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## 1.COUNSELED (verb) : सलाह दी

Pronunciation: kawn·sld

**Meaning:** give advice to (someone). **Synonyms:** advised, suggested, guided

Antonyms: misdirected, vagrant, wandering

**Sentence:** He was <u>counseled</u> by his supporters to return to Germany.

#### 2.ABRADE (verb) : नष्ट करना

Pronunciation: uh brayd

**Meaning:** scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.

**Synonyms:** erode, wear, fray

**Antonyms:** restore, revive, regenerate

**Sentence:** Much of the skin on his arm was abraded.

## 3.OBTRUDE (verb): हस्तक्षेप करना

Pronunciation: uhb-trood

**Meaning:** become noticeable in an unwelcome or intrusive way.

**Synonyms:** intrude, meddle, interfere **Antonyms:** disregard, ignore, neglect

Sentence: I don't want to obtrude upon her privacy.

### 4.DECIMATION (noun) : बर्बादी

Pronunciation: deh·suh·may·shn

Meaning: the state or fact of being rendered non-existent

**Synonyms:** annihilation, demolishment, demolition

Antonyms: building, construction, protection

**Sentence:** The virtual <u>decimation</u> of the coastal town was caused by the hurricane.

### 5.CONVALESCE (verb) : अच्छा हो जाना

**Pronunciation:** kawn·vuh·les

Meaning: recover one's health and strength over a period of time after an illness or

operation.

Synonyms: recuperate, get better, recover



**Antonyms:** ail, collapse, sicken

**Sentence:** The long months that the soldier spent in the hospital slowly <u>convalescing</u>.

### 6.HEINOUS (adj) : जघन्य

Pronunciation: hei nous

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

Synonyms: odious, wicked, evil

**Antonyms:** admirable, moral, praiseworthy Sentence: He committed a heinous crime.

## 7.FORBORNE (verb) : रोकना

Pronunciation: faw·bawn

**Meaning:** politely or patiently restrain an impulse to do something; refrain.

Synonyms: refrain, abstain, desist

**Antonyms:** bow (to), give in (to), submit (to)

**Sentence:** He modestly forbears to include his own work.

### 8.LITIGANT (noun): विवादी

**Pronunciation:** li·tuh·gnt

Meaning: a person involved in a lawsuit.

Synonyms: litigator, opponent in law, disputant

Antonyms: friend, helper, associate

Sentence: Both <u>litigants</u> chose to represent themselves in court.

# 9.UNRULY (adj.) : अनियंत्रित

Pronunciation: uhn·rool·ee

**Meaning:** disorderly and disruptive and not amenable to discipline or control.

Synonyms: disorderly, wild, uncontrollable

**Antonyms:** controllable, governable, manageable **Sentence:** Kate tried to control her <u>unruly</u> emotions.

#### 10.CINCH (noun): आसान काम

**Pronunciation:** sinch

**Meaning:** an extremely easy task.

**Synonyms:** easy, uncomplicated, not difficult **Antonyms:** tough, complicated, difficult **Sentence:** This dish is a <u>cinch</u> to make.



## 11.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 <u>theocracy</u>, an entire nation officially follows one religion.

## 12.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.

## 13.CEDE (verb): सौंपना

**Pronunciation:** seed

Meaning: give up (power or territory).

Synonyms: surrender, hand over, relinquish

Antonyms: keep, retain, withhold

**Sentence:** The General had promised to <u>cede</u> power by January.

## 14.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 <u>curtail</u> our spending.

### 15.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 <u>provenance</u> of the paintings is unknown.

## 16.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.

#### 17.REVERED (verb): सम्मान

Pronunciation: ruh-veeuhd

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

**Synonyms:** respect, admire, esteem

Antonyms: despise, desecrated, profaned

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

# 18.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 <u>willy-nilly</u> into the confrontation.



# 19.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

#### 20.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

**Sentence:** The internship offers only a <u>pittance</u> of a salary, but it is a great opportunity to

gain experience.

# 21. APHORISTIC (adj.): सूत्र-रूप में

**Pronunciation:** aph·o·rism

Meaning: marked by the use of few words to convey much information or meaning

Synonyms: brief, capsule, compact

Antonyms: long-winded, prolix, redundant

**Sentence:** The language is austere and aphoristic.

### 22. OUTPACE (verb): आगे बढना

**Pronunciation:** awt·pays

**Meaning:** go, rise, or improve faster than. **Synonyms:** outrun, outstrip, overtake

Antonyms: decelerate, slow

**Sentence:** Population growth has continued to <u>outpace</u> job growth for the last several

decades.

#### 23. EDIFICE (noun) : भवन

**Pronunciation:** eh·duh·fuhs

Meaning: a building, especially a large, imposing one.

Synonyms: building, structure, construction

Antonyms: ruin, wreck, wreckage

**Sentence:** The town hall is the only <u>edifice</u> surviving from the fifteenth century.

# 24. CALIGINOUS (adj.) : अंधेरा

Pronunciation: ca·lig·i·nous

Meaning: being without light or without much light

Synonyms: black, dark, darkened

Antonyms: bright, brightened, illuminated

Sentence: Without a flashlight, there was no way to tell what kind of creatures lurked in

the <u>caliginous</u> cave.

# 25. STEALTHILY (adv.) : छिपकर

**Pronunciation:** stelth·uh·lee

Meaning: in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard.



Synonyms: furtively, secretively, sneakily

**Antonyms:** openly, publicly

**Sentence:** The thief <u>stealthily</u> stole into the house.

## 26. GRIPPING (adj.) : मनोरंजक

**Pronunciation:** grip·uhng

Meaning: firmly holding the attention or interest; exciting.

**Synonyms:** enthralling, fascinating, immersing

Antonyms: boring, drab, monotonous

**Sentence:** The film turned out to be a gripping thriller.

#### 27. HOODLUM (noun) : बदमाश

**Pronunciation:** hood·luhm

Meaning: a person who engages in crime and violence; a hooligan or gangster.

Synonyms: hooligan, thug, ruffian

**Antonyms:** protector, tender

**Sentence:** Some of the hoodlums beat their victims viciously before robbing them.

# 28. INCULCATE (verb) : मन में बैठाना

**Pronunciation:** in kuhl kayt

Meaning: instill (an attitude, idea, or habit) by persistent instruction.

**Synonyms:** instill, implant, imbue **Antonyms:** deprive, clear, empty

**Sentence:** Not all schools manage to successfully <u>inculcate</u> a love of learning.

### 29. IMPRESARIO (noun) : आयोजक

**Pronunciation:** im·pruh·saa·ree·oh

Meaning: a person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas.

Synonyms: organizer, manager, producer

**Antonyms:** aide, employee, laborer

**Sentence:** It was the actor's dream to work under the renowned <u>impresario</u>.

## 30. RECRIMINATION (noun) : अभियोग

**Pronunciation:** ruh·kri·muh·nay·shn

**Meaning:** an accusation in response to one from someone else.

Synonyms: incrimination, charge, complaint

Antonyms: commendation, praise.

**Sentence:** Let's not indulge in <u>recrimination</u>.



#### 31.BICKER (verb): झगड़ना

Pronunciation: bi·kuh

**Meaning:** argue about petty and trivial matters.

**Synonyms:** squabble, argue, quarrel **Antonyms:** accept, agree, assent

**Sentence:** I wish you two would stop bickering.

#### 32.COVENANT (noun): प्रतिज्ञापत्र

**Pronunciation:** kuh·vuh·nuhnt

**Meaning:** an agreement.

Synonyms: contract, compact, treaty

Antonyms: disagreement, denial, misunderstanding

**Sentence:** There was a <u>covenant</u> between them that her name was never to be mentioned.

## 33. FIDGETY (adj): बेचैन

**Pronunciation:** fidg·et·y

**Meaning:** inclined to fidget; restless or uneasy.

**Synonyms:** restless, restive, uneasy **Antonyms:** calm, still, peaceful **Sentence:** I get nervous and <u>fidgety</u>.

### 34.BUSTLING (adj.): हलचल

Pronunciation: buh-suhl-uhng

**Meaning:** (of a place) full of activity. **Synonyms:** busy, crowded, swarming **Antonyms:** idle, inactive, unbusy

**Sentence:** The sidewalks are bustling with people.

# 35.DISTRAUGHT (adj.): व्याकुल

**Pronunciation:** duh·strawt

Meaning: deeply upset and agitated. Synonyms: worried, upset, distressed Antonyms: calm, peaceful, placid

Sentence: Her distraught mother had spent all night waiting by the phone.

# 36.SUBSUME (verb): किसी नियम के अंतर्गत करना

**Pronunciation:** suhb·syoom

**Meaning:** include or absorb (something) in something else.

Synonyms: comprehend, contain, embrace



**Antonyms:** exclude, leave (out), miss out

**Sentence:** States subsume many of the responsibilities of governing from the county.

## 37.DIAPHANOUS (adj.): पारदर्शक

**Pronunciation:** dai·a·fuh·nuhs

**Meaning:** (especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.

**Synonyms:** sheer, fine, ultra-fine **Antonyms:** opaque, thick, foggy

**Sentence:** The little light fades the immense and <u>diaphanous</u> shadows.

### 38.GAFFE (noun): चुक

Pronunciation: gaffe

**Meaning:** an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a

blunder.

**Synonyms:** blunder, mistake, error

**Antonyms:** attention, correctness, perfection

Sentence: Otherwise it's merely a gaffe, an embarrassment or a row.



### 39.SCUTTLED (verb): भागना

Pronunciation: skuh·tld

**Meaning:** run hurriedly or furtively with short quick steps.

**Synonyms:** scamper, scurry, scramble **Antonyms:** crawled, crept, dragged

Sentence: Two very small children scuttled away in front of them.

### 40.INDOMITABLE (adj.): अदम्य

**Pronunciation:** uhn·daw·muh·tuh·bl **Meaning:** impossible to subdue or defeat.

**Synonyms:** invincible, unconquerable, unbeatable **Antonyms:** surmountable, vincible, vulnerable **Sentence:** Alice was a woman of <u>indomitable</u> spirit.



#### 41.DELINQUENCY (noun): अपराध

**Pronunciation:** duh·ling·kvuhn·see

Meaning: minor crime, especially that committed by young people.

**Synonyms:** crime, wrongdoing, criminality **Antonyms:** virtue, goodness, morality

**Sentence:** There is a high rate of juvenile delinquency in this area.

## 42.STOICAL (adj.): अडिग

**Pronunciation:** stoh·uhk·uhl

Meaning: enduring pain and hardship without showing one's feelings or complaining.

**Synonyms:** uncomplaining, patient, forbearing **Antonyms:** complaining, fed up, impatient

**Sentence:** His great-grandfather had been a dedicated and <u>stoical</u> traveler.

## 43.BESEECH (verb) : प्रार्थना करना

**Pronunciation:** buh-seech

**Meaning:** ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat.

Synonyms: implore, beg, entreat

**Antonyms:** impose, demand, intimidate **Sentence:** I beseech you to forgive me.

## 44.SQUANDER (verb) : गंवाना

**Pronunciation**: skvawn·duh

Meaning: waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

**Synonyms:** waste, misspend, misuse **Antonyms:** conserve, preserve, save

**Sentence:** He didn't <u>squander</u> his money on flashy cars or bikes.

### 45.INCONCEIVABLE (adj.) : समझ से बाहर

**Pronunciation:** in kuhn seev uh bl

Meaning: not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally; unbelievable.

Synonyms: beyond belief, unbelievable, extremely difficult to believe

Antonyms: likely, cogitable, conceivable

**Sentence:** She found the idea quite <u>inconceivable</u>.

## 46.EMBEZZLE (verb) : हड़प लेना

**Pronunciation:** uhm·beh·zl

Meaning: steal or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the

organization for which one works).



**Synonyms:** steal, rob, pilfer **Antonyms:** square, balance, clear

**Sentence:** He embezzled thousands of dollars from the charity.

### 47.DENIZEN (noun) : निवासी

**Pronunciation:** deh·nuh·zn

**Meaning:** an inhabitant or occupant of a particular place.

**Synonyms:** inhabitant, resident, native **Antonyms:** transient, non-resident, guest

**Sentence:** Deer, foxes, and squirrels are among the <u>denizens</u> of the forest.

## 48.TRAILBLAZING (adj.): पथप्रदर्शक

**Pronunciation:** trayl·blayz·uhng

Meaning: introducing new ideas or methods; innovative or pioneering.

**Synonyms:** pioneering, progressive, innovative

Antonyms: traditional, conventional

**Sentence:** The journalist, businesswoman, and author spoke about their trailblazing career.

#### 49.SUFFERANCE (noun) : सबर

**Pronunciation:** suf·fer·ance

Meaning: absence of objection rather than genuine approval; toleration.

**Synonyms:** patience, tolerance. forbearance **Antonyms:** prohibition, denial, refusal

**Sentence:** Charles was only here on <u>sufferance</u>.

### 50.EPITOME (noun): प्रतीक

**Pronunciation:** uh·pi·tuh·mee

**Meaning:** a person or thing that is a perfect example of a particular quality or type.

**Synonyms:** personification, embodiment, incarnation **Antonyms:** amplification, enlargement, expansion

**Sentence:** She looked the <u>epitome</u> of elegance and good taste.

### 51.OUST (verb): बाहर निकालना

**Pronunciation:** awst

**Meaning:** drive out or expel (someone) from a position or place.

**Synonyms:** expel, force out, throw out **Antonyms:** accept, admit, receive

**Sentence:** He <u>ousted</u> a long-term incumbent by only 500 votes.



# 52.WOBBLY (adj.) : डाँवाँडोल

Pronunciation: vaw-buhl-ee

**Meaning:** tending to move unsteadily from side to side.

**Synonyms:** unsteady, unstable, shaky **Antonyms:** settled, stable, steady

**Sentence:** The car had a <u>wobbly</u> wheel.

### 53.MEDDLE (verb): हस्तक्षेप करना

Pronunciation: meh•dl

**Meaning:** interfere in or busy oneself unduly with something that is not one's concern.

**Synonyms:** interfere, intervene, intrude **Antonyms:** disregard, ignore, neglect

**Sentence:** I don't want him <u>meddling</u> in our affairs.

#### 54.DEFIANCE (noun) : अवजा

Pronunciation: duh-fai-uhns

**Meaning:** open resistance; bold disobedience. **Synonyms:** resistance, opposition, confrontation **Antonyms:** compliance, obedience, submission

**Sentence:** The demonstration was held in <u>defiance</u> of official warnings.

### 55.JUBILANT (adj.): उल्लसित

Pronunciation: joo buh luhnt

**Meaning:** feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.

**Synonyms:** overjoyed, exultant, triumphant **Antonyms:** crestfallen, dejected, disconsolate

**Sentence:** The fans were in a jubilant mood after the victory.

### 56.SECESSION (noun): अपगमन

Pronunciation: suh-seh-shn

Meaning: the action of withdrawing formally from membership of a federation or body,

especially a political state.

Synonyms: withdrawal, break, breakaway

Antonyms: joining, unification

**Sentence:** The republics want <u>secession</u> from the union.

### 57.METTLE (noun) : उत्साह

Pronunciation: meh•tl



**Meaning:** a person's ability to cope well with difficulties or to face a demanding situation

in a spirited and resilient way.

Synonyms: spirit, fortitude, tenacity

Antonyms: faintness, feebleness, frailness

**Sentence:** The team showed their true <u>mettle</u> in the second half.

#### 58.TIDINGS (noun) : खबर

**Pronunciation:** tai•duhngz **Meaning:** news; information.

**Synonyms:** news, information, reports **Antonyms:** ignorance, quiet, silence

**Sentence:** Have you heard the glad <u>tidings</u>?

# 59.SKEPTICISM (noun) : संदेहवाद

Pronunciation: skep•tuhs•i•zm

**Meaning:** a skeptical attitude; doubt as to the truth of something.

Synonyms: doubt, doubtfulness, dubiousness

**Antonyms:** assurance, belief, certainty

**Sentence:** These claims were treated with skepticism.



### 60.VICISSITUDE (noun) : उलटफेर

Pronunciation: vuh•si•suh•chood

Meaning: a change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or

unpleasant.

**Synonyms:** alternation, transformation, change **Antonyms:** similarity, stagnation, uniformity

**Sentence:** Whatever the <u>vicissitudes</u> of her past life, Jill now seems to have come through.

### 61.GROUSE (verb): बड़बड़ाना

**Pronunciation:** graws

**Meaning:** complaint pettily; grumble. **Synonyms:** grumble, complain, moan



**Antonyms:** commendation, compliment, plaudit **Sentence:** She heard him grousing about his assistant.

#### 62.SURMOUNT (verb): विजय पाना

Pronunciation: sur·mount

**Meaning:** overcome (a difficulty or obstacle). **Synonyms:** overcome, conquer, get over

**Antonyms:** be beaten by, be dominated by, give up

**Sentence:** She was well aware of the difficulties that had to be <u>surmounted</u>.

## 63.DELINQUENT (noun): अपराधी

**Pronunciation:** duh·ling·kvnt

Meaning: (typically of a young person or that person's behavior) showing or characterized

by a tendency to commit a crime, mainly minor crime.

**Synonyms:** lawless, lawbreaking, criminal **Antonyms:** saint, well-behaved, conformist

**Sentence:** Most <u>delinquents</u> have deprived backgrounds.

#### 64.DEFERENCE (noun): सम्मान

**Pronunciation:** deh·fuh·ruhns

Meaning: humble submission and respect.

Synonyms: respect, regard, esteem

**Antonyms:** defiance, disobedience, intractability **Sentence:** He treats her with such deference.

### 65.BRANDISHING (verb): दिखाते

Pronunciation: bran·duhsh·uhng

Meaning: to put into view in a threatening or excited manner

**Synonyms:** flourishing, waving, displaying **Antonyms:** concealing, covering, hiding

**Sentence**: The horseman came up to Robin Hood, <u>brandishing</u> his sword.

## 66.INDESCRIBABLE (adj.): अवर्णनीय

**Pronunciation**: in·duh·skribe·uh·bl

Meaning: too unusual, extreme, or indefinite to be adequately described.

Synonyms: inexpressible, undefinable, inenarrable

Antonyms: definable, expressible

**Sentence:** The chaos and confusion were <u>indescribable</u>.



### 67.LITTORALS (noun): समुद्र तट

**Pronunciation**: lit·to·ral

**Meaning:** a region lying along a shore. **Synonyms**: coastlands, seaside, banks

Antonyms: oceanic, deepwater, blue-water

**Sentence:** The tea plant thrives and is being planted relatively rapidly on the Black Sea

littoral in Transcaucasia

## 68.MUZZY (adj): तेजहीन

**Pronunciation:** muz·zy

**Meaning:** unable to think clearly; confused. **Synonyms:** groggy, lightheaded, faint

Antonyms: clearheaded, lucid

**Sentence:** He stopped drinking when his head started getting <u>muzzy</u>.

### 69.INGENUITY (adj.): सरलता

Pronunciation: in juh nyoo uh tee

**Meaning:** the quality of being clever, original, and inventive.

**Synonyms:** inventiveness, creativity, imagination

**Antonyms:** dryness, dullness

**Sentence:** We are looking for someone with <u>ingenuity</u> and imagination.

## 70. WAGGISH (adj): शरारती

Pronunciation: wag·gish

Meaning: humorous in a playful, mischievous, or facetious manner.

**Synonyms:** playful, roguish, jolly **Antonyms:** solemn, sober, grim

**Sentence:** Milo is no longer the <u>waggish</u> bohemian he was in his youth.



