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### 1. LURE (verb) : लुभाना

**Pronunciation:** loo·uh

**Meaning:** tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere, especially by

offering some form of reward.

Synonyms: tempt, entice, attract

Antonyms: alert, caution, forewarn

**Sentence:** The child was lured into a car but managed to escape.

#### 2. HEINOUS (adj.) : जघन्य

**Pronunciation:** hay nuhs

Meaning: (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

Synonyms: odious, wicked, evil

**Antonyms:** innocuous, inoffensive, pleasant

**Sentence:** They admitted to the most <u>heinous</u> crimes.

#### 3. SHACKLE (noun) : बेड़ी

**Pronunciation:** sha·kl

Meaning: a pair of fetters connected together by a chain, used to fasten a prisoner's wrists

or ankles together.

**Synonyms:** chains, fetters, irons **Antonyms:** goad, break, edge

**Sentence:** He's too young to <u>shackle</u> himself with the responsibilities of a family.

## 4. EMBOLDEN (verb) : प्रोत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: uhm·boled·uhn

Meaning: give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something or to behave in a

certain way.

Synonyms: give courage, make brave, encourage

Antonyms: daunt, discourage, dishearten

**Sentence:** His success emboldened him to expand his business.

#### 5. REMNANT (noun) : अवशेष

Pronunciation: rem·nuhnt



**Meaning:** a small remaining quantity of something.

**Synonyms:** remains, remainder, leftovers

**Antonyms:** bulk, whole, mass

**Sentence:** Their outdated attitudes are a <u>remnant</u> of colonial days.

## 6. TEEMING (verb) : भरा ह्आ

**Pronunciation:** tee·ming

**Meaning:** be full of or swarming with.

Synonyms: be full of, be filled with, be brimming with

**Antonyms:** blank, devoid, empty

**Sentence:** Every garden is <u>teeming</u> with wildlife.

#### 7. RECUPERATING (verb): स्वस्थ हो जाना

**Pronunciation:** ruh·koo·puh·rayt·uhng **Meaning:** recover from illness or exertion. **Synonyms:** get better, recover, convalesce **Antonyms:** unhealthy, seedy, sickish

**Sentence:** She has been recuperating from a shoulder wound.

### 8. PEEVISH (adj.) : चिड़चिड़ा

Pronunciation: peev·uhsh

Meaning: easily irritated, especially by unimportant things.

**Synonyms:** irritable, irascible, fractious **Antonyms:** affable, companionable, cordial **Sentence:** Sebastian was a sickly, peevish child.

## 9. STRENUOUS (adj.) : ज़ोरदार

**Pronunciation:** streh·nyoo·uhs

Meaning: requiring or using great exertion.

**Synonyms:** arduous, difficult, hard **Antonyms:** effortless, facile, simple

**Sentence:** All your muscles need more oxygen during <u>strenuous</u> exercise.

### 10. INSINUATION (noun) : आक्षेप

**Pronunciation:** uhn·si·nyoo·ay·shn

Meaning: an unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad

Synonyms: implication, inference, allegation

Antonyms: denial, exculpation, flattery

**Sentence:** She rejected the <u>insinuation</u> that she was partly to blame.



### 11. STRINGENT (adj.) : कड़ी से कड़ी

**Pronunciation: strin**.jnt

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

**Synonyms:** strict, harsh, tough **Antonyms:** flexible, lax, loose

**Sentence:** California's air pollution guidelines are stringent.

#### 12. DEROGATION (noun) : अनादर

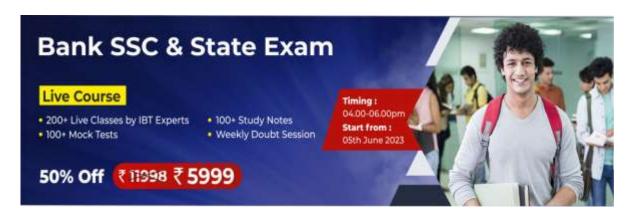
Pronunciation: deh-ruh-gay-shn

**Meaning:** the perception or treatment of someone or something as being of little worth

Synonyms: dishonour, disrespect, insult

Antonyms: ennoblement, honour, glorification

**Sentence:** He could not tolerate the <u>derogation</u> of his father.



## 13. REASSERT (verb) : साबित करना/ पृष्टि करना

Pronunciation: ree uh suht Meaning: to prove; confirm

**Synonyms:** reaffirm, affirm, allege **Antonyms:** disclaim, reject, abandon

**Sentence:** The Prime Minister aimed to <u>reassert</u> his authority.

## 14. MULLING (verb): विचार करना

Pronunciation: muh·luhng

**Meaning:** think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

Synonyms: ponder, consider, think over

Antonyms: forget, ignore, neglect

**Sentence:** she began to <u>mull</u> over the various possibilities.

# 15. INCARCERATION (noun) : क़ैद कर देना



**Pronunciation:** in · kaa · suh · ray · shn

**Meaning:** the state of being confined in prison; imprisonment.

**Synonyms:** imprisonment, internment, confinement

**Antonyms:** freedom, independence, liberty

**Sentence:** A Manhattan court sentenced him to two to four years incarceration.

### 16. INSOLENCE (noun): बदतमीजी

**Pronunciation:** in · suh · luhns

**Meaning:** rude and disrespectful behavior. **Synonyms:** impertinence, impudence, cheek **Antonyms:** civility, graciousness, politeness **Sentence:** She was sacked for insolence.

#### 17. DEBAR (verb) : निषेध करना

Pronunciation: duh baa

**Meaning:** exclude or prohibit (someone) officially from doing something.

Synonyms: exclude, ban, prevent

**Antonyms:** admit, include

**Sentence:** They were <u>debarred</u> entry to the port.

# 18. GELID (adj.) : ਠੱਫਾ

Pronunciation: gelid

**Meaning:** icy; extremely cold. **Synonyms:** frozen, freezing, icy **Antonyms:** ardent, blazing, boiling

Sentence: The Titanic passengers could not long survive the gelid waters of the North

Atlantic.

### 19. QUEER (adj.) : विचित्र

**Pronunciation:** kveeuh **Meaning:** strange; odd.

Synonyms: odd, strange, unusual

Antonyms: common, ordinary, familiar

**Sentence:** She had a <u>queer</u> feeling that they were being watched.

## 20. INCESSANT (adj.) : निरंतर

**Pronunciation:** uhn·seh·snt

Meaning: (of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption.

Synonyms: ceaseless, unceasing, constant



**Antonyms:** discontinuous, irregular, unsteady

**Sentence:** We have had <u>incessant</u> snowfall since yesterday afternoon.

### 21. MATRIARCH (noun) : कुलमाता

**Pronunciation:** may · tree · aak

**Meaning:** a female head of a family

Synonyms: feminine, maternal, womanly

**Antonyms:** young, immature

**Sentence:** when the <u>matriarch</u> dies, one of the oldest offspring take her place.

# 22. ARCHIPELAGO (noun) : द्वीपसमूह

**Pronunciation:** aa·kuh·peh·luh·goh

Meaning: a group of islands

**Synonyms:** peninsula, enclave, bar, cay **Antonyms:** landmass, shore, continent

**Sentence:** lakshadweep is an <u>archipelago</u> of 12 atolls, 3 reefs & 5 submerged banks.

#### 23. SABOTAGE (verb) : तोड्फोड्-

**Pronunciation:** sa·buh·taazh

Meaning: deliberately destroy, damage or obstruct etc

**Synonyms:** demolishing, destruction, ravage **Antonyms:** conservation, protection, salvage **Sentence:** they tried to sabotage the ceasefire.

### 24. HITHERTO (adj.): अब तक

Pronunciation: hi dhuh too

Meaning: describe a situation that has existed up to this point or upto the present time

Synonyms: before, yet, so far

Antonyms: afterwards, later, there upon

**Sentence:** smriti madhana revealed <u>hitherto</u> great talent on cricket pitch.

## 25. EXPULSION (noun) : निष्कासन

**Pronunciation:** uhk·spuhl·zhn

Meaning: the action of forcing someone to leave an organisation.

Synonyms: banishment, displacement

**Antonyms:** admission, allow

**Sentence:** <u>expulsion</u> from school a harsh form of punishment.

## 26. SEMANTIC (noun) : अर्थ



**Pronunciation:** suh·man·tuhk

**Meaning:** connected with the meaning & sentence **Synonyms:** connotation, definition, explanation

**Antonym:** meaningless

**Sentence:** my ideas on semantics needed more careful exploration.

#### 27. DISDAIN (noun) : तिरस्कार

**Pronunciation:** duhs · dayn

**Meaning:** the feeling that somebody is not good enough to be respected.

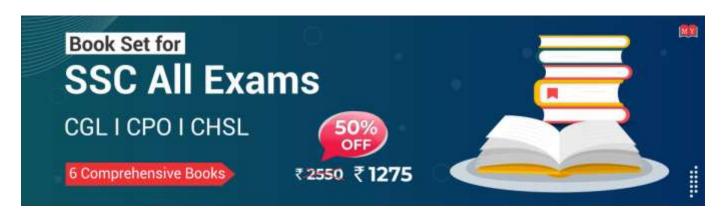
**Synonyms:** contempt, hate, execration **Antonyms:** acceptance, tolerance

**Sentence:** he turned his head away in <u>disdain</u>.

# 28. COHERENT (adj.) : सुसंगत

Pronunciation: koh·heeuh·ruhnt Meaning: logical & consistent Synonyms: analytics, consequent Antonyms: eristic, misleading

**Sentence:** the government lacks a coherent economic policy.



#### 29. SINISTER (adj.): भयावह

**Pronunciation:** si · nuh · stuh

Meaning: singularly evil or productive of evil

Synonyms: baleful, dire, doomy

Antonyms: unthreatening, bright, golden

**Sentence:** there was something <u>sinister</u> about his death.

#### 30. VERNACULAR (noun) : मातृभाषा

Pronunciation: vuh·na·kyoo·luh

Meaning: the language spoken in a particular area



**Synonyms:** colloquial, informal **Antonyms:** formal, learned, literary

**Sentence:** he lapsed into the local <u>vernacular</u>.

## 31. ASTOUNDING (adj.) : अद्भूत

Pronunciation: uh·stawnd·uhng

**Meaning:** surprisingly impressive or notable. **Synonyms:** amazing, astonishing, staggering

Antonyms: unimpressive, boring, dull

**Sentence:** There was an <u>astounding</u> 20% increase in sales.

#### 32. CULMINATE (verb) : समापन

**Pronunciation:** kuhl·muh·nayt

Meaning: reach a climax or point of highest development.

Synonyms: peak, climax, end with

Antonyms: start, begin

**Sentence:** He <u>culminated</u> the school year with a trip to New York.

#### 33. CONFLUENCE (noun) : संगम

Pronunciation: kawn.floo.uhns

Meaning: the junction of two rivers, especially rivers of approximately equal width.

Synonyms: convergence, meeting, junction

Antonyms: divergence, separation

**Sentence:** The 160-metre falls mark the dramatic confluence of the rivers Nera and Velino.

#### 34. SHIRK (verb): भागना

**Pronunciation:** shuhk

**Meaning:** avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility)

**Synonyms:** evade, dodge, avoid **Antonyms:** accept, embrace, pursue

**Sentence:** He never <u>shirked</u> from doing his duty.

# 35. CLANDESTINE (adj.) : गुप्त

**Pronunciation:** clandestine

Meaning: kept secret or done secretively, especially because illicit.

**Synonyms:** secret, covert, furtive **Antonyms:** open, overt, public

**Sentence:** From the van, the police watched as the <u>clandestine</u> drug deal occurred.



#### 36. ENSCONCE (verb): स्थापित करना

Pronunciation: uhn·skawns

**Meaning:** establish or settle (someone) in a comfortable, safe, or secret place.

Synonyms: settle, install, establish

**Antonyms:** confuse, depart, destroy, disarrange. **Sentence:** Agnes ensconced herself in their bedroom.

#### 37. EXIGENCY (noun) : ज़रूरत

Pronunciation: ek·suh·juhns·ee Meaning: an urgent need or demand. Synonyms: need, demand, requirement Antonyms: advantage, benefit, blessing

**Sentence:** Women worked long hours when the exigencies of the family economy

demanded it.

#### 38. EMULATED (verb) : नकल

Pronunciation: eh·myoo·layt·uhd

Meaning: match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation

**Synonyms:** imitate, copy, mirror **Antonyms:** neglect, be original

**Sentence:** They hope to <u>emulate</u> the success of other software companies.

### 39. FORBEARANCE (noun) : सहनशीलता

**Pronunciation:** faw·beuh·ruhns

Meaning: patient self-control; restraint and tolerance

Synonyms: tolerance, toleration, patience

**Antonym:** impatience

**Sentence:** There is a limit at which <u>forbearance</u> ceases a virtue.

#### 40. RUFFLE (verb) : बिगाइना

**Pronunciation:** ruh·fl

**Meaning:** disorder or disarrange (someone's hair), typically by running one's hands

through it

Synonyms: disarrange, tousle, dishevel

**Antonyms:** adjust, fix

Sentence: The father laughs and jovially <u>ruffles</u> his son's hair.

# 41. COLLUDE (verb) : सांठगांठ

Pronunciation: kuh·lood





Meaning: cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage

over others

**Synonyms:** combine, conspire, collaborate

Antonyms: differ, disagree, split

**Sentence:** He accused his opponents of colluding with one another.

# 42. RETROSPECTIVE (adj.) : पूर्वप्रभावी

**Pronunciation:** reh·troh·spek·tiv

**Meaning:** looking back on or dealing with past events or situations.

**Synonyms:** backdated, retroactive, backward-looking

**Antonyms:** silly, thoughtless

**Sentence:** our survey was <u>retrospective</u>.

#### 43. PRECEPT (noun): नियम

**Pronunciation:** pree-sept

Meaning: a general rule intended to regulate behavior or thought.

Synonyms: principle, rule, tenet

Antonyms: ambiguity, unbelief, answer

Sentence: You won't find this moral precept in the scriptures.'



# 44. ADAMANT (adj.) : हठी

**Pronunciation:** a · duh · muhnt

**Meaning:** refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.

**Synonyms:** adamantine, bullheaded, inconvincible

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, flexible

**Sentence:** He is <u>adamant</u> that he is not going to resign.

#### 45. ONEROUS (adj.) : कष्टदायक

**Pronunciation:** oh · nuh · ruhs





Meaning: (of a task, duty, or responsibility) involving an amount of effort and difficulty

that is oppressively burdensome.

**Synonyms:** burdensome, inconvenient, troublesome

**Antonyms:** comfortable, cozy, easy

**Sentence:** This is the most onerous task I have ever undertaken.

#### 46. RECIPROCITY (noun) : आदान-प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: reh·suh·praw·suh·tee

**Meaning:** the practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit, especially

privileges granted by one country or organization to another.

**Synonyms:** collaboration, mutualism, harmony **Antonyms:** antagonism, antipathy, enmity

**Sentence:** The proposal calls for reciprocity in trade relations.

# 47. CORROBORATING (verb) : की पुष्टि

**Pronunciation:** kuh·raw·buh·rayt·uhng

Meaning: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

**Synonyms:** confirm, verify, endorse

Antonyms: confuting, disproving, refuting

**Sentence:** Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

## 48. GRATUITOUS (adj.) : ऐच्छिक

Pronunciation: gruh tyoo uh tuhs

**Meaning:** uncalled for; lacking good reason; unwarranted.

Synonyms: unjustified, without reason, uncalled for

Antonyms: essential, indispensable, necessary

Sentence: There's too much crime and gratuitous violence on TV.

# 49. IMMACULATE (adj.) : निर्मल

Pronunciation: uh·ma·kyoo·luht

**Meaning:** (especially of a person or their clothes) perfectly clean, neat, or tidy.

**Synonyms:** clean, spotless, pristine **Antonyms:** coarse, dirty, filthy

**Sentence:** The property is in <u>immaculate</u> condition.

# 50. PITHILY (adv.) : मतलब की बात

**Pronunciation:** pi-thē **Meaning:** in a few words

Synonyms: briefly, compactly, concisely





**Antonyms:** diffusely, long-windedly, verbosely

**Sentence:** The observation that "War is hell" is how General Sherman pithily summed up

his experiences in combat.

# 51. RECONCILER (noun) : स्लहकर्ता

**Pronunciation:** ri·kuhn·sile

**Meaning:** a person who brings about peace, especially by reconciling adversaries.

**Synonyms:** conciliator, peacemaker, arbitrator **Antonyms:** rabble-rousers, protesters, agitators **Sentence:** He is the great reconciler and harmonizer.

### 52. FULMINATION (noun): निंदा

**Pronunciation:** fuhl·muh·nay·shn

**Meaning:** an expression of vehement protest. **Synonyms:** protest, objection, complaint **Antonyms:** acclaim, applause, commendation

**Sentence:** Players were told they had a right to be spared the foul-mouthed fulmination of

the hockey coach.

#### 53. RUBBLE (noun): मलवा

**Pronunciation**: ruh·bl

Meaning: waste or rough fragments of stone, brick, concrete, etc., especially as the debris

from the demolition of buildings. **Synonyms:** debris, remains, ruins

Antonyms: booty, find, pickings, salvage

**Sentence:** Thousands of bodies are still buried under the <u>rubble</u>.

### 54. DISSENSION (noun): मतभेद

**Pronunciation:** duh·sen·shn

Meaning: disagreement that leads to discord. Synonyms: disagreement, dispute, dissent Antonyms: accord, agreement, concord

**Sentence:** There are signs of <u>dissension</u> within the ruling political party.

### 55. STAVE OFF (verb): स्थगित करना

**Pronunciation:** STAVE OFF **Meaning:** to assign to a later time **Synonyms:** defer, delay, suspend **Antonyms:** act, deal (with), work (on)



**Sentence:** We were hoping to stave off these difficult decisions until September.

#### 56. FLEECE (verb): फ़ायदा उठाना

**Pronunciation:** flees

**Meaning:** obtain a great deal of money from (someone), typically by overcharging or

swindling them.

**Synonyms:** swindle, cheat, defraud **Antonyms:** give, undercharge, satiate

**Sentence:** Swindlers who use the telephone to <u>fleece</u> senior citizens out of their savings.

### 57. TRANQUILLITY (noun) : शांति

**Pronunciation:** trang·kvil·uh·tee

**Meaning:** the quality or state of being tranquil; calm.

**Synonyms:** peace, calm, placidity

Antonyms: bustle, commotion, hubbub

**Sentence:** He enjoyed the <u>tranquillity</u> of village life.



#### 58. VAMOOSE (verb): जल्दी से निकल जाना

**Pronunciation:** va·moos **Meaning:** depart hurriedly.

Synonyms: depart, exit, walkout

Antonyms: arrive, come,

**Sentence:** We'd better <u>vamoose</u> before we're caught.

# 59. AMBIENCE (noun) : माहौल

**Pronunciation:** am·bee·uhns

**Meaning:** the character and atmosphere of a place. **Synonyms:** atmosphere, aura, circumstances

Antonyms: emptiness, void, blankness

**Sentence:** The restaurant has a pleasant <u>ambience</u>.



#### 60. SCUFFLE (noun) : हाथापाई

**Pronunciation:** skuh·fl

**Meaning:** a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.

**Synonyms:** fight, struggle, tussle **Antonyms:** truce, calm, peace

**Sentence:** He was involved in a <u>scuffle</u> with a photographer.

#### 61. INADVERTENT (adj.) : बेपरवाह

**Pronunciation:** in · uhd · vuh · tnt

**Meaning:** not resulting from or achieved through deliberate planning.

Synonyms: unintentional, intended

**Antonyms:** careful, cautious

**Sentence:** An <u>inadvertent</u> administrative error occurred that resulted in an overpayment.

# 62. TICKLISH (adj.) : मुश्किल

**Pronunciation:** ti·kuhl·uhsh

Meaning: (of a situation or problem) difficult to deal with; requiring careful handling.

**Synonyms:** problematic, tricky, delicate **Antonyms:** easy, simple, uncomplicated

**Sentence:** Handling awkward neighbors can be a <u>ticklish</u> business.

#### 63. ARGOT (noun) : कठबोली

**Pronunciation:** aa·goh

Meaning: the jargon or slang of a particular group or class.

**Synonyms:** jargon, slang, idiom **Antonyms:** formal, standard

**Sentence:** Pupils' <u>argot</u> is of particular interest.

## 64. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL (adj.): महामारी विज्ञान

**Pronunciation:** eh·puh·dee·mee·uh·law·juhk·uhl

Meaning: relating to the branch of medicine that deals with the incidence, distribution, and

control of diseases

Synonyms: medical, specialty, medicine

Antonyms: over-the-counter drug, prescription medicine, prescription drug

**Sentence:** This paper reviews the <u>epidemiological</u> evidence about MMR and autistic

enterocolitis.

# 65. DELIMITATION (noun): हदबंदी

**Pronunciation:** duh·li·muht·ay·shn



**Meaning:** the action of fixing the boundary or limits of something.

**Synonyms:** custody, detention, incarceration

**Antonyms:** freedom, liberation, liberty

**Sentence:** The <u>delimitation</u> of genera in Oleaceae has always been especially problematic.

#### 66. SOPPING (adj.) : तर

**Pronunciation:** sawp·uhng

**Meaning:** saturated with liquid; wet through.

**Synonyms:** watery, wet, moist **Antonyms:** arid, dry, unwatered

Sentence: Get those sopping clothes off,

#### 67. VERNACULAR (noun) : मातृभाषा

Pronunciation: vuh·na·kyoo·luh

Meaning: the language or dialect spoken by ordinary people in a particular country or

region.

Synonyms: everyday language, spoken language

**Antonym:** latin

**Sentence:** Galileo wrote in the vernacular to reach a larger audience.

## 68. BABEL (noun) : कोलाहल

**Pronunciation:** ba·bl

Meaning: a confused noise made by a number of voices.

**Synonyms:** clamor, tumult, uproar **Antonyms:** quiet, silence, calm

**Sentence:** She hushed the <u>babel</u> of her thoughts and tried to sleep.

#### 69. MIEN (noun) : चेहरे का भाव

Pronunciation: meen

Meaning: a person's look or manner, especially one of a particular kind indicating their

character or mood.

**Synonyms:** appearance, look, expression **Antonyms:** informality, formality, courtesy. **Sentence:** He has a cautious, academic mien.

### 70. CONTRAVENE (verb) : अवहेलना करना

Pronunciation: kawn·truh·veen

**Meaning:** violate the prohibition or order of (a law, treaty, or code of conduct).

Synonyms: break, breach, defy



Antonyms: obey, follow, comply with

**Sentence:** Because your actions <u>contravene</u> school policy, you're being suspended for ten days.

