

VOCABULARY

1. CEDE (VERB): सौंपना

Pronunciation: seed

Meaning: give up (power or territory)

Synonyms: relinquish, surrender, Hand over

Antonyms: retain, keep, withhold

Sentence: Hong Kong was *ceded* to Britain after the Opium War.

2. FICKLE (ADJECTIVE): अस्थिर

Pronunciation: fi•kl

Meaning: changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.

Synonyms: capricious, changeable, variable

Antonyms: constant, Stable, unchanging

Sentence: The weather is so *fickle* at this time of year.

3. RUCTION (NOUN): झगडा

Pronunciation: ruck-shun

Meaning: a rough and often noisy fight usually involving several people

Synonyms: Uproar, Disturbance, ruckus

Antonyms: peace, Quiet, tranquility

Sentence: The *ruction* in the cafeteria started when one student threw a lunch tray at another student.

4. GUILE (NOUN): छल

Pronunciation: gile

Meaning: the inclination or practice of misleading others through lies or trickery

Synonyms: deceit, fraud, cunning

Antonyms: sincerity, Honesty, truthfulness

Sentence: With a little *guile* he might get what he wanted.

5. VIRTUOSITY (NOUN): कलाप्रवीण

Pronunciation: vur-choo-OS-uh-tee

Meaning: great skill in music or another artistic pursuit

Synonyms: mastery, expertise, proficiency

Antonyms: incompetency, unfamiliarity, Inexpertness

Sentence: At that time, his *virtuosity* on the trumpet had no parallel in jazz.

6. FLAGRANT (ADJECTIVE): खुल्लम-खुल्ला

Pronunciation: flay•gruhnt

Meaning: shocking because of being so bad and so obvious.

Synonyms: blatant, obvious, gross, egregious

Antonyms: underground, concealed, furtive

Sentence: After the basketball player committed a *flagrant* foul, he was kicked out of the game.

7. SORDID (NOUN): नीच

Pronunciation: saw•duhd

Meaning: involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; morally wrong and shocking

Synonyms: Ignoble, Sleazy, Squalid

Antonyms: noble, honorable, respectable

Sentence: The movie described the *sordid* history of the mafia since 1950.

8. BIZARRE (ADJECTIVE): विचित्र

Pronunciation: bi•zaa

Meaning: very strange and unusual

Synonyms: absurd, insane, odd, crazy

Antonyms: reasonable, realistic, normal, usual

Sentence: Everyone stared at the student who wore the *bizarre* outfit to school.

9. TRAFFICKING (VERB): तस्करी

Pronunciation: tra•fuhk•uhng

Meaning: deal or trade in something illegal

Synonyms: Smuggling, Bootlegging, Black-marketing

Antonyms: Legalizing, Safeguarding, Preserving

Sentence: The abduction and *trafficking* of babies has been a problem in China for decades.

10. TESTIMONY (NOUN): गवाही / प्रमाण

Pronunciation: teh•stuh•muh•nee

Meaning: a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law

Synonyms: evidence, proof, witness, confirmation

Antonyms: Disproof, Denial, refutation

Sentence: The defendant in court had to give a *testimony* about where they were the day before so they could prove they did not commit the crime.