

VOCABULARY

1. BUTTRESS (VERB): समर्थन करना

Pronunciation: buh•truhs

Meaning: to give support to or strengthen something.

Synonyms: support, brace, reinforce, strengthen

Antonyms: undermine, weaken

Sentence: The new evidence served to *buttress* his argument for the defendant's innocence.

2. RELINQUISH (VERB): त्यागना

Pronunciation: ruh•ling•kvuhsh

Meaning: voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.

Synonyms: surrender, render, abandon

Antonyms: retain, keep, withhold

Sentence: He had to *relinquish* his position as CEO due to his health issues.

3. CRYPTIC (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

Pronunciation: kript•uhk

Meaning: having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.

Synonyms: enigmatic, mysterious, hard to understand

Antonyms: understandable, clear, plain, transparent

Sentence: The message was written in *cryptic* code that only a few people could decipher.

4. GRASSROOTS (NOUN): आधार

Pronunciation: graa•sroots

Meaning: the most basic level of an activity or organization.

Synonyms: central, constitutional, elemental

Antonyms: uncommon, incidental, incident

Sentence: He pointed out that *grassroots* local government gave communities the power to improve their lives materially in practical ways.

5. TRUCULENT (ADJECTIVE): उग्र, लड़ाकू

Pronunciation: truh•kyoo•luhnt

Meaning: eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant.

Synonyms: aggressive, barbarous

Antonyms: cooperative, gentle

Sentence: The *truculent* dog barked aggressively at anyone who dared to approach its territory.

6. BATTERED (ADJECTIVE): क्षतिग्रस्त

Pronunciation: ba•tuhd

Meaning: hurt by being repeatedly hit; damaged, especially by being used a lot.

Synonyms: beaten up, damaged, worn out, weathered, dilapidated

Antonyms: undamaged, unspoiled, new, pristine

Sentence: The old, *battered* car was still running, but it was clearly on its last legs.

7. BEFUDDLE (VERB): स्वयं को मूर्ख बनाना

Pronunciation: be•fud•dle

Meaning: unable to think clearly.

Synonyms: Baffle, bewilder

Antonyms: Clarify, clear up

Sentence: The complex instructions *befuddled* the new recruits, leaving them unsure of what to do next.

8. DOYEN (NOUN): अनुभवी व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: doh•yayng

Meaning: the most respected or prominent person in a particular field.

Synonyms: Chief, commander, Director, head

Antonyms: Employee, follower

Sentence: The professor was considered the *doyen* of the academic community due to his extensive knowledge and experience.

9. STIGMA (NOUN): कलंक

Pronunciation: stig•muh

Meaning: a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

Synonyms: shame, disgrace, dishonour, stain

Antonyms: honour, credit

Sentence: Often people are afraid to admit they have a mental illness because of the *stigma* attached to psychiatric disorders.

10. DECRY (VERB): निंदा

Pronunciation: duh•krai

Meaning: publicly denounce; to criticize something as bad, without value, or unnecessary

Synonyms: criticize, denigrate, denounce, condemn

Antonyms: applaud, laud, praise, extol

Sentence: Several religious organizations have chosen to *decry* the obscene cartoon about Jesus.