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Happy learning!!!

1.POTENCY (noun) - क्षमता, प्रभावशीलता

Pronunciation: pow·tuhn·see

Meaning: the power of something to influence or make an impression

Synonyms: power, effectiveness, capability, efficiency, vigor, strength, might

Antonyms: inability, weakness, apathy

Usage: Because of its high potency, the herb can make people act in strange ways.

2.EFFRONTERY (noun) - धृष्टता

Pronunciation: uh·fruhn·tuh·ree

Meaning: audacious and rude behavior

Synonyms: arrogance, audacity, brashness, temerity, boldness

Antonyms: timidity, humility, diffidence

Usage: When the defendant put his feet up on the table, the judge scolded him for his effrontery.

3.MINDSET (noun) – मानसिकता

Pronunciation: maind·set

Meaning: the established set of attitudes held by someone

Synonyms: attitude, psychology, ethos, mentality, psyche

Antonyms: physicality

Usage: I am of the mindset that there's no reason to put off things I can do now to instead do later.

4.GLEAN (verb) – जानकारी बटोरना

Pronunciation: glean

Meaning: obtain information from various sources

Synonyms: gather, obtain, get, take, derive, extract

Antonyms: disperse, separate, spread

Usage: Several lessons can be gleaned from our experience so far.

5.CUSTOMARY (adjective) – प्रथागत

Pronunciation: kuh·stuh·muh·ree

Meaning: according to the customs or usual practices

Synonyms: usual, traditional, normal, conventional, familiar

Antonyms: unusual, exceptional, rare

Usage: It is customary to offer a drink or a snack to guests

6.GUSTO (noun) – उत्साह, जोश

Pronunciation: gusto

Meaning: enjoyment and enthusiasm in doing something

Synonyms: enthusiasm, relish, appetite, enjoyment, delight

Antonyms: apathy, distaste, hate

Usage: Everyone joined in the singing with great gusto.

7.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!

8.ALACRITY (noun) – तत्परता

Pronunciation: paa·tuh·zan

Meaning: brisk and cheerful readiness

Synonyms: eagerness, willingness, readiness, enthusiasm, ardor, fervor, keenness

Antonyms: apathy, indifference

Usage: They accepted the offer with alacrity.

9.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.

10.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.

11.PROTEAN (adjective) – परिवर्तनशील

Pronunciation: prow•tee•uhn

Meaning: tending or able to change frequently or easily

Synonyms: variable, changeable, mutable, kaleidoscopic, erratic, quicksilver, inconstant

Antonyms: constant, consistent

Usage: George is a protean actor who is capable of playing numerous characters.

12.ABNEGATE (verb) – अस्वीकार करना

Pronunciation: ab•nuh•geit

Meaning: renounce or reject something desired or valuable

Synonyms: renounce, reject, refuse, abandon, spurn, abdicate, give up

Antonyms: accept, claim, indulge

Usage: The athlete decided to abnegate the unhealthy snack even though she really wanted to have a bite.

13.ARCHETYPAL (adjective) – ठेठ

Pronunciation: aa•kuh•tai•pl

Meaning: very typical of a certain kind of person or thing

Synonyms: standard, conventional, classic, model, prime

Antonyms: atypical, unique

Usage: The Beatles were the archetypal pop group.

14.CONCERTED (adjective) – सम्मिलित

Pronunciation: kuhn•suh•tuhd

Meaning: jointly arranged or carried out

Synonyms: joint, united, coordinated, collaborative, collective, combined, cooperative

Antonyms: separate, individual, uncoordinated

Usage: Because of the concerted effort of the allied forces, the war quickly came to an end.

15.HISTRIONIC (adjective) – नाटकीय

Pronunciation: hi•stree•o•nuhk

Meaning: excessively theatrical or dramatic in character or style

Synonyms: melodramatic, theatrical, affected, dramatic, exaggerated, stagy

Antonyms: unaffected, unaltered, unchanged

Usage: The widow's histrionic screaming made the detectives suspicious.

16.ANNULMENT (noun) – रद्द करना

Pronunciation: uh•nuhl•muhnt

Meaning: the act of annulling something

Synonyms: voiding, repeal, cancellation, rescinding, reversal, revocation, abolition

Antonyms: restoration, approval, establishment

Usage: He may appeal to the Pope for an annulment of his 24-year marriage.

17.AMELIORATION (noun) – सुधार

Pronunciation: uh•mee•lee•uh•rei•shn

Meaning: the act of making something better

Synonyms: improvement, betterment, enhancement, help, benefit, boost, raising

Antonyms: worsening, degeneration, decline

Usage: The publishing editor used a grammar enhancing program to help with the amelioration of editing the article.



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18.UNBECOMING (adjective) – अनुपयुक्त

Pronunciation: uhn•buh•kuh•muhng

Meaning: not fitting or appropriate

Synonyms: inappropriate, unfitting, unbecoming, unsuitable, unsuited, inapt

Antonyms: becoming, proper, appropriate

Usage: It is unbecoming to go on hating an enemy like this once a conflict is over.

19.IMPETURBABLE (adjective) – अविचलित

Pronunciation: im•puh•tuh•buh•bl

Meaning: unable to be upset or excited

Synonyms: composed, collected, calm, cool, poised, tranquil, serene

Antonyms: edgy, excitable, irritable

Usage: She was one of those imperturbable people who never get angry or upset.

20.EXTORTIONATE (adjective) – हद से ज़्यादा

Pronunciation: uhk•staw•shuh•nuht

Meaning: excessively expensive

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

Antonyms: decent, reasonable, acceptable

Usage: The prices in this shop are extortionate.

21.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.

22.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.

23.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.

24.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.

25.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.

26.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: inhospitable, unfriendly, hostile

Usage: The local people were very kind and hospitable.

27.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.

28.VALOR (noun) – वीरता

Pronunciation: va·luh

Meaning: great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle

Synonyms: bravery, courage, fearlessness, pluck, nerve

Antonyms: cowardice, timidity, fear

Usage: He showed valor and skill on the battlefield.

29.INSIPID (adjective) – बेस्वाद

Pronunciation: uhn·si·puhd

Meaning: lacking flavor or taste

Synonyms: tasteless, flavorless, unflavored, bland, weak

Antonyms: tasty, delicious, appetizing

Usage: The soup lacks the right seasoning and tastes insipid.

30.INURE (verb) – अभ्यस्त होना

Pronunciation: uh·nyuord

Meaning: accustom to something, especially something unpleasant

Synonyms: harden, accustom, toughen, habituate, season, temper, condition

Antonyms: sensitize, soften, weaken

Usage: After years in the boxing ring, Max had become inured to pain.

31.LAX (adjective) - ढीला, नर्म

Pronunciation: laks

Meaning: relaxed and not strict

Synonyms: lenient, careless, slack, remiss, careless, inattentive, soft

Antonyms: stern, careful, severe

Usage: The lax security at the event allowed people to just slip in and out unnoticed.

32.PARTAKER (noun) - प्रतिभागी

Pronunciation: paa·tei·kuh

Meaning: a person who joins in or takes part in an activity

Synonyms: participant, contributor, entrant, competitor, contender

Antonyms: fan, spectator, onlooker

Usage: To be a partaker of the Olympic games, one must qualify for an event first.



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33.DRIFT (verb) – बहना

Pronunciation: drift

Meaning: be carried slowly by a current of air or water

Synonyms: amble, float, flow, hover, meander

Antonyms: stay, stop, cease

Usage: Being carried on the wind, the rogue leaf could do nothing but drift from its forest and into the city.

34.AMBITION (noun) – महत्वाकांक्षा

Pronunciation: am·bi·shn

Meaning: a strong desire to do or achieve something

Synonyms: aspiration, intention, goal, aim, objective, purpose, intent

Antonyms: inactivity, pessimism, dislike

Usage: William emphasized that success is more determined upon ambition and perseverance than by education and background.

35.SPLIT (verb) – विभाजित करना

Pronunciation: split

Meaning: divide into parts

Synonyms: divide, share, slice, distribute, partition

Antonyms: combine, unite, join

Usage: Let us split the cost right down the middle.

36.BACKLOG (noun) – ढेर, जमाव

Pronunciation: bak·log

Meaning: an accumulation of jobs not done or materials not processed

Synonyms: accumulation, stockpile, heap, excess, hoard, reservoir

Antonyms: lack, need, deficiency

Usage: A huge backlog of work had built up.

37.PASSION (noun) – जुनून

Pronunciation: pa·shn

Meaning: an intense liking and desire for something

Synonyms: enthusiasm, fascination, drive, obsession, craze

Antonyms: indifference, hatred, calmness

Usage: Where passion is high, reason is low.

38.DISTINCTIVE (adjective) – विशेष

Pronunciation: duh·stingk·tuhv

Meaning: specifying as unique, special or characteristic

Synonyms: distinguishing, characteristic, peculiar, unique, exclusive, special, particular

Antonyms: common, normal, ordinary

Usage: His distinctive voice was so low and soothing that the documentary producers knew that he would be their next film's narrator.

39.HONE (verb) – पैंना करना

Pronunciation: hown

Meaning: to perfect a talent or skill

Synonyms: sharpen, whet, strop, grind, file, edge, acuminate

Antonyms: blunt

Usage: Once you hone your communication skills, you will see the results.

40.FACILE (adjective) – आसान

Pronunciation: fa·sail

Meaning: ignoring the true complexities of an issue

Synonyms: simplistic, superficial, oversimplified, schematic, shallow, pat

Antonyms: arduous, complicated, difficult

Usage: The recipe is so facile that even a young child can make the dish.

41.PEER (verb) - ताकना

Pronunciation: peeuh

Meaning: look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something

Synonyms: scan, gaze, stare, glare, squint, gawk, scrutinize

Antonyms: glance, glimpse, browse

Usage: He watched the Customs official peer into the driver's window.

42.ALLIANCE (noun) - गठबंधन

Pronunciation: uh·lai·uhns

Meaning: a union or association formed for mutual benefit

Synonyms: association, union, collaboration, combination, partnership

Antonyms: separation, detachment, antagonism

Usage: The organization is a broad alliance of many different groups.

43.TRACE (verb) – पता लगाना

Pronunciation: treis

Meaning: find or discover by investigation

Synonyms: find, discover, detect, unearth, uncover

Antonyms: overlook, miss, lose

Usage: Police are trying to trace a white van seen in the area.

44.TORPID (adjective) – सुस्त

Pronunciation: taw·puhd

Meaning: mentally or physically inactive

Synonyms: lethargic, sluggish, lazy, inert, inactive, slow, lifeless

Antonyms: energetic, active, attentive

Usage: My torpid brother rests on the couch all day.

45.TORTOUS (adjective) – टेढ़ा-मेढ़ा

Pronunciation: taw·choo·uhs

Meaning: full of twists and turns

Synonyms: twisting, winding, curving, curvy, bending, sinuous, undulating

Antonyms: straight, direct, simple

Usage: We have travelled a tortuous road.

46.REFRACTORY (adjective) – हठी

Pronunciation: ruh·frak·tuh·ree

Meaning: stubborn or unmanageable

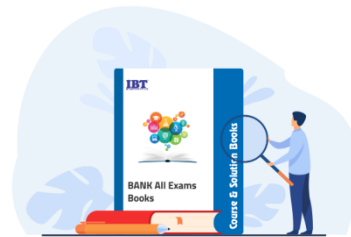
Synonyms: obstinate, stubborn, mulish, obdurate, headstrong, wayward, wilful

Antonyms: obedient, manageable

Usage: The refractory students spend a great deal of time in the detention room.

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47.LAPSE (noun) – चूक

Pronunciation: laps

Meaning: a brief or temporary failure of concentration, memory, or judgment

Synonyms: failure, failing, slip, error, mistake, blunder, fault

Antonyms: accuracy, correction, continuity

Usage: His lapse in judgment led him to fall behind in his studies.

48.BLITHE (adjective) – ज़िंदादिल

Pronunciation: blaiθ

Meaning: happy or carefree

Synonyms: happy, cheerful, jolly, cheery, merry, sunny, joyous

Antonyms: sad, unhappy, sorrowful

Usage: A blithe heart makes a blooming look.

49.DIVINE (adjective) – दिव्य

Pronunciation: duh·vain

Meaning: being or having the nature of a god

Synonyms: godly, godlike, angelic, seraphic, saintly, beatific, spiritual

Antonyms: mortal, earthly, ordinary

Usage: These events were seen as a divine revelation.

50.APOTHEOSIS (noun) – पराकाष्ठा

Pronunciation: uh·po·thee·ow·suhs

Meaning: the highest point in the development of something

Synonyms: culmination, climax, peak, pinnacle, summit, zenith, apex

Antonym: nadir

Usage: When she walked down the aisle in her wedding gown, everyone thought she was the apotheosis of beauty.

51.STANDSTILL (noun) – ठहराव, विराम

Pronunciation: stand·stl

Meaning: a situation or condition in which there is no movement or activity at all

Synonyms: halt, stop, stand, deadlock, impasse, stalemate, arrest

Antonyms: breakthrough, continuation, start

Usage: The train came to a complete standstill.

52.INSIGHT (noun) – समझ, बोध

Pronunciation: in·sait

Meaning: an accurate and deep understanding

Synonyms: intuition, perception, awareness, discernment, understanding, comprehension

Antonyms: stupidity

Usage: The lab results will provide more insight into the cause of the infection.

53.IMPROMPTU (adjective) – तात्कालिक

Pronunciation: uhm·promp·tyoo

Meaning: done without being planned

Synonyms: unrehearsed, unscripted, extempore, extemporized, improvised, improvisational

Antonyms: prepared, rehearsed, planned

Usage: The singer was more than willing to perform an impromptu song at his friend's concert.

54.OMNIPOTENT (adjective) – सर्वशक्तिमान

Pronunciation: om·ni·puh·tnt

Meaning: having unlimited power

Synonyms: almighty, supreme, invincible, unconquerable, unlimited, unrestricted

Antonyms: impotent, weak, powerless

Usage: Money is not omnipotent, but we can't survive without money.

55.CONDUCTIVE (adjective) – सहायक

Pronunciation: kun-dyoo-siv

Meaning: making a certain situation or outcome possible

Synonyms: favorable, beneficial, valuable, advantageous, opportune, propitious

Antonyms: unfavorable, baneful, uncondusive

Usage: Daylight is highly conductive to plant growth.

56.EXPLICATE (verb) – समझाना

Pronunciation: ek·spluh·keit

Meaning: analyze and develop in detail

Synonyms: explain, clarify, interpret, elucidate, expound, develop

Antonyms: obscure, confuse, conceal

Usage: Jim knows he will have to explicate the events that led to him breaking curfew.

57.UNFETTERED (adjective) – निरंकुश

Pronunciation: uhn·feh·tuhd

Meaning: not confined or restricted

Synonyms: unrestrained, unrestricted, unconstrained, free, unbridled, untrammelled, unchecked

Antonyms: restricted, fettered

Usage: Illegal drug sales go unfettered under the ignorant eyes of the crooked sheriff.

58.ECCENTRIC (adjective) – सनकी

Pronunciation: uhk·sen·truhk

Meaning: unconventional and slightly strange

Synonyms: unconventional, uncommon, abnormal, irregular, aberrant, anomalous, odd

Antonyms: normal, ordinary, conventional

Usage: Most geniuses come across as eccentric because they are very unique people

59.SNAZZY (adjective) – अत्यधिक आकर्षक

Pronunciation: sna·zee

Meaning: stylish and attractive

Synonyms: stylish, attractive, lovely, glamorous, gorgeous, stunning, fashionable

Antonyms: dowdy, unfashionable

Usage: Putting on a snazzy suit, the stylish gentleman prepared for a night out on the town.

60.UNDERSTATE (verb) – कम करके बताना

Pronunciation: uhn·duh·steit

Meaning: describe or represent as being smaller or less good or important than it really is

Synonyms: downplay, underrate, underplay, underemphasize, minimize, diminish

Antonyms: overstate, exaggerate

Usage: The figures probably understate the real unemployment rate.

61.ACUMEN (noun) – कुशाग्र बुद्धि

Pronunciation: a•kyoo•muhn

Meaning: the ability to make good judgments and take quick decisions

Synonyms: shrewdness, acuity, brilliance, sharpness, intelligence

Antonyms: witlessness, idiocy, silliness

Usage: His business acumen has made him very successful.

62.STAUNCH (adjective) – निष्ठावान

Pronunciation: stawnch

Meaning: very loyal and committed in attitude

Synonyms: stalwart, loyal, faithful, trusty, committed

Antonyms: disloyal, unfaithful, unreliable

Usage: As a caring physician, Jim is a staunch believer in patient rights.

63.JAUNTY (adjective) – जीवंत, खुशदिल

Pronunciation: jawn•tee

Meaning: having or expressing a lively, cheerful, and self-confident manner

Synonyms: cheerful, cheery, happy, merry, jolly, joyful

Antonyms: depressed, serious, sedate

Usage: The jaunty music made everyone feel cheerful.

64.PROFUSION (noun) – प्रचुरता

Pronunciation: pruh•fyoo•zhn

Meaning: an abundance or large quantity of something

Synonyms: abundance, lot, mass, plenitude, cornucopia, riot, plethora, superfluity

Antonyms: insufficiency, lack, scarcity

Usage: There is a profusion of flowers in the garden in summer.

65.EPISODIC (adjective) – प्रासंगिक

Pronunciation: eh•puh•so•duhk

Meaning: occurring occasionally and at irregular intervals

Synonyms: intermittent, irregular, sporadic, periodic, fitful

Antonyms: continuous, permanent, regular

Usage: The film is an episodic account of the effect of the war on a small community.

66.PROACTIVE (adjective) – सक्रिय

Pronunciation: prow•ak•tuhv

Meaning: creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it after it has happened

Synonyms: enterprising, energetic, motivated, ardent, enthusiastic

Antonyms: passive, sluggish, idle

Usage: It is far better to be proactive in doing something and make mistakes than do nothing and be safe.

67.DIDACTIC (adjective) – शिक्षाप्रद

Pronunciation: duh•dak•tuhk

Meaning: intended to teach

Synonyms: instructive, educational, informative, enlightening, informational

Antonym: misleading

Usage: His novel has a didactic tone.

68.TRANSFIX (verb) – स्तम्भित करना

Pronunciation: tran•sfiks

Meaning: to render motionless by arousing horror, wonder or awe

Synonyms: captivate, enchant, mesmerize, fascinate, hypnotize, engross

Antonyms: disenchant, bore, repel

Usage: The spellbinding actor was able to transfix the crowd with his captivating acting.

69.REGIME (noun) – व्यवस्था, प्रशासन

Pronunciation: rei-zheem

Meaning: a system or ordered way of doing things

Synonyms: establishment, management, administration, reign, rule, system

Antonyms: chaos, disorder, unruliness

Usage: The regime has been criticized for failing to uphold human rights.

70.SOLIDARITY (noun) – एकजुटता

Pronunciation: soli-dariti

Meaning: mutual support within a group

Synonyms: unanimity, unity, agreement, accord, harmony, consensus, concord

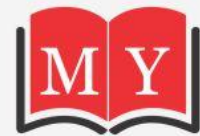
Antonyms: disagreement, division, disunion

Usage: While the prisoners were of different races, they all joined in solidarity to protest their dirty living conditions.

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