sentence:** She went to Paris to bring back her <u>errant</u> son.

# 17.MANIFOLD (adj.) : विविध





**Pronunciation:** mannee foled **Meaning:** many and various

Synonyms: many, numerous, multiple

**Antonyms:** one, single, less

**Sentence:** Despite her <u>manifold</u> faults, she was a strong leader.

#### 18.REPRIMANDS (noun) : फटकार

**Pronunciation:** reh.pruh.maandz

**Meaning:** a rebuke, especially an official one **Synonyms:** rebuke, reproof, admonishment

**Antonyms:** citations, commendations, endorsements

**Sentence:** Listen as she reprimands him and gives him an ultimatum.

#### 19.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 <u>impugn</u> her professional abilities.

# 20.AMBIT (noun): सीमा

**Pronunciation:** am·buht

Meaning: the scope, extent, or bounds of something.

Synonyms: scope, extent, bounds

**Antonyms:** uniformity, consistency, equability, oneness **Sentence:** Her case falls within the ambit of moral law.

## 21.RENDEZVOUS (noun): मिलन स्थल

**Pronunciation:** rawn·day·voo

Meaning: a meeting at an agreed time and place, typically between two people.

**Synonyms:** appointment, assignation, date **Antonyms:** disjoin, dissociate, disunite.

**Sentence:** He made a rendezvous with her in Times Square.

## 22.ACCLIMATIZE (verb): अभ्यस्त बनाना

Pronunciation: ac·cli·ma·tize

Meaning: to change (something) so as to make it suitable for a new use or situation

Synonyms: acclimate, accommodate, adapt

Antonyms: disarrange ,refuse, unsuit.

**Sentence:** Runners had to acclimatize to the humid tropical conditions



### 23.IMPERCEPTIBLY (adv.) : अगोचर रूप से

**Pronunciation:** im · puh · sept · uh · blee

Meaning: in a way that is so slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived.

**Synonyms:** cursively, gradually

Antonyms: abruptly, suddenly, accidently

**Sentence:** The disease develops gradually and imperceptibly.

### 24.LAMBENT (adj.): उज्ज्वल

Pronunciation: lam-bent

Meaning: (of light or fire) glowing, gleaming or flickering with a soft radiance.

Synonyms: beaming, luminous, glowing

**Antonyms:** dim, dull, dark

**Sentence:** The lambent flames from our campfire cast a comforting glow.

#### 25.CONNIVANCE (noun): मिलीभगत

**Pronunciation:** kuh·nive·uhns

Meaning: willingness to secretly allow or be involved in wrongdoing, especially an

immoral or illegal activity.

Synonyms: collusion, complicity, conspiracy

**Antonyms:** disagreement, incompatibility, content, criticism.

**Sentence:** He tried to bribe the police into connivance.

## 26.QUIBBLING (noun): आपत्तियां उठाना

Pronunciation: kvi·buhl·uhng

Meaning: the action of raising objections about a trivial matter.

**Synonyms:** criticizing, niggling **Antonyms:** approving, supporting

Sentence: He spent the entire evening quibbling about the historical inaccuracies in the

television series on World War II.

# 27.UPHEAVAL (noun) : उथल-पुथल

**Pronunciation:** uhp·heev·uhl

**Meaning:** a violent or sudden change or disruption to something.

**Synonyms:** disruption, disturbance, disorder **Antonyms:** blessing, calm, good fortune

**Sentence:** The company underwent a massive upheaval after the takeover.

# 28.TERNARY (adj.) : त्रिगुट

**Pronunciation:** tuh·nuh·ree

Meaning: composed of three parts.

Synonyms: triad, triplet, trio





**Antonyms:** ordinal, divide, multiply

**Sentence:** The code is used to represent information with a ternary number.

### 29.QUIETUS (noun): मरण

Pronunciation: kvai-ee-tuhs

**Meaning:** death or something that causes death, regarded as a release from life.

**Synonyms:** death, decease, demise **Antonyms:** birth, nativity, existence

**Sentence:** After weeks of suffering, the cancer-stricken cat received a quietus of the pain

by taking her final nap.

#### 30.PANTOMIMED (verb) : अभिव्यक्त करना

Pronunciation: pan·tuh·mime

**Meaning:** express or represent (something) by extravagant and exaggerated mime.

**Synonyms:** gestured, signed, signalized **Antonyms:** inactivity, permanent, overact

**Sentence:** The clown candidates pantomimed different emotions.

### 31.DILIGENCE (Noun): लगन, परिश्रम

Pronunciation: di•luh•jns

**Meaning:** The quality of doing work carefully and thoroughly.

Synonyms: Assiduous, Industrious, Attentive, Earnest

Antonyms: Idle, Ignorant, Careless, Languid

**Sentence:** Honesty and Diligence should be your eternal mates.

## 32. ENCRYPT (Verb): गोपनीय

Pronunciation: uhn•kript

Meaning: to put information into a special form (code) especially in order to stop people

understand it

Synonyms: Encipher, Code, Cipher, Conceal, Encode

Antonyms: Decipher, Decrypt, Decode

Sentence: Your WhatsApp message is fully encrypted and cannot be accessed by other

persons.

# 33. SPRAWLING (adjective): विशाल

**Pronunciation:** sprawl•uhng

Meaning: Spreading out in different direction

Synonyms: Ramble, Recline, Extending, Spreading

Antonyms: Containing, limiting, Straight

**Sentence:** The fire is sprawling in all directions.



## 34. SPUR (Noun): प्रेरणा

**Pronunciation:** spuh

Meaning: Something that encourage you to do something

**Synonyms:** Boost, Encourage, Impulse, Stimulus **Antonyms:** Repress, Discourage, Deaden, Halt

**Sentence:** Gandhiji's speech was powerful spur to action.

### 35. RELINQUISH (verb): त्यागना

Pronunciation: ruh•ling•kvuhsh

**Meaning:** To withdraw or retreat from

**Synonyms:** Give up, Cede, Deliver, Surrender

Antonyms: Continue, Allow, Adopt

**Sentence:** No one wants to relinquish power once they have it.

### 36. PROWESS (Noun): कौशल

Pronunciation: prau•uhs

**Meaning:** Great skill at doing something

Synonyms: Boldness, Gallantry, Heroism, Courage

Antonyms: Inability, Ineptitude, Cowardice

**Sentence:** He is always bragging about his prowess as a Cricketer.

# 37. ARTICULATE (Adj.): स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: ar • tic • u • late

**Meaning :** Good at expressing ideas

**Synonyms:** Eloquent, fluent, effective, Lucid, Persuasive **Antonyms:** Hesitant, Unclear, Unintelligible, misrepresented

**Sentence:** She is an articulate and excellent negotiator.

# 38. MOOT (verb): विवादाप्साद

**Pronunciation:** moot

**Meaning:** to suggest an idea that is to be considered by people

Synonyms: allude, mention, offer, propose

Antonyms: censor, suppress, silence

Sentence: It's a moot point whether Farm Bills are better or not.

## 39. RECONCILE (Verb): समाधान किया

Pronunciation: ri•kuhn•sile

Meaning: to find a way of dealing with two ides, situation etc

**Synonyms:** Conciliate, Coordinate, Accommodate **Antonyms:** Confuse, Disorder, Skew, Disrupt

**Sentence:** How can you reconcile your fur coat with your love of animals?



## 40. FOSTER (Verb): पोषण

Pronunciation: faw•stuh

Meaning: Nurture, to help or encourage of something

**Synonyms:** Cultivate, Nourish, Raise, **Antonyms:** Forbid, Interdict, Proscribe

**Sentence:** Cultural Exchange will help foster friendly relations between countries.

# 41. VOLUBLE (adj.): बातूनी

Pronunciation: vaw-lyoo-bl

**Meaning:** (of a person) talking fluently, readily, or incessantly.

**Synonyms:** talkative, verbose, garrulous **Antonyms:** silent, speechless, quiet

Sentence: Clarissa was extremely voluble on the subject of good manners.

### 42. SUCCINCTLY (adv.): संक्षेप

**Pronunciation:** suhk singkt lee

**Meaning:** in a brief and clearly expressed manner.

Synonyms: briefly, compactly, concisely

Antonyms: diffusely, long-windedly, verbosely

Sentence: He succinctly summed up his manifesto as "Work hard, train hard and play

hard".

## 43.FREIGHT (noun): परिवहन

**Pronunciation:** frayt

**Meaning:** goods transported in bulk by truck, train, ship, or aircraft.

Synonyms: cargo, consignment, haul

Antonyms: buy, export, import

**Sentence:** France derives 16% of revenue from air <u>freight</u>.

# 44.COGNATE (adj.): सजाति

**Pronunciation:** kawg·nayt

**Meaning:** having qualities in common **Synonyms:** alike, analogous, comparable **Antonyms:** different, dissimilar, unlike

**Sentence:** German and Dutch are <u>cognate</u> languages.

# 45.DESTITUTE (adj.): निराश्रित

Pronunciation: deh-stuh-tyoot

**Meaning:** without the basic necessities of life. **Synonyms:** penniless, impoverished, impecunious





Antonyms: affluent, opulent, rich

**Sentence:** The flood left thousands of people <u>destitute</u>.

### 46.HAPLESS (adj.) : बदिकस्मत

Pronunciation: hap-luhs

**Meaning:** (especially of a person) unfortunate. **Synonyms:** unfortunate, unlucky, luckless

**Antonyms:** fortunate, happy, lucky

**Sentence:** Many children are <u>hapless</u> victims of this war.

### 47.PREPOSTEROUS (adj.): निरर्थक

**Pronunciation:** pruh paw stuh ruhs

Meaning: contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous.

**Synonyms:** absurd, ridiculous, foolish **Antonyms:** reasonable, sensible, logical

**Sentence:** It's a preposterous suggestion to go swimming in this freezing weather

### 48.DEARTH (noun): कमी

Pronunciation: duhth

**Meaning:** a scarcity or lack of something.

Synonyms: lack, scarcity, shortage

Antonyms: abundance, adequacy, opulence

**Sentence:** There seems to be a <u>dearth</u> of good young players at the moment.

# 49.THROES (noun) : पीड़ा

**Pronunciation:** throze

Meaning: intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or

great change.

Synonyms: agony, pain, paroxysm

**Antonyms:** comfort, peace

**Sentence:** The country is presently in the <u>throes</u> of the worst recession since the second

world war.

# 50.DELIVERANCE (noun): मुक्ति

**Pronunciation:** duh·li·vuh·ruhns

**Meaning:** the action of being rescued or set free.

Synonyms: liberation, release, freeing

Antonyms: death, evil, wasteful

**Sentence:** We pray for <u>deliverance</u> from our sins.

# 51. AFFRONTED (verb): अपमानित



Pronunciation: uh-fruhnt-uhd

**Meaning:** offend the modesty or values of.

Synonyms: insult, offend, outrage

**Antonyms:** acclaimed, applauded, praised **Sentence:** Her speech <u>affronted</u> all of us.

### 52.DETRITUS (noun) : बेकार

Pronunciation: duh-trai-tuhs

Meaning: waste or debris of any kind.

Synonyms: debris, waste, rubble

Antonyms: trove, valuable

**Sentence:** Streets filled with rubble and <u>detritus</u>

### 53.PROCRASTINATION (noun): टालमटोल

**Pronunciation:** pruh·kra·stuh·nay·shn

**Meaning:** the action of delaying or postponing something.

Synonyms: dithering, delaying tactics, dilatoriness

**Antonyms:** alacrity, eagerness, readiness **Sentence:** <u>Procrastination</u> is the thief of time.

# 54.EVOCATIVE (adj.): विचारोत्तेजक

**Pronunciation:** uh·vawk·uht·uhv

Meaning: bringing strong images, memories, or feelings to mind.

Synonyms: reminiscent, suggestive, redolent

Antonyms: unreminiscent

**Sentence:** Those old toys are <u>evocative</u> of my childhood.

# 55.SENTINEL (noun): पहरेदार

**Pronunciation:** sen·tuhn·uhl

**Meaning:** a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch.

Synonyms: bodyguard, convoy, defender

Antonyms: traitor, decoy

**Sentence:** The <u>sentinel</u> was stationed on a hill.

# 56.DICEY (adj.): अप्रत्याशित

**Pronunciation:** dise-ee

**Meaning:** unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

**Synonyms:** risky, uncertain, unpredictable **Antonyms:** certain, changeless, constant

**Sentence:** The company's finances look a bit <u>dicey</u>.





# 57.KNAVERY (noun) : धूर्तता

**Pronunciation: knavery** 

Meaning: a playful or mischievous act intended as a joke

**Synonyms:** roguery, waggery, frolic **Antonyms:** advantage, benefit, blessing

**Sentence:** Knavery may serve for a turn, but honesty is in the long run.

### 58.BEWAIL (verb) : शोक मनाना

Pronunciation: buh vayl

Meaning: express great regret, disappointment, or bitterness over (something).

**Synonyms:** lament, bemoan, sorrow for

Antonyms: delight, glory, joy

**Sentence:** She bewailed her misfortune.

## 59.RUDIMENTARY (adj.): मौलिक

Pronunciation: roo-duh-ment-uh-ree

Meaning: involving or limited to basic principles.

**Synonyms:** basic, elementary, introductory **Antonyms:** advanced, developed, evolved

**Sentence:** He had only a <u>rudimentary</u> knowledge of science.

# 60.INIQUITOUS (adj.): अधर्म

**Pronunciation:** uh·ni·kvuh·tuhs

Meaning: grossly unfair and morally wrong.

**Synonyms:** wicked, sinful, evil **Antonyms:** decent, ethical, good

Sentence: It is an iniquitous system that allows a person to die because they have no

money to pay for the medicine.



