



# Weekly Vocab Dose

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**Happy learning!!!**

### **1. SUMPTUOUS (adj.) : वैभवशाली**

**Pronunciation:** suhmp·tyoo·uhs

**Meaning:** splendid and expensive-looking.

**Synonyms:** lavish, luxurious, deluxe

**Antonyms:** austere, humble, spartan

**Sentence:** The interior is decorated in sumptuous reds and gold.

### **2. PARSIMONY (noun) : बचत**

**Pronunciation:** paa·suh·muh·nee

**Meaning:** extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources.

**Synonyms:** meanness, miserliness, parsimoniousness

**Antonyms:** diseconomy, wastefulness, lavishness

**Sentence:** Due to official parsimony, only one machine was built.

### **3. COMMISERATED (verb) : हमदर्दी रखना**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·mi·zuh·rayt·uhd

**Meaning:** express or feel sympathy or pity; sympathize.

**Synonyms:** offer sympathy to, feel pity for, condole with

**Antonyms:** distressed, tormented, irritated

**Sentence:** They commiserated the misfortune of their teacher.

### **4. BRAGGART (noun) : शेखीबाज़ मनुष्य**

**Pronunciation:** brae·gaat

**Meaning:** a person who boasts about achievements or possessions.

**Synonyms:** boaster, brag, bragger

**Antonyms:** humble, modest, uncomplacent

**Sentence:** A braggart who was always talking about how much money he made.

### **5. SUBTERFUGE (noun) : छल**

**Pronunciation:** suhb·tuh·fyooj

**Meaning:** deceit used in order to achieve one's goal.

**Synonyms:** trickery, intrigue, deviousness

**Antonyms:** candor, directness

**Sentence:** Journalists often use subterfuge to obtain material for stories

**6. FATUOUS (adj.) : बुद्धिहीन**

**Pronunciation:** fa·choo·uhs

**Meaning:** silly and pointless.

**Synonyms:** silly, foolish, stupid

**Antonyms:** brainy, prudent, sapient

**Sentence:** Television commercials seem more smug and fatuous than ever.

**7. OSTRACISM (noun) : समाज से निकाला**

**Pronunciation:** aw·struh·si·zm

**Meaning:** exclusion from a society or group.

**Synonyms:** exclusion, rejection, repudiation

**Antonyms:** acceptance, embrace, welcome

**Sentence:** He suffered years of ostracism.

**8. DELIRIOUS (adj.) : भ्रान्तचित्त**

**Pronunciation:** duh·leeuh·ree·uhs

**Meaning:** in an acutely disturbed state of mind resulting from illness or intoxication and characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence of thought and speech.

**Synonyms:** incoherent, raving, babbling

**Antonyms:** tranquil, undisturbed

**Sentence:** He became delirious and couldn't recognize people.

**9. VAGUELY (adv.) : अनिश्चित रूप से**

**Pronunciation:** vayg·lee

**Meaning:** in a way that is uncertain, indefinite, or unclear; roughly.

**Synonyms:** roughly, more or less, approximately

**Antonyms:** considerably, extensively, significantly

**Sentence:** He vaguely remembered talking to her once.

**10. DRACONIAN (adj.) : कठोर**

**Pronunciation:** druh·koh·nee·uhn

**Meaning:** (of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe.

**Synonyms:** harsh, severe, strict

**Antonyms:** lenient, merciful, pitying

**Sentence:** The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press with a series of draconian laws.

**11. DELECTABLE (adj.) : स्वादिष्ट****Pronunciation:** duh·lek·tuh·bl**Meaning:** (of food or drink) delicious.**Synonyms:** delicious, mouthwatering, appetizing**Antonyms:** distasteful, tasteless, flavorless**Sentence:** Delectable smells rose from the kitchen.**12. DOVETAILING (verb) : सहमत होना****Pronunciation:** duhv·tayl·uhng**Meaning:** to be in agreement on every point**Synonyms:** according, agreeing**Antonyms:** differing, disagreeing, mismatching**Sentence:** The Union and the Confederate accounts of the battle don't dovetail at all.**13. HETERODOX (adj.) : विधर्मिक****Pronunciation:** heh·tuh·ruh·dawks**Meaning:** not conforming with accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs.**Synonyms:** unorthodox, heretical, dissenting**Antonyms:** conformist, conventional, orthodox**Sentence:** His opinions have always been distinctly heterodox.**14. TEMERITY (noun) : उतावलापन****Pronunciation:** tuh·meh·ruh·tee**Meaning:** excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.**Synonyms:** audacity, boldness, audaciousness**Antonyms:** bashfulness, diffidence, hesitancy**Sentence:** He had the temerity to ask for higher wages after only a day's work.**15. PRESAGE (noun) : पूर्व-सूचना****Pronunciation:** preh·suhj**Meaning:** a sign or warning that something, typically something bad, will happen; an omen or portent.**Synonyms:** sign, indication, portent**Antonyms:** fulfilment, event, occurrence**Sentence:** Those black clouds presage a storm.**16. NAGGING (adj.) : काम करने के लिए परेशान करना****Pronunciation:** nag·uhng**Meaning:** (of a person) constantly harassing someone to do something.

**Synonyms:** grumbling, hounding, scolding

**Antonyms:** acclaiming, applauding

**Sentence:** He wanted to get away from his nagging parents.

## 17. EDICT (noun) : अध्यादेश

**Pronunciation:** ee·duhkt

**Meaning:** an official order or proclamation issued by a person in authority.

**Synonyms:** decree, order, command

**Antonyms:** permit, decriminalize, legalize.

**Sentence:** The festival was banned by royal edict.



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## 18. 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.

## 19. ANOMALY (noun) : विसंगति

**Pronunciation:** uh·naw·muh·lee

**Meaning:** something that deviates from what is standard, normal or expected.

**Synonyms:** oddity, peculiarity, abnormality

**Antonyms:** norm, ordinary, usual

**Sentence:** Snow in July is an anomaly in most of the northern hemisphere.

## 20. PARLEY (noun) : बातचीत

**Pronunciation:** parley

**Meaning:** a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice.



**Synonyms:** negotiation, talk, meeting

**Antonyms:** quiet, silence, calm

**Sentence:** The governor was forced to parley with the rebels.

## **21. CONTEMPORANEOUS (adj.) : समसामयिक**

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·tem·puh·ray·nee·uhs

**Meaning:** existing or occurring in the same period of time.

**Synonyms:** coetaneous, coeval, coexistent

**Antonyms:** asynchronous, non contemporary, nonsynchronous

**Sentence:** The two events were more or less contemporaneous, with only months between them.

## **22. HUBRISTIC (adj.) : आत्मसंतुष्ट**

**Pronunciation:** hyoo'-brīs'-tīk

**Meaning:** excessively proud or self-confident.

**Synonyms:** complacent, conceited, egocentric

**Antonyms:** humble, lowly, modest

**Sentence:** The administration's hubristic foreign policy has been efficiently exposed.

## **23. SUBURB (noun) : उपनगर**

**Pronunciation:** suh·buhb

**Meaning:** an outlying district of a city, especially a residential one.

**Synonyms:** outlying district, residential area, dormitory area

**Antonyms:** center, metropolis, heart

**Sentence:** Box Hill is a suburb of Melbourne.

## **24. TROTH (noun) : विश्वास**

**Pronunciation:** trothe

**Meaning:** faith or loyalty when pledged in a solemn agreement or undertaking.

**Synonyms:** commitment, agreement, faith

**Antonyms:** disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness

**Sentence:** This troth seems to be self-evident.

## **25. PREPONDERANCE (noun) : प्रधानता**

**Pronunciation:** pruh·pawn·duh·ruhns

**Meaning:** the quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity or importance.

**Synonyms:** prevalence, predominance, dominance

**Antonyms:** insignificance, inferiority, mediocrity

**Sentence:** The preponderance of evidence suggests that he's guilty.

**26. FLABBERGAST (verb) : हैरत में डालन**

**Pronunciation:** fla·buh·gaast

**Meaning:** surprise (someone) greatly; astonish.

**Synonyms:** astonish, astound, amaze

**Antonyms:** aware, clear, oriented

**Sentence:** He was flabbergasted when we told him how cheap it was.

**27. CATAclysmic (adj.) : दुर्घटना**

**Pronunciation:** ka·tuh·kliz·muhk

**Meaning:** relating to or denoting a violent natural event.

**Synonyms:** disastrous, catastrophic, calamitous

**Antonyms:** non-destructive, protective

**Sentence:** These countries are on the brink of cataclysmic famine.

**28. HUMDRUM (adj.) : नीरस**

**Pronunciation:** huhm·druhm

**Meaning:** lacking excitement or variety; dull; monotonous.

**Synonyms:** mundane, dull, dreary

**Antonyms:** interesting, engrossing, gripping

**Sentence:** We lead such a humdrum life/existence.

**29. CONCOCTED (verb) : मनगढ़ंत**

**Pronunciation:** kuhng·kawkt·uhd

**Meaning:** existing only in the imagination.

**Synonyms:** artificial, fabricated, imaginary

**Antonyms:** genuine, natural, real

**Sentence:** John concocted an elaborate excuse for being late.

**30. LINGER (verb) : दीर्घ काल तक रहना**

**Pronunciation:** ling·guh

**Meaning:** stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave.

**Synonyms:** wait around, stay, remain

**Antonyms:** bowl, breeze, dart, hump

**Sentence:** Unfortunately, the tax will linger until April.

**31. VAINGLORIOUS (adj.) : गुमानी**

**Pronunciation:** vayn·glaw·ree·uhs

**Meaning:** excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain.

**Synonyms:** assured, biggety, complacent

**Antonyms:** egoless, humble, modest

**Sentence:** The vainglorious trainer spent more flexing his muscles than he did helping build his clients.

### **32. STEADFASTLY (adv.) : लगातार**

**Pronunciation:** sted·faast·lee

**Meaning:** in a resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering manner.

**Synonyms:** continuously, ploddingly, steadily

**Antonyms:** indolently, desultorily, tiredly

**Sentence:** She was steadfastly in support of women's rights.

### **33. STUTTER (verb) : हकलाना**

**Pronunciation:** stuh·tuh

**Meaning:** talk with continued involuntary repetition of sounds, especially initial consonants.

**Synonyms:** stammer, stumble, speak haltingly

**Antonyms:** enunciate, pronounce, articulate

**Sentence:** I used to stutter when I was a child.

### **34. CAGEY (adj.) : गुप्त**

**Pronunciation:** kay·jee

**Meaning:** reluctant to give information owing to caution or suspicion.

**Synonyms:** secretive, guarded, noncommittal

**Antonyms:** disposed, open, frank

**Sentence:** Manufacturers are cagey about the recipes they use to create a wine.

### **35. AVOWAL (noun) : घोषणा-पत्र**

**Pronunciation:** uh·vau·uhl

**Meaning:** a solemn and often public declaration of the truth or existence of something

**Synonyms:** affirmation, assertion, asseveration

**Antonyms:** disavowal, denial

**Sentence:** The press carried his avowal throughout the country.

### **36. UNBRIDLED (adj.): निरंकुश**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·brai·dld

**Meaning:** uncontrolled; unconstrained.

**Synonyms:** unrestrained, unconstrained, uncontrolled

**Antonyms:** bridled, constrained, controlled



**Sentence:** This case was solved only because of one detective's unbridled determination to bring the killer to justice

**37. NONPLUSSED (adj.) : भौचक**

**Pronunciation:** nawn·pluhst

**Meaning:** (of a person) surprised and confused so much that they are unsure how to react.

**Synonyms:** confused, bewildered, bemused

**Antonyms:** undaunted, unfazed

**Sentence:** I was completely nonplussed by his sudden appearance.

**38. CONFLAGRATION (noun) : भीषण आग**

**Pronunciation:** kawn·fluh·gray·shn

**Meaning:** an extensive fire that destroys a great deal of land or property.

**Synonyms:** fire, blaze, flames

**Antonyms:** demilitarization, demobilization, disarmament

**Sentence:** A conflagration in 1947 reduced 90 percent of the houses to ashes.

**39. PRATTLING (verb) : बकवास**

**Pronunciation:** pra·tuhl·uhng

**Meaning:** talk at length in a foolish or inconsequential way.

**Synonyms:** chatter, babble, prate

**Antonyms:** articulating, enunciating, pronouncing

**Sentence:** The villagers are prattling on about the village gossip.

**40. INUNDATION (noun) : सैलाब**

**Pronunciation:** i·nuhn·day·shn

**Meaning:** a great flow of water or of something that overwhelms.

**Synonyms:** overflow, deluge, torrent

**Antonyms:** drought, dribble, drip

**Sentence:** The family's shed was washed away in the last inundation.

**41. WANTON (adj.) : प्रचंड**

**Pronunciation:** vawn·tn

**Meaning:** (of a cruel or violent action) deliberate and unprovoked.

**Synonyms:** deliberate, wilful, malicious

**Antonyms:** decent, nonobscene, priggish

**Sentence:** The community newspaper, describes it as wanton damage and wilful vandalism.

## 42. LABYRINTH (noun) : भूलभुलैया

**Pronunciation:** la·buh·ruhnt

**Meaning:** a complicated irregular network of passages or paths in which it is difficult to find one's way; a maze.

**Synonyms:** maze, warren, complex, network

**Antonyms:** ease, line, order

**Sentence:** We lost our way in the labyrinth of streets.

## 43. ASCETICISM (noun) : वैराग्य

**Pronunciation:** uh·seh·tuh·si·zm

**Meaning:** severe self-discipline and avoidance of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.

**Synonyms:** austerity, self-denial, abstinence

**Antonyms:** kindness, lenience, softness

**Sentence:** He exemplified the virtues of renunciation, asceticism, and restraint..



## 44. POSIT (verb) : प्रस्तुत करना

**Pronunciation:** paw·zuht

**Meaning:** assume as a fact; put forward as a basis of argument.

**Synonyms:** postulate, put forward, propound

**Antonyms:** ignore, disregard

**Sentence:** The Confucian view posits a perfectible human nature.

## 45. LOITER (verb) : देर करना

**Pronunciation:** loy·tuh

**Meaning:** to move or act slowly

**Synonyms:** dally, dawdle, delay

**Antonyms:** hurry, fasten, speed up

**Sentence:** We'll be left behind if we loiter.

**46. MARAUD (verb) : लूटना****Pronunciation:** muh·rawd**Meaning:** roam in search of things to steal or people to attack.**Synonyms:** plunder, go looting, go pillaging**Antonyms:** aid, assist, guard**Sentence:** Marauding gangs of armed men have been looting food relief supplies.**47. DE FACTO (adj.) : वास्तव में****Pronunciation:** de facto**Meaning:** denoting someone or something that is such in fact.**Synonyms:** actual, existing, existent**Antonyms:** conjectural, hypothetical, nonexistent**Sentence:** The island has been de facto divided into two countries.**48. DIALECTIC (noun) : द्वंद्वात्मक****Pronunciation:** dai·uh·lekt·uhk**Meaning:** the art of investigating or discussing the truth of opinions.**Synonyms:** argumentation, contention**Antonyms:** illogical, irrational, controversial**Sentence:** This situation created the inner dialectic of American history.**49. VICISSITUDES (noun) : उलटफेर****Pronunciation:** vuh·si·suh·choodz**Meaning:** a change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant.**Synonyms:** change, alteration, switch**Antonyms:** immutability, immutableness, changelessness**Sentence:** He experienced several great social vicissitudes in his life.**50. REPROBATE (noun) : अनैतिक****Pronunciation:** reh·pruh·bayt**Meaning:** an unprincipled person (often used humorously or affectionately).**Synonyms:** rogue, scoundrel, brute**Antonyms:** ethical, moral, principled**Sentence:** There was a reprobate judge who took bribes and often give wrong decisions.**51. THEOCRACY (noun) : धर्मतन्त्र****Pronunciation:** thee·aw·kruh·see**Meaning:** a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god.

**Synonyms:** monarchism, monarchy, monocracy

**Antonyms:** democracy, self-governance, self-government

**Sentence:** Under a theocracy, an entire nation officially follows one religion.

## **52. PROSELYTIZING (noun) : धर्मांतरण**

**Pronunciation:** praw·suh·luht·ize·uhng

**Meaning:** the action of attempting to convert someone from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.

**Synonyms:** converting, proselyting

**Antonyms:** secularizing, dissuading

**Sentence:** He strongly disapproved of the proselytizing that went on under the cloak of humanitarianism.

## **53. CEDE (verb) : त्यागना**

**Pronunciation:** seed

**Meaning:** give up (power or territory).

**Synonyms:** surrender, hand over, relinquish

**Antonyms:** keep, retain, withhold

**Sentence:** The General had promised to cede power by January.

## **54. CURTAIL (verb) : घटाना**

**Pronunciation:** kuh·tayl

**Meaning:** reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

**Synonyms:** reduce, decrease, lessen

**Antonyms:** increase, maximize, boost

**Sentence:** We must try to curtail our spending.

## **55. PROVENANCE (noun) : उत्पत्ति**

**Pronunciation:** praw·vuh·nuhns

**Meaning:** the place of origin or earliest known history of something.

**Synonyms:** origin, source, place of origin

**Antonyms:** conclusion, effect, result.

**Sentence:** The provenance of the paintings is unknown.

## **56. DOLDRUMS (noun) : निष्क्रिय**

**Pronunciation:** dole·druhmz

**Meaning:** a state or period of inactivity, stagnation, or depression.

**Synonyms:** inactive, quiet, dormancy

**Antonyms:** continuance, continuation

**Sentence:** Recent economic doldrums have damaged the rural west.

**57. REVERED (verb) : सम्मान**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·veeuhd

**Meaning:** feel deep respect or admiration for (something).

**Synonyms:** respect, admire, esteem

**Antonyms:** blasphemed, desecrated, profaned

**Sentence:** Nelson Mandela is revered for his brave fight against apartheid.

**58. WILLY-NILLY (adv.) : बिना सोचे समझे**

**Pronunciation:** WILLY-NILLY

**Meaning:** without definite aim, direction, rule, or method

**Synonyms:** aimlessly, desultorily, randomly

**Antonyms:** methodically, systematically

**Sentence:** The government was dragged willy-nilly into the confrontation.

**59. FEDERATE (verb) : एक संस्था में सम्मिलित करना**

**Pronunciation:** 'fedəreit

**Meaning:** (with reference to a number of states or organizations) form or be formed into a single centralized unit, within which each state or organization keeps some internal autonomy.

**Synonyms:** confederate, combine, ally

**Antonyms:** segregate, separate, split

**Sentence:** in 1901 the six colonies federated to form the Commonwealth of Australia

**60. PITTANCE (noun) : अल्प भाग**

**Pronunciation:** pi·tns

**Meaning:** a very small or inadequate amount of money paid to someone as an allowance or wage.

**Synonyms:** very small amount, a tiny amount, an insufficient amount

**Antonyms:** big buck, treasure, bundle

**Sentence:** The internship offers only a pittance of a salary, but it is a great opportunity to gain experience.

**61. FACTION (noun) : गुट**

**Pronunciation:** fak·shn

**Meaning:** a small organized dissenting group within a larger one, especially in politics.

**Synonyms:** clique, coterie, caucus

**Antonyms:** individual, entirely, unity



**Sentence:** Several factions within the environmental movement have joined forces to save this wilderness area

### 62. SUBMISSIVE (adj.) : विनम्र

**Pronunciation:** suhb·mis·uhv

**Meaning:** ready to conform to the authority or will of others; meekly obedient or passive.

**Synonyms:** compliant, yielding, amenable

**Antonyms:** contrary, contumacious, defiant

**Sentence:** Most doctors want their patients to be submissive.

### 63. BOULEVARD (noun) : मार्ग

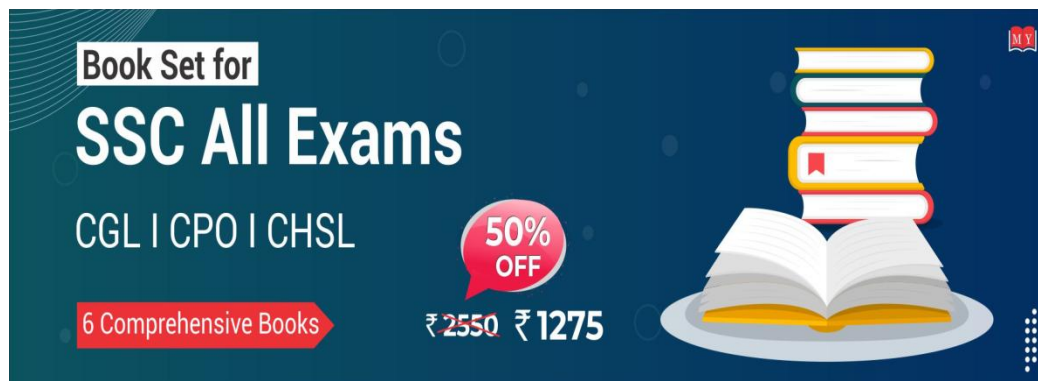
**Pronunciation:** boo l-uh-vahrd

**Meaning:** a wide street in a town or city, typically one lined with trees.

**Synonyms:** avenue, street, road

**Antonyms:** blockade, roadblock, closure, barrier

**Sentence:** They replaced the narrow streets with wide boulevards.



### 64. PILFER (verb) : चुराना

**Pronunciation:** pil·fuh

**Meaning:** steal (typical things of relatively little value).

**Synonyms:** steal, thief, rob

**Antonyms:** hand over, give, present

**Sentence:** He was caught pilfering from the shop.

### 65. GRISLY (adj.) : भयानक

**Pronunciation:** griz·lee

**Meaning:** causing horror or disgust.

**Synonyms:** gruesome, ghastly, frightful

**Antonyms:** comforting, soothing, pleasurable

**Sentence:** The 55-year-old Canadian had suffered a grisly death.

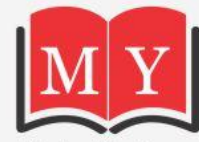
**66. REPENTANCE (noun) : पछतावा****Pronunciation:** ruh·pent·uhns**Meaning:** the action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse.**Synonyms:** remorse, contrition, contriteness**Antonyms:** impenitence, remorselessness**Sentence:** Confession is the first step to repentance.**67. FOLLY (noun) : मूर्खता****Pronunciation:** faw·lee**Meaning:** lack of good sense; foolishness.**Synonyms:** absurdity, asininity, stupidity**Antonyms:** prudence, sagacity, wisdom**Sentence:** Answer a fool according to his folly.**68. ELATION (noun) : उत्साह****Pronunciation:** uh·lay·shn**Meaning:** great happiness and exhilaration.**Synonyms:** happiness, exhilaration, joy**Antonyms:** misery, sadness, unhappiness**Sentence:** She showed her elation at having finally achieved her ambition.**69. SURREPTITIOUSLY (adv.) : चुपके****Pronunciation:** suh·ruhp·ti·shuhs·lee**Meaning:** in a way that attempts to avoid notice or attention; secretly.**Synonyms:** furtively, secretly, sneakily**Antonyms:** openly, publicly**Sentence:** Joe surreptitiously had a look in the answer book.**70. SOOTHSAYER (noun) : भविष्यवक्ता****Pronunciation:** sooth·say·uh**Meaning:** a person supposed to be able to foresee the future.**Synonyms:** forecaster, foreseer, foreteller**Antonyms:** amateur, beginner, dabbler, dilettante.**Sentence:** He avoided driving after the soothsayer warned him about a fatal car accident.

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