

# **DAILY** **VOCAB DOSE**

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### **1. INOCULATE (verb) – रोगक्षम करना**

**Pronunciation:** uh·no·kyoo·leit

**Meaning:** treat with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease; vaccinate

**Synonyms:** immunize, vaccinate, inject, protect from, shield from

**Antonyms:** deprive, weaken

**Usage:** His dogs were inoculated against rabies.

### **2. MORDANT (adjective) – चुभनेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** maw·dnt

**Meaning:** having or showing a sharp or critical quality; biting

**Synonyms:** caustic, trenchant, biting, cutting, acerbic, sardonic, sarcastic

**Antonyms:** vague, uncritical

**Usage:** Actors feared the critic's mordant pen.

### **3. CHUM (noun) – घनिष्ठ मित्र**

**Pronunciation:** chuhm

**Meaning:** a close friend

**Synonyms:** friend, companion, intimate, familiar, confidant, pal, buddy

**Antonyms:** enemy, stranger

**Usage:** Freddie is an old school chum of mine.

### **4. FUSTY (adjective) – दुर्गन्धयुक्त**

**Pronunciation:** fuh·stee

**Meaning:** smelling stale, damp, or stuffy

**Synonyms:** stuffy, musty, stale, stagnant, airless, unventilated, close

**Antonyms:** airy, ventilated

**Usage:** This blanket smells a bit fusty.

### **5. OAF (noun) – गंवार**

**Pronunciation:** owf

**Meaning:** a man who is rough or clumsy and unintelligent

**Synonyms:** lout, boor, fool, barbarian, churl, clown, gawk

**Antonyms:** genius, brain

**Usage:** He is just a big, clumsy oaf.

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## **6. DROLL (adjective) – हास्यजनक**

**Pronunciation:** drowl

**Meaning:** curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement

**Synonyms:** funny, humorous, amusing, comical, mirthful, hilarious

**Antonym:** serious, humorless

**Usage:** This children's story is charming, and the droll illustrations are delightful.

## **7. BRASH (adjective) – अभिमानी**

**Pronunciation:** brash

**Meaning:** self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way

**Synonyms:** self-assertive, assertive, cocksure, arrogant, thrusting, bold, audacious

**Antonym:** meek, diffident

**Usage:** The brash reporter offended the celebrity with his insistent manner and lost out on an amazing interview.

## **8. DERISIVE (adjective) – व्यंग्यात्मक**

**Pronunciation:** duh·rai·suhv

**Meaning:** expressing contempt or ridicule

**Synonyms:** mocking, ridiculing, jeering, scoffing, jibing, pillorying, teasing

**Antonyms:** respectful, praising

**Usage:** The bully let out a derisive laugh when mocking his classmate's nerdy glasses.

**9. PENITENT (adjective) – पश्चातापी**

**Pronunciation:** peh·nuh·tnt

**Meaning:** feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant

**Synonyms:** repentant, contrite, regretful, remorseful, sorry, apologetic, rueful

**Antonyms:** impenitent, unrepentant

**Usage:** The penitent thief returned the stolen item to the store.

**10. PERCEPTIBLE (adjective) – प्रत्यक्ष**

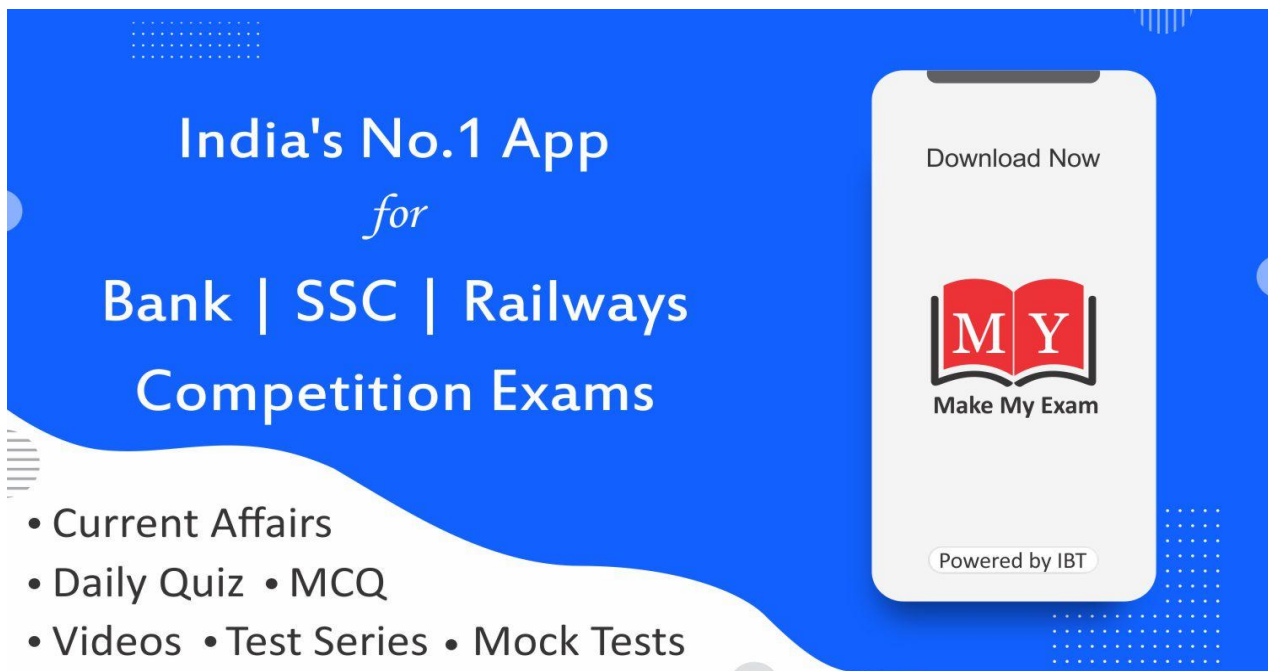
**Pronunciation:** puh·sep·tuh·bl

**Meaning:** able to be seen or noticed

**Synonyms:** noticeable, detectable, discernible, appreciable, visible, evident, observable

**Antonym:** imperceptible, inconspicuous

**Usage:** Even from a distance, the tension between the two gang leaders was perceptible.



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