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VOCABULARY

1. MUDDLED (ADJECTIVE): उलझा हुआ

Pronunciation: muh•dld
Meaning: confused or mixed up, not clear or well-organized.
Synonyms: Confused, Jumbled, Befuddled, Disordered
Antonyms: Clear, Organized, Orderly, Coherent
Sentence: The ***muddled*** instructions made it difficult for students to complete assignment correctly.

2. RECHRISTEN (VERB): नया नाम देना

Pronunciation: re•chris•ten
Meaning: to give a new name to something or someone.
Synonyms: Rename, retitle, relabel
Antonyms: Retain, Keep, Preserve
Sentence: The company decided to ***rechristen*** itself to better reflect its expanded services.

3. CONNOISSEUR (NOUN): विशेषज्ञ

Pronunciation: kaw•nuh•suh
Meaning: an expert or a person with refined knowledge and appreciation of a particular subject, especially in the arts or fine food and drink.
Synonyms: Expert, specialist, authority
Antonyms: Novice, beginner, Ignoramus
Sentence: Sarah is a ***connoisseur*** of classical music and can discuss the nuances of different composers and their works.

4. EXHILARATE (VERB): उत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: uhg•zi•luh•rayt
Meaning: to make someone feel very happy, animated, or elated; to thrill or excite.
Synonyms: Thrill, Animate, invigorate
Antonyms: Depress, discourage, dampen, sadden
Sentence: The thrilling roller coaster ride ***exhilarated*** the children & brought smiles to their faces.

5. IOTA (NOUN): बिन्दु

Pronunciation: ai•oh•tuh
Meaning: a very small or insignificant amount; a tiny bit.
Synonyms: Bit, trace, smidgen, speck, fragment
Antonyms: Abundance, plenty, whole
Sentence: She didn't show an ***iota*** of interest in his story and continued to focus on her book.

6. POMPOUS (ADJECTIVE): शोभायमान

Pronunciation: pawmp•uhs
Meaning: having an exaggerated sense of self-importance; displaying excessive dignity or grandeur.
Synonyms: Flaunting, Showy, Arrogant, Haughty
Antonyms: Humble, modest, unpretentious, down-to-earth
Sentence: The CEO's ***pompous*** behavior during the meeting annoyed the employees and created a negative atmosphere.

7. PENITENT (ADJECTIVE): अनुतापी

Pronunciation: peh•nuh•tnt
Meaning: feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant.
Synonyms: repentant, remorseful, ashamed
Antonyms: impenitent, unrepentant, unapologetic
Sentence: "I'm sorry," she said with a ***penitent*** smile.

8. ENCUMBRANCE (NOUN): बाधा / बोझ

Pronunciation: uhn•kuhm•bruhns
Meaning: something that makes movement or progress difficult.
Synonyms: obstacle, hurdle, hindrance, impediment
Antonyms: aid, assistance, help, support
Sentence: The high-interest rates on my loan are an ***encumbrance*** on my finances.

9. ELAPSED (VERB): व्यतीत होना / बीत जाना

Pronunciation: uh•lapst
Meaning: To pass or go by, especially referring to time.
Synonyms: Passed, Went by, Expired
Antonyms: Began, Started, Commenced
Sentence: Thirty minutes ***elapsed*** before the performance began.

10. STYMIE (VERB.): बाधा डालना

Pronunciation: stai•mee
Meaning: to prevent something from happening or someone from achieving a purpose.
Synonyms: Hinder, obstruct, impede
Antonyms: Assist, aid, facilitate
Sentence: The lack of funding ***stymied*** the progress of the research project.