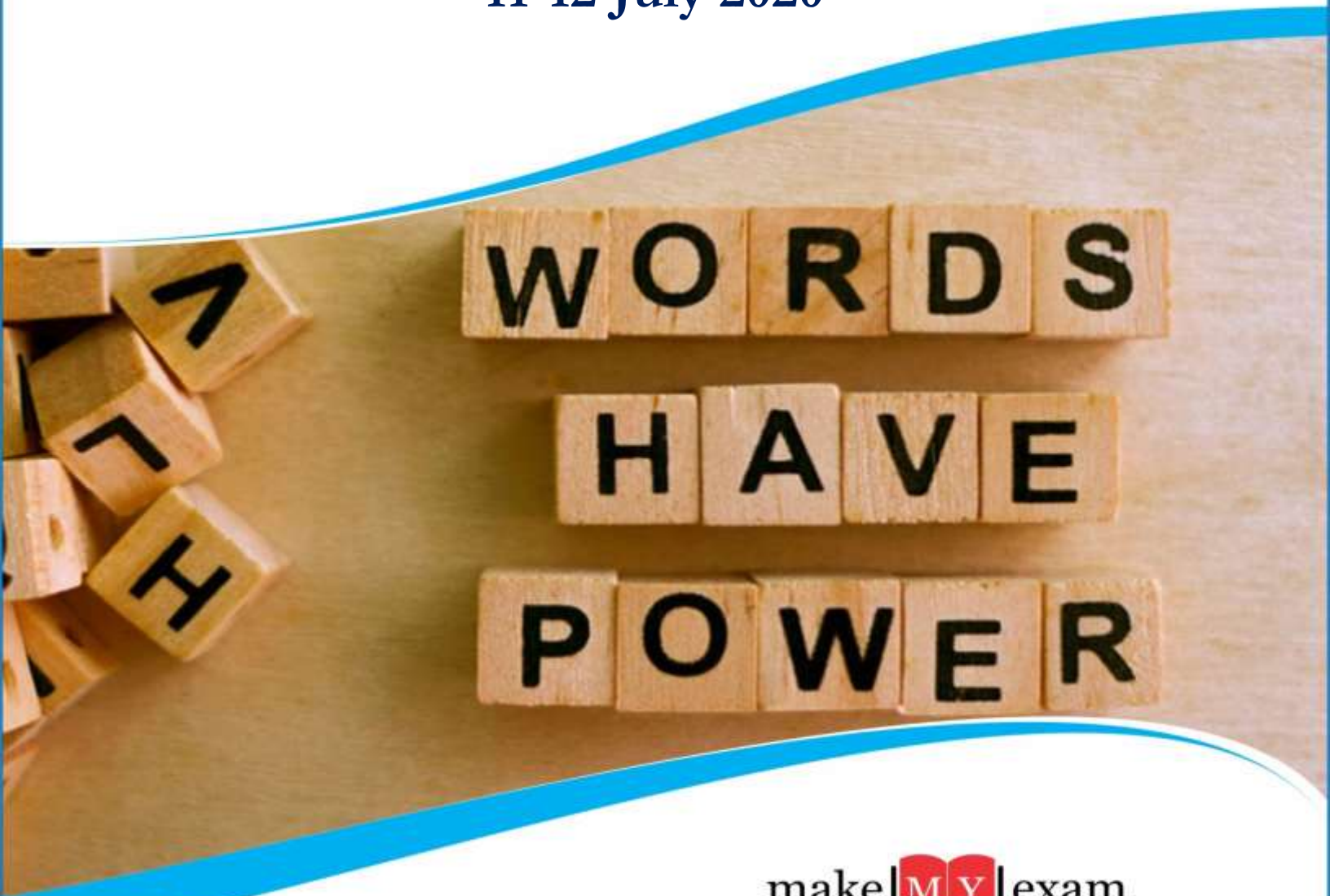


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## 1. HAPLESS (adjective) – बदकिस्मत, अभाग

**Pronunciation:** ha•pluhs

**Meaning:** (especially of a person) unfortunate

**Synonyms:** hard-luck, ill-fated, ill-starred, jinxed, luckless, star-crossed, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky

**Antonyms:** fortunate, happy, lucky

**Usage:** Many children are hapless victims of this war.

## 2. IMPECUNIOUS (adjective) – निर्धन, गरीब

**Pronunciation:** im•puh•kyoo•nee•uhs

**Meaning:** having little or no money

**Synonyms:** beggared, broke, destitute, dirt-poor, down-and-out, famished, hard up, impoverished, indigent, pauperized, penniless, penurious

**Antonyms:** affluent, deep-pocketed, fat-cat, flush, opulent, rich, silk-stocking, wealthy, well-heeled, well-off

**Usage:** Impecunious students commonly find themselves in debt after overindulging in the use of credit cards.

## 3. INIMICAL (adjective) – विरोधी, शत्रुतापूर्ण, हानिकारक

**Pronunciation:** uh•ni•muh•kl

**Meaning:** tending to obstruct or harm; unfriendly

**Synonyms:** adversarial, adversary, antagonistic, antipathetic, hostile, inhospitable, jaundiced, mortal, negative, unfriendly, unsympathetic

**Antonyms:** friendly, hospitable, nonantagonistic, nonhostile, sympathetic

**Usage:** These policies are inimical to the interests of society.

## 4. INVECTIVE (noun) – अपशब्द, गाली

**Pronunciation:** uhn•vek•tuhv

**Meaning:** insulting, abusive, or highly critical language

**Synonyms:** abuse, fulmination, obloquy, scurrility, vitriol, vituperation

**Antonyms:** acclaim, applause, commendation, praise, compliments

**Usage:** He let out a stream of invective.

## 5. INVETERATE (adjective) – जिद्दी, पुराना, हठी

**Pronunciation:** in•veh•tuh•ruht

**Meaning:** having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change

**Synonyms:** bred-in-the-bone, confirmed, deep, deep-rooted, deep-seated, entrenched, hard-core, rooted, settled, congenital

**Antonyms:** impermanent, interim, momentary, provisional, short-lived, short-term, temporary, transient

**Usage:** Roshni is an inveterate reader who always has a book in her hands.

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**6. OBFUSCATE (verb)** – अस्पष्ट करना, किसी उलझन में डालना या होना, समझ के परे करना

**Pronunciation:** ob•fuh•skeit

**Meaning:** make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible

**Synonyms:** becloud, befog, blur, cloud, confuse, fog, muddy, complicate, muddle, jumble

**Antonyms:** clarify, clear (up), illuminate

**Usage:** Politicians have once again obfuscated the issue.

**7. PALLIATE (verb)** – घटाना, कम करना

**Pronunciation:** pa•lee•eit

**Meaning:** make (a disease or its symptoms) less severe without removing the cause

**Synonyms:** deodorize, excuse, explain away, extenuate, whitewash, mitigate, lessen, abate

**Antonyms:** aggravate, exacerbate

**Usage:** After surgery, Rahul received large dose of medications to palliate his suffering.

**8. PEJORATIVE (adjective)** – निंदापूर्ण, अपमानजनक

**Pronunciation:** puh•jo•ruh•tuhv

**Meaning:** expressing contempt or disapproval

**Synonyms:** belittling, contemptuous, decrying, degrading, demeaning, denigrative, denigratory, deprecatory, depreciative

**Antonyms:** admiring, adulatory, applauding, approving, friendly, positive

**Usage:** Although the writer meant to be kind, his words implied a pejorative point of view.

**9. PELLUCID (adjective)** – स्पष्ट, पारदर्शक

**Pronunciation:** puh•loo•suhd

**Meaning:** translucently clear; easily understood

**Synonyms:** clear, crystal, crystal clear, crystalline, limpid, liquid, lucent, see-through, transparent, limpid

**Antonyms:** cloudy, opaque

**Usage:** The contract was pellucid and left no confusion about each party's responsibilities.

### 10. PHLEGMATIC (adjective) – गुस्सा न होने वाला, निष्क्रिय

**Pronunciation:** fleg•ma•tuhk

**Meaning:** not feeling or showing emotion

**Synonyms:** affectless, apathetic, cold-blooded, emotionless, impassible, impassive, numb, passionless, stoic, stolid, undemonstrative, unemotional

**Antonyms:** demonstrative, emotional, fervent, fervid, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate, vehement

**Usage:** The minister of my church is a phlegmatic man who never seems to get upset about anything.



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