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**Happy learning!!!**

### **1. RANCOR (noun) : विद्वेष**

**Pronunciation:** ran•cor

**Meaning:** bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long-standing.

**Synonyms:** bitterness, resentment, malice

**Antonyms:** amity, goodwill, sympathy

**Sentence:** I have no rancor against him.

### **2. UNFATHOMABLE (adj.) : अपरिमेय**

**Pronunciation:** uhn•fa•dhuhm•uh•bl

**Meaning:** incapable of being fully explored or understood.

**Synonyms:** inscrutable, incomprehensible, enigmatic

**Antonyms:** fathomable, intelligible, understandable

**Sentence:** His glance at her was unfathomable.

### **3. SOLACE (verb) : आश्वासन**

**Pronunciation:** saw•luhs

**Meaning:** give comfort or consolation to.

**Synonyms:** comfort, console, cheer

**Antonyms:** anguish, distress

**Sentence:** She smiled, as though solaced by the memory.

### **4. FLEDGLING (noun) : अनुभवहीन मनुष्य**

**Pronunciation:** flej•luhng

**Meaning:** a person who is just starting out in a field of activity

**Synonyms:** learner, student, trainee

**Antonyms:** expert, master, veteran

**Sentence:** In my junior year a friend, a fledgling pilot, taught me the basics of handling a small plane.

### **5. LOATHSOME (adj.) : वीभत्स**

**Pronunciation:** lodhe•sm

**Meaning:** causing hatred or disgust; repulsive.

**Synonyms:** hateful, detestable, abhorrent

**Antonyms:** innocuous, inoffensive, acceptable

**Sentence:** He is a loathsome disgusting creature.

## **6. PERVASIVE (adj.) : व्यापक**

**Pronunciation:** puh•vays•uhv

**Meaning:** (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.

**Synonyms:** prevalent, penetrating, pervading

**Antonyms:** uncommon, unusual

**Sentence:** A sense of social change is pervasive in her novels.

## **7. ARDOR (noun) : ललक**

**Pronunciation:** ar•dor

**Meaning:** enthusiasm or passion.

**Synonyms:** passion, avidity, fervor

**Antonyms:** impassiveness, impassivity, insensibility

**Sentence:** They felt the stirrings of revolutionary ardor.

## **8. PRESCIENT (adj.) : पूर्वज्ञान रखनेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** preh•see•uhnt

**Meaning:** knowing about events before they taking place

**Synonyms:** farsighted, forehanded, visionary

**Antonyms:** careless, heedless, incautious

**Sentence:** They proved to be prescient on both counts.

## **9. CYNICAL (adj.) : कुटिल**

**Pronunciation:** si•nuhk•uhl

**Meaning:** doubtful

**Synonyms:** distrustful, doubtful

**Antonyms:** trustful, cheerful

**Sentence:** I think she takes a rather cynical view of men.

## **10. SLUR (noun) : कलंक**

**Pronunciation:** sluh

**Meaning:** an insinuation or allegation about someone that is likely to insult them or damage their reputation.

**Synonyms:** insult, slight, slander

**Antonyms:** fame, glory, renown

**Sentence:** The comments cast a slur on her character.

**11. FURBISH (verb) : चमक लाना****Pronunciation:** fuh•buhsh**Meaning:** give a fresh look to (something old or shabby)**Synonyms:** renovate, furnish, glitter**Antonyms:** roughen, ruffle, scuff**Sentence:** I needed until August to fully furbish the two front rooms.**12. SERMON (noun) : धर्मविषयक व्याख्यान****Pronunciation:** suh•muhn**Meaning:** a talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given during a church service and based on a passage from the Bible.**Synonyms:** homily, oration, lesson**Antonyms:** commendation, pat on the back**Sentence:** He fell asleep during the sermon.**13. PRECEPT (noun) : नियम****Pronunciation:** pree•sept**Meaning:** a general rule intended to regulate behavior or thought.**Synonyms:** principle, rule, tenet**Antonyms:** suggestion, prompting, instigation**Sentence:** You won't find this moral precept in the scriptures.**14. DEEM (verb) : समझना****Pronunciation:** deem**Meaning:** regard or consider in a specified way.**Synonyms:** regard as, consider, judge**Antonyms:** distrust, doubt, mistrust**Sentence:** The event was deemed a great success.**15. LETHARGY (noun) : सुस्ती****Pronunciation:** leh•thuh•jee**Meaning:** a lack of energy and enthusiasm.**Synonyms:** sluggishness, inactivity, inaction**Antonyms:** enthusiasm, spiritedness, vigor**Sentence:** She suffers from bouts of lethargy and depression.**16. OPULENT (adj.) : धनी****Pronunciation:** aw•pyoo•luhnt**Meaning:** ostentatiously rich and luxurious or lavish.

**Synonyms:** luxurious, sumptuous, palatial

**Antonyms:** penurious, poor, needy

**Sentence:** Most of the cash went on supporting his opulent lifestyle.

### 17. DISPOSITION (noun) : स्वभाव

**Pronunciation:** di•spuh•zi•shn

**Meaning:** a person's inherent qualities of mind and character.

**Synonyms:** nature, character, mentality

**Antonyms:** indisposition, unwillingness, disinclination

**Sentence:** Your sunny disposition has a way of rubbing off on those around you.

### 18. ABSTRUSE (adj.) : अव्यक्त

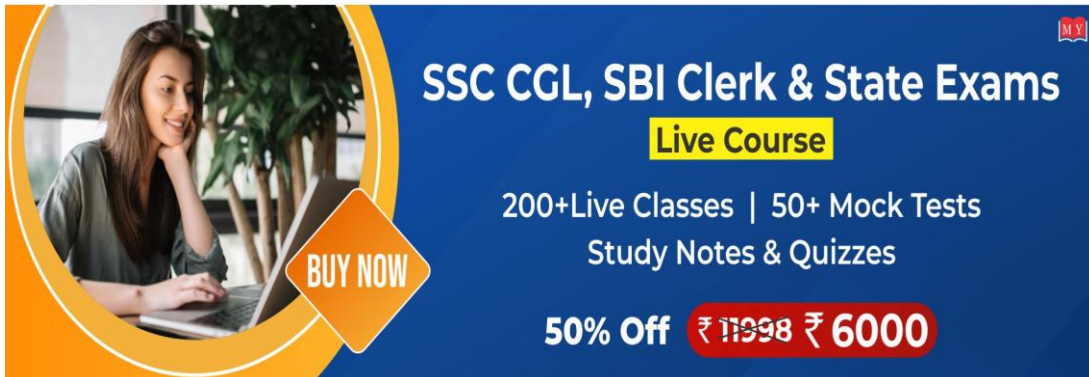
**Pronunciation:** uhb•stroos

**Meaning:** difficult to understand; obscure.

**Synonyms:** obscure, arcane, esoteric

**Antonyms:** clear, obvious, straightforward

**Sentence:** Maths is a mix of abstruse theory and detailed calculations.



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### 19. PALTRY (adj.) : तुच्छ

**Pronunciation:** pawl•tree

**Meaning:** (of an amount) small or meager.

**Synonyms:** small, meager, trifling

**Antonyms:** considerable, substantial

**Sentence:** She made some paltry excuse and left.

### 20. OVERT (adj.) : अपरोक्ष

**Pronunciation:** oh•vuht

**Meaning:** done or shown openly; plainly or readily apparent, not secret or hidden.

**Synonyms:** undisguised, unconcealed, clear

**Antonyms:** unapparent, unclarified, unclear



**Sentence:** His opponent's intention is quite overt.

**21. FOMENTED (verb) : भड़काना**

**Pronunciation:** fow•men•tuhd

**Meaning:** instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

**Synonyms:** instigate, incite, provoke

**Antonyms:** allay, calm, settle

**Sentence:** They accused him of fomenting political unrest.

**22. ARMISTICE (noun) : युद्धविराम**

**Pronunciation:** aar•muh•stuhs

**Meaning:** an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce.

**Synonyms:** truce, ceasefire, treaty

**Antonyms:** conflict, hostilities, war

**Sentence:** Both sides in the conflict agreed to an armistice during the solemn holy days.

**23. WILY (adj.) : चतुर**

**Pronunciation:** wai•lee

**Meaning:** skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully.

**Synonyms:** shrewd, clever, sharp

**Antonyms:** guileless, ingenuous, innocent

**Sentence:** Foxes are supposed to be wily creatures.

**24. AMBUSHED (verb) : घात लगाकर हमला किया**

**Pronunciation:** am•busht

**Meaning:** make a surprise attack on (someone) from a concealed position.

**Synonyms:** attack by surprise, trap, entrap

**Antonyms :** bore, depress

**Sentence:** The king's enemies planned to ambush the royal coach on the way to Paris and capture the king.

**25. ADMONITION (noun) : चेतावनी**

**Pronunciation:** ad•muh•ni•shn

**Meaning:** an act or action of admonishing; authoritative counsel or warning.

**Synonyms:** reprimand, rebuke, reproof

**Antonyms :** commendation, praise

**Sentence:** The old judge's admonition to the jury on this point was particularly weighty.

**26. SECLUSION (noun) : एकांत****Pronunciation:** si•kloo•zhn**Meaning:** the state of being private and away from other people.**Synonyms:** isolation, solitude, retreat**Antonyms:** companionship, company, comradeship**Sentence:** I live very much in seclusion these days.**27. FUTILITY (noun) : निरर्थकता****Pronunciation:** fyoo•ti•luh•tee**Meaning:** pointlessness or uselessness.**Synonyms:** fruitlessness, vanity, pointlessness**Antonyms:** use, usefulness, utility**Sentence:** The sheer futility of it all exasperates her.**28. DEBAUCH (noun) : नाश करना****Pronunciation:** duh•baach**Meaning:** destroy or debase the moral purity of; corrupt.**Synonyms:** abase, bastardize, canker**Antonyms:** elevate, ennoble, uplift**Sentence:** He has debauched the morals of the people and endeavored to corrupt parliament.**29. UPEND (verb) : समाप्त कर देना****Pronunciation:** uh•pend**Meaning:** set or turn (something) on its end or upside down.**Synonyms:** set up, upraise, put up**Antonyms:** demolish, flatten**Sentence:** We had to upend the sofa in order to fit it into the elevator.**30. DESECRATING (verb) : अपवित्र करना****Pronunciation:** deh•suh•kray•tuhng**Meaning:** treat (a sacred place or thing) with violent disrespect; violate.**Synonyms:** violate, profane, treat sacrilegiously**Antonyms:** reverent, reverential, worshipful**Sentence:** More than 300 graves were deseccrated.**31. DECRYING (verb) : निंदा****Pronunciation:** duh•krai•uhng**Meaning:** publicly denounce.

**Synonyms:** denounce, condemn, criticize

**Antonyms:** acclaiming, applauding, praising

**Sentence:** The prophets weren't decrying the ritual of the temple.

### **32. FARCICAL (adj.) : बेतुका**

**Pronunciation:** faas·uhk·uhl

**Meaning:** relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects.

**Synonyms:** ridiculous, preposterous, ludicrous

**Antonyms:** serious, logical, believable

**Sentence:** The whole situation has become farcical.

### **33. ORDEAL (noun) : अग्नि परीक्षा**

**Pronunciation:** aw·deel

**Meaning:** a painful or horrific experience, especially a protracted one.

**Synonyms:** nightmare, trauma, painful experience

**Antonyms:** comfort, joy, peace

**Sentence:** He was subjected to a terrible six-day ordeal.

### **34. MERCURIAL (adj.) : अस्थिर**

**Pronunciation:** muh·kyoo·ree·uhl

**Meaning:** (of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

**Synonyms:** volatile, capricious, temperamental

**Antonyms:** changeless, constant, immutable

**Sentence:** The boss's mood is so mercurial that we never know how he's going to react to anything.

### **35. REPUGNANT (adj.) : प्रतिकूल**

**Pronunciation:** ruh·puhg·nuhnt

**Meaning:** extremely distasteful; unacceptable.

**Synonyms:** abhorrent, revolting, repulsive

**Antonyms:** innocuous, inoffensive, acceptable

**Sentence:** The thought of going back into the fog was repugnant to him.

### **36. DAUNT (verb) : भयभीत करना**

**Pronunciation:** dawnt

**Meaning:** make (someone) feel intimidated or apprehensive.

**Synonyms:** intimidate, abash, ruffle

**Antonyms:** embolden, encourage, strengthen



**Sentence:** The raging inferno didn't daunt the firefighters for a moment.

### 37. COMPEL (verb) : मजबूर

**Pronunciation:** kuhm·pel

**Meaning:** force or oblige (someone) to do something.

**Synonyms:** force, coerce into, pressurize into

**Antonyms:** allow, let, permit

**Sentence:** A sense of duty compelled Harry to answer her questions.

### 38. EMANCIPATION (noun) : मुक्ति

**Pronunciation:** uh·man·suh·pay·shn

**Meaning:** the fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions

**Synonyms:** freeing, liberation, discharge

**Antonyms:** enslavement, conquest, subjugation

**Sentence:** The Emancipation Proclamation abolished slavery in the United States.

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### 39. INTERMITTENT (adj.) : रुक-रुक कर

**Pronunciation:** in·tuh·mi·tnt

**Meaning:** occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady.

**Synonyms:** sporadic, irregular, random

**Antonyms:** constant, continuous, incessant

**Sentence:** After three hours of intermittent rain, the game was abandoned.

### 40. GAFFE (noun) : चूक

**Pronunciation:** gaf

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

**Synonyms:** blunder, mistake, error

**Antonyms:** accuracy, correctness, perfection

**Sentence:** He didn't realize what a gaffe he'd made.

**41. DILETTANTE (noun) : शौकीन****Pronunciation:** di·luh·tan·te**Meaning:** a person who cultivates an area of interest, such as the arts, without real commitment or knowledge.**Synonyms:** dabbler, trifler, tinkerer**Antonyms:** able, accomplished, capable**Sentence:** I'm too serious to be a dilettante and too much a dabbler to be a professional.**42. BLATHER (verb) : बकवास करना****Pronunciation:** bla·dhuh**Meaning:** talk long-windedly without making very much sense.**Synonyms:** prattle, babble, chatter**Antonyms:** calm, peace, quiet**Sentence:** He'll just blather about the subject for hours once he gets started.**43. GRAVEST (adj.) : सबसे गंभीर****Pronunciation:** grayv·uhs**Meaning:** giving cause for alarm; serious.**Synonyms:** serious, important, profound**Antonyms:** light, unserious, frivolous**Sentence:** That is the gravest problem of all.**44. RUSE (noun) : चाल****Pronunciation:** rooz**Meaning:** an action intended to deceive someone; a trick.**Synonyms:** ploy, stratagem, tactic**Antonyms:** frankness, honesty, openness**Sentence:** It is now clear that this was a ruse to divide them.**45. PROPHECY (noun) : भविष्यवाणी****Pronunciation:** praw·fuh·see**Meaning:** a prediction.**Synonyms:** prediction, forecast, prognostication**Antonym:** incapacity**Sentence:** Macbeth believed the witches' prophecy about his future.**46. RUE (verb) : पछताना****Pronunciation:** roo**Meaning:** bitterly regret (something one has done or allowed to happen).

**Synonyms:** regret, be sorry about, feel remorse for

**Antonyms:** impenitence, remorselessness

**Sentence:** I rue the day I agreed to this stupid plan

#### **47. ASPERSE (verb) : कलंक लगाना**

**Pronunciation:** uh·spuhs

**Meaning:** attack or criticize the reputation or integrity of.

**Synonyms:** disparage, denigrate, defame

**Antonyms:** glorify, honor, acclaim

**Sentence:** Politicians are well known for their willingness to asperse their opponents.

#### **48. COMPLACENT (adj.) : आत्मसंतुष्ट**

**Pronunciation:** kuhm·play·snt

**Meaning:** showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.

**Synonyms:** smug, self-satisfied, pleased with oneself

**Antonyms:** uncomplacent, self-distrustful, self-doubting

**Sentence:** The winner's complacent smile annoyed some people.

#### **49. ARRANT (adj.) : पूर्ण**

**Pronunciation:** a·ruhnt

**Meaning:** complete, utter.

**Synonyms:** utter, complete, thorough

**Antonyms:** uncertain, dubious

**Sentence:** Most of his theories are arrant nonsense.

#### **50. INTERREGNUM (noun) : दो शासनों के बीच का काल**

**Pronunciation:** in·tuh·reg·nuhm

**Meaning:** a period when the normal government is suspended, especially between successive reigns or regimes.

**Synonyms:** discontinuity, adjournment, suspension

**Antonyms:** continuation, continuity

**Sentence:** The democratic regime proved to be a short-lived interregnum between dictatorships.

#### **51. REITERATE (verb) : बार बार दहराना**

**Pronunciation:** ree·i·tr·ayt

**Meaning:** to repeat an opinion, statement etc

**Synonyms:** repeat, recapitulate, echo, duplicate

**Antonyms:** abjure, call off, cancel

**Sentence:** Let me reiterate the Important points of today's class.

**52. IMPASSE (Verb) : गतिरोध**

**Pronunciation:** im•pas

**Meaning:** a difficult situation in which no progress can be made

**Synonyms:** deadlock, standstill, stalemate

**Antonyms:** acceding, accord, agreement

**Sentence:** Negotiation seemed to have reached an impasse.

**53. EMBARK (verb) : नौका पर चढ़ना**

**Pronunciation:** uhm•baark

**Meaning:** to get on a ship, Set out on

**Synonyms:** enter, send, recruit, insert, venture

**Antonyms:** back off, close, quit, end, land

**Sentence:** She is about to embark on a new business venture.

**54. PENURIOUS (adj.) : दररद्र, गरीब, लोभी**

**Pronunciation:** puh•nur•ee•uhs

**Meaning:** extremely stingy or poor

**Synonyms:** destitute, bankrupt, broke, miserly, niggardly

**Antonyms:** extravagant, lavish, selfless, benevolent

**Sentence:** The penurious man could not afford to buy food.

**55. BENEVOLENCE (noun) : भलाई**

**Pronunciation:** buh•neh•vuh•luhns

**Meaning:** the quality of being well meaning or kindness

**Synonyms:** mercy, favor, indulgence, boon, benefit

**Antonyms:** hindrance, hurdle, concord, interference

**Sentence:** He did it out of pure benevolence.

**56. MITIGATE (verb) : कम करना**

**Pronunciation:** mi•tuh•gayt

**Meaning:** make less severe, serious or painful

**Synonyms:** reduce, alleviate, diminish, lessen

**Antonyms:** sharpen, intensify, exacerbate

**Sentence:** It is unclear how to mitigate the effects of COVID on Tourism.

**57. REVERBERATION (noun) : प्रतिध्वनन**

**Pronunciation:** ruh•vur•br•ay•shn

**Meaning:** prolongation of a sound

**Synonyms:** repercussion, echo, replication, reflection

**Antonyms:** hollow, low, smothered, muted

**Sentence:** The building shook with the reverberation of the bomb.

**58. REPERCUSSION (noun) : प्रतिक्रिया, प्रभाव**

**Pronunciation:** ree•pr•kuh•shn

**Meaning** the effect of an action or decision

**Synonyms:** reverberation, rebound, recoil

**Antonyms:** inability, ineptitude, cowardice

**Sentence:** The failure of Banks is the repercussion of the whole economy.

**59. SABOTAGE (verb) : तोड़-फोड़**

**Pronunciation:** sa•buh•taazh

**Meaning:** deliberately destroy, damage or obstruct etc

**Synonyms:** demolishing, destruction, ravage

**Antonyms:** conservation, protection, salvage

**Sentence:** They tried to sabotage the ceasefire.

**60. SALVAGE (verb) : उबार**

**Pronunciation:** sal•vuhj

**Meaning:** rescue or retrieve

**Synonyms:** save, retrieve, retain, conserve

**Antonyms:** endangered, risk, compromise

**Sentence:** Officials tried to salvage the situations

**61. VIRTUOSO (noun) : कलाप्रवीण व्यक्ति**

**Pronunciation:** vuh•tyoo•oh•soh

**Meaning:** a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit.

**Synonyms:** genius, expert, prodigy

**Antonyms:** amateur, amateurish, inexperienced

**Sentence:** He was gaining a reputation as a remarkable virtuoso.

**62. EXHORT (verb) : समझाना**

**Pronunciation:** uhg•zawt

**Meaning:** strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.

**Synonyms:** urge, encourage, adjure

**Antonyms:** deter, discourage, dissuade

**Sentence:** The governor exhorted the prisoners not to riot.

### 63. INKLING(noun) : आभास

**Pronunciation:** ing•kluhng

**Meaning:** a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.

**Synonyms:** idea, sense, notion

**Antonyms:** answer, solution

**Sentence:** The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.

### 64. PERVERSE (adj.) : विकृत

**Pronunciation:** puh•vuhs

**Meaning:** (of a person or their actions) showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, often in spite of the consequences.

**Synonyms:** awkward, contrary, difficult

**Antonyms:** affable, companionable, cordial

**Sentence:** This kind of reasoning is deeply perverse.

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### 65. VENERATION (noun) : उपासना

**Pronunciation:** veh•nuh•ray•shn

**Meaning:** a feeling or act of great respect, admiration, or devotion

**Synonyms:** reverence, respect, worship

**Antonyms:** condemnation, disapproval, disdain

**Sentence:** Holy relics are often objects of veneration.

### 66. UNAMBIGUOUS (adj.) : स्पष्ट

**Pronunciation:** uhn•am•buh•gyoo•uhs

**Meaning:** not open to more than one interpretation.

**Synonyms:** obvious, plain, apparent

**Antonyms:** ambiguous, indefinite, vague

**Sentence:** Instructions should be unambiguous.

### 67. DEFUNCT (adj.) : मृत



**Pronunciation:** duh•fuhngkt

**Meaning:** no longer existing or functioning.

**Synonyms:** non-existent, faded, moribund

**Antonyms:** alive, existent, living

**Sentence:** After being hit by a hurricane, the entire neighborhood was defunct.

**68. MUCK (noun) : कूड़ा-कंकट**

**Pronunciation:** muhk

**Meaning:** dirt, rubbish, or waste matter.

**Synonyms:** dirt, grime, filth

**Antonyms:** cleanliness, cleanness

**Sentence:** I'll just clean the muck off the windshield.

**69. CONSENSUS (noun) : आम सहमति**

**Pronunciation:** kuhn•sen•suhs

**Meaning:** a general agreement.

**Synonyms:** agreement, harmony, concord

**Antonyms:** conflict, disagreement, dissensus

**Sentence:** I want to get a new bike but I am not getting consensus from my family members.

**70. WARLOCK (noun) : जादूगर**

**Pronunciation:** vaw•lawk

**Meaning:** a man who practices witchcraft; a sorcerer.

**Synonyms:** sorcerer, wizard, diviner

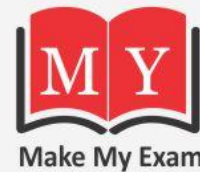
**Antonyms:** Witch, big thinker, deep thinker

**Sentence:** A dead warlock does no damage.

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