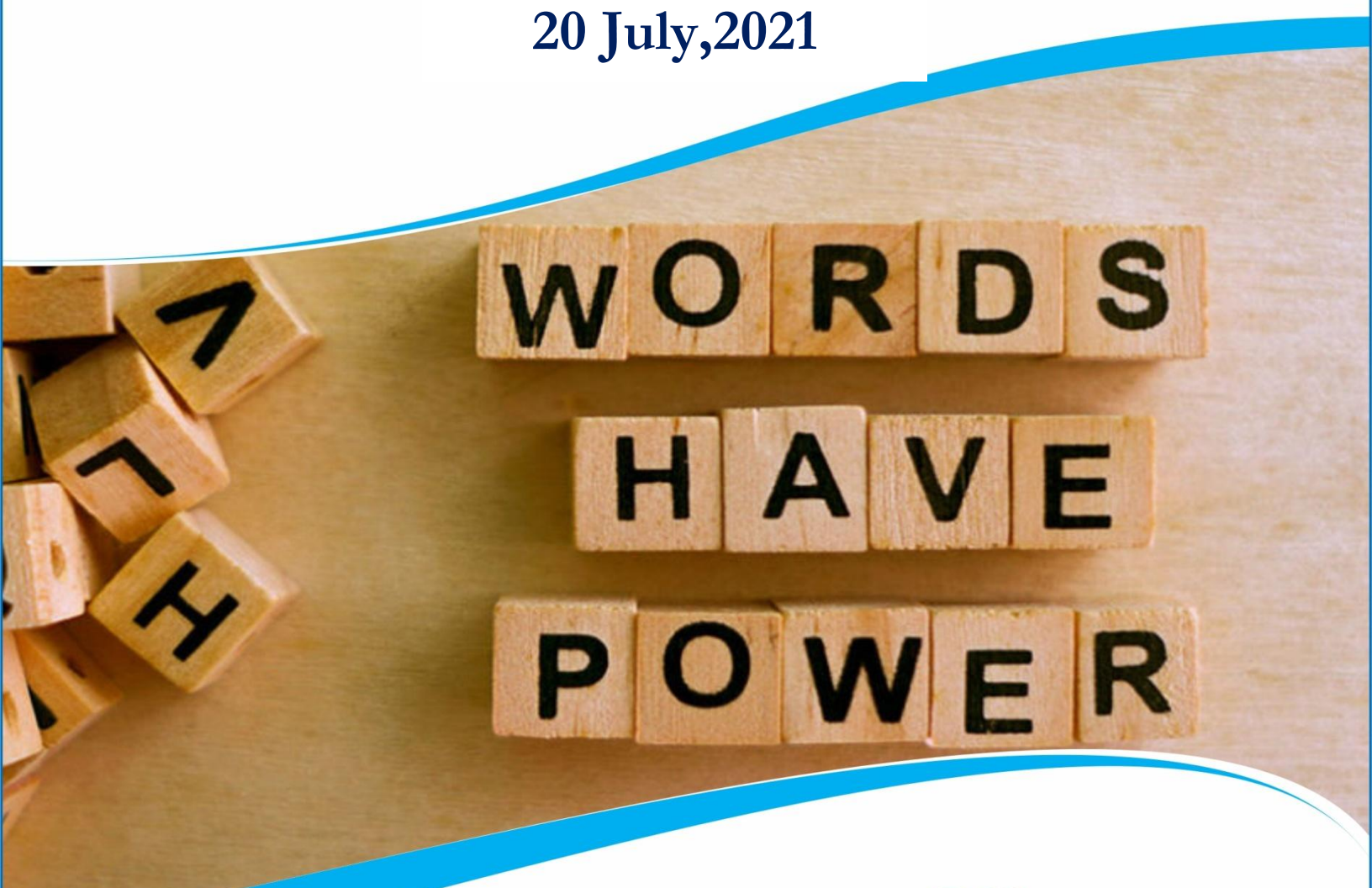
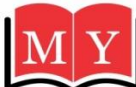


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1. INOCULATE (verb) – रोगक्षम करना

Pronunciation: uh·no·kyoo·leit

Meaning: treat with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease

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

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

Antonyms: vague, uncritical

Usage: Actors feared the critic's mordant pen.

3. CRESTFALLEN (adjective) – निराश, उदास

Pronunciation: krest·faw·luhn

Meaning: sad and disappointed

Synonyms: downhearted, downcast, disheartened, discouraged, sad, glum, dismal

Antonyms: cheerful, elated

Usage: The young politician was crestfallen after not winning the election.

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.

6. DROLL (adjective) – हास्यजनक

Pronunciation: drowl

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

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

Antonyms: 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

Antonyms: meek, diffident

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

8. ARCHAIC (adjective) – पुरातन

Pronunciation: aa·kei·uhk

Meaning: very old or old-fashioned

Synonyms: obsolete, obsolescent, anachronistic, old-fashioned, outmoded, bygone, antique

Antonyms: new, modern

Usage: The system is archaic and unfair and needs changing.

9. PENITENT (adjective) – पश्चातापी

Pronunciation: peh·nuh·tnt

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

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

Antonyms: imperceptible, inconspicuous

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

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