

VOCABULARY

1. AMIABLE (ADJECTIVE): स्नेही

Pronunciation: ay•mee•uh•bl

Meaning: Having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner

Synonyms: Warm-Hearted, Likable, Cordial, gracious, pleasant

Antonyms: Unfriendly, Disagreeable, boorish, surly, rude

Sentence: Behind that *amiable* facade, he's a deeply unpleasant man.

2. NADIR (NOUN): बिल्कुल निम्नस्तर

Pronunciation: naa•dir

Meaning: The lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation

Synonyms: Rock-Bottom, base

Antonyms: Zenith, Acme, apex, climax

Sentence: After not being able to find a job after a year, Clint realized he'd reached his professional *nadir*.

3. THRESHOLD (NOUN): शुरुआत

Pronunciation: thresh•holed

Meaning: A point of entry or beginning; the magnitude or intensity that must be exceeded for a certain reaction, phenomenon, result, or condition

Synonyms: Verge, Edge, limit, brink, door

Antonyms: end, expiration, finish, decease

Sentence: I knew I had reached my *threshold* of pain when I had to take a pill for comfort.

4. IDIOSYNCRASY (NOUN): प्रवृत्ति की विशेषावस्था

Pronunciation: i•dee•oh•sing•kruh•see

Meaning: a special habit, way of acting, or feature that belongs to one person or a small group

Synonyms: Quirk, Peculiarity, oddity, mannerism

Antonyms: Conformity, Sameness, generality, normalcy

Sentence: Her worst *idiosyncrasy* involved repeating back every word that was said to her.

5. HARBINGER (VERB): अग्रदूत

Pronunciation: haa•buhn•juh

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

Synonyms: Herald, presage, portent

Antonyms: Withhold, Conceal, doom, cloak

Sentence: I tremble at every sound, and every footstep seems to be the *harbinger* of some disaster.

6. UPTICK (NOUN): तेजी

Pronunciation: up•tick

Meaning: A small increase or slight upward trend

Synonyms: Increase, Boost, Gain, addition, expansion

Antonyms: Reduction, Falloff, decline, decrement, depletion

Sentence: People didn't notice the **uptick** in temperature from yesterday to today since it went from 32 to 34 degrees.

7. CLAMOUR (VERB): शोर मचाना

Pronunciation: KLAM-uh

Meaning: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting

Synonyms: roar, howl, Shout

Antonyms: murmur, silence, hush

Sentence: As a ruler, he showed wisdom and courage, and disregarded any effort to influence his policy by **clamour**.

8. ELUSIVE (ADJECTIVE): हाथ ना आने वाला

Pronunciation: uh•loo•suhv

Meaning: difficult to find, catch, or achieve

Synonyms: evasive, transient, fleeting, baffling, intangible

Antonyms: attainable, available, direct

Sentence: Since I am not very good at math, earning an "A" in geometry is an **elusive** goal for me.

9. STRINGENT (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: strin•jnt

Meaning: strict, precise, and exacting (of regulations, requirements, or conditions)

Synonyms: strict, rigorous, rigid, rigorous, severe

Antonyms: lenient, flexible, lax, tolerant

Sentence: The quantity of exports has declined since the early 80s due to the **stringent** procedures by the government.

10. IMPREGNABLE (ADJECTIVE): अजेय

Pronunciation: im-PREG-nuh-buhl

Meaning: incapable of being overcome, challenged, or defeated

Synonyms: invincible, invulnerable, unconquerable, invulnerable, secure

Antonyms: susceptible, vulnerable, breakable

Sentence: The prison's **impregnable** security wall makes it impossible for inmates to leave the grounds.