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Happy learning!!!

1. BEWAIL (verb): शोकमनाना

Pronunciation: buh·vayl

Meaning: express great regret, disappointment, or bitterness over (something).

Synonyms: lament, bemoan, sorrow for

Antonyms: delight, glory, joy

Sentence: She bewailed her misfortune.

2. MILIEU (noun): प्रतिवेश

Pronunciation: muh·lyoo

Meaning: a person's social environment.

Synonyms: environment, ambient, atmosphere

Antonyms: advantage, boon, calm

Sentence: Coming from another milieu, she found life as an actor's wife very strange at first.

3. STRENUOUS (adj.): ज़ोरदार

Pronunciation: streh·nyoo·uhs

Meaning: requiring or using great exertion.

Synonyms: aggressive, forceful, muscular

Antonyms: effortless, nonemphatic, unemphatic

Sentence: The doctor advised Ken to avoid strenuous exercise.

4. ERELONG (adv.): कुछहीसमयबाद

Pronunciation: ere·long

Meaning: before long; soon.

Synonyms: before long, presently, shortly

Antonyms: after, afterward, later

Sentence: Lawrence, Jr. was a founding member of the American Rocket Society in the 1930s and erelong was named President in 1946.

5. OB DURACY (noun): हठ

Pronunciation: awb·joo·ruh·see

Meaning: a steadfast adherence to an opinion, purpose, or course of action in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion

Synonyms: obdurateness, obstinacy, stubbornness

Antonyms: broad-mindedness, open-mindedness, reasonability

Sentence: His error was sheer obduracy in refusing to admit a mistake.

6.FORSOOTH (adv.): वास्तवमें

Pronunciation: fuh·sooth

Meaning: indeed (often used ironically or to express surprise or indignation).

Synonyms: actually, frankly, honestly

Antonyms: redeemed, rescued, saved

Sentence: Forsooth, there is no one I trust more.

7.FEIGN (verb): ढोंगकरना

Pronunciation: fayn

Meaning: to present a false appearance of

Synonyms: simulate, fakes, ham

Antonyms: heartfelt, wholehearted, profound

Sentence: Some animals feign death when in danger.

8.FALLIBLE (adj.): दोषक्षम

Pronunciation: fa·luh·bl

Meaning: capable of making mistakes or being erroneous.

Synonyms: error-prone, erring, errant

Antonyms: faultless, flawless, impeccable

Sentence: This method is more fallible than most because it depends on careful and accurate timing.

9.GLEANED (verb): सेप्राप्त

Pronunciation: gleend

Meaning: extract (information) from various sources.

Synonyms: obtain, get, take

Antonyms: disperse, banish, besprinkle

Sentence: What do you glean from the news?

10.FRITTERING (verb): व्यर्थनष्टकरना

Pronunciation: fri·tuh·ruhng

Meaning: waste time, money, or energy on trifling matters.

Synonyms: squander, waste, misspend

Antonyms: penurious, acquisitive

Sentence: I seem to fritter my time away in coffee mornings.

11.CLAMOUR (Noun): कोलाहल

Pronunciation: clam•our

Meaning: A loud & confused noise

Synonyms: Hue & cry, outcry, Tumult

Antonyms: Murmur, Rumble, Mumble

Sentence: There was a clamour of voices outside the house.

12.SUBVENTION (Noun):आर्थिकसहायता

Pronunciation: suhb•ven•shn

Meaning: A grant of money (financial aid) especially from Govt.

Synonyms: Allocation, Aid, Assistance, Grant

Antonyms: Denial, Refusal, Repudiation

Sentence: The NGO is funded by an annual subvention from the government.

13.BUOYANT (Adj.):प्रसन्नचित्त

Pronunciation: boy•uhnt

Meaning: Cheerful & Optimistic

Synonyms: Cheerful, Happy, Sanguine

Antonyms: Lethargic, Sluggish, Torpid


Sentence: Demand for the product is buoyant.

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14. MALFEASANCE(verb):दुराचार

Pronunciation: mal•fea•sance

Meaning: Wrongdoing especially by a public officials

Synonyms: Unpleasant, Malefaction

Antonyms: upholding , respecting

Sentence: Many cases of Malfeasance are currently investigated.

15.WEAR OUT (Phrase):थकना

Pronunciation: Wear out

Meaning: tired, exhaust, erase

Synonyms: Deteriorate, fatigue, weary, drain

Antonyms: Activate, energize, Rejuvenate, relax

Sentence: The machine will soon wear out.

16.FEEBLE (Adj.): कमजोर**Pronunciation:** fee•bl**Meaning:** Lacking in strength or deficient in resources**Synonyms:** Debilitated, Delicate, Enervate**Antonyms:** Mighty, Powerful, Stalwart, strong**Sentence:** He is a feeble, helpless old man.**17.SEMBLANCE (Verb):** दिखावा**Pronunciation:** sem•bluhns**Meaning:** The appearance of being something or of having a certain quality**Synonyms:** Appearance, Seeming, show, Pretence**Antonyms:** Candour, Bluntness, sincerity**Sentence:** The film lacks any semblance of realism.**18.DESCRY (Verb):** पतालगालेना**Pronunciation:** duh•skrai**Meaning:** Catch sight of , Notice something**Synonyms:** Describe, Escrow**Antonyms:** miss, overlook, misobserve**Sentence:** The jeweler is able to easily descry the true vale of diamond.**19. RESILIENT (Adj):** लचीला**Pronunciation:** ruh•zi•lee.uhnt**Meaning:** Strong enough to deal with illness, a shock, or change etc**Synonyms:** Elastic, Flexible, Adaptable**Antonyms:** Firm, Hard, Compact**Sentence:** Rubber is a resilient material.**20. BULWARK (Noun):** बांध**Pronunciation:** bul•vuhk**Meaning:** a solid wall- like structure raised for defence, A strong support**Synonyms:** Cover, defend, Shield, Preserve**Antonyms:** Bombard, Beset, Besiege**Sentence:** My savings are to be bulwark against Unemployment.**21.DEFIED (verb):** अवहेलनाकरना**Pronunciation:** duh•fide**Meaning:** openly resist or refuse to obey.**Synonyms:** resist, withstand, confront**Antonyms:** complied (with), conformed (to), followed**Sentence:** I wouldn't have dared to defy my teachers.

22.ABYSMAL (adj.) : बहुलबुरा**Pronunciation:**uh•biz•muhl**Meaning:** extremely bad; appalling.**Synonyms:** very bad, dreadful, awful**Antonyms:** cheering, comforting, soothing**Sentence:** The film was so abysmal that I fell asleep.**23.DISMAY (noun) :** बेचैनी**Pronunciation:**duh•smay**Meaning:** consternation and distress, typically that caused by something unexpected.**Synonyms:** shock, surprise, consternation**Antonyms:** contentment, gratification**Sentence:** She could not hide her dismay at the result.**24.INDIGNATION (noun) :** रोष**Pronunciation:**in•duhg•nay•shn**Meaning:** anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.**Synonyms:** resentment, umbrage, affront**Antonyms:** delight, pleasure**Sentence:** The old gentleman was spluttering with indignation.**25.APOSTATE (noun) :** स्वधर्मत्यागी**Pronunciation:**uh•paw•stayt**Meaning:** a person who renounces a religious or political belief or principle.**Synonyms:** dissenter, heretic, nonconformist**Antonyms:** conformist, loyalist**Sentence:** The most furious anarchist becomes the most barefaced apostate.**26.INDECENCY (noun) :** अभद्रता**Pronunciation:**uhn•dee•suhn•see**Meaning:** indecent behavior.**Synonyms:** rudeness, coarseness, dirtiness**Antonyms:** priggery, primness, prudery**Sentence:** They were found guilty of acts of gross indecent.**27.REBUFF (verb) :** हटाना**Pronunciation:**ruh•buhf**Meaning:** reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.**Synonyms:** reject, turn down, spurn**Antonyms:** accept, agree (to), approve

Sentence: He received a humiliating rebuff from his manager.

28. DEPORTATION (noun) : निर्वासन

Pronunciation: dee•pawt•ay•shn

Meaning: the action of deporting a foreigner from a country.

Synonyms: expulsion, expelling, banishment

Antonyms: repatriation, return, immigration

Sentence: The government issued a deportation order against the four men.

29. UNNERVE (verb) : असमर्थकरना

Pronunciation: uhn•nuhv

Meaning: make (someone) lose courage or confidence.

Synonyms: demoralize, discourage, dishearten

Antonyms: fortify, strengthen, embolden

Sentence: The journey over the bridge had unnerved me.

30. FASTIDIOUS (adj.) : दुराराध्य

Pronunciation: fa•sti•dee•uhs

Meaning: very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

Synonyms: scrupulous, punctilious, assiduous

Antonyms: undemanding, unfastidious, unfussy

Sentence: Everything was planned in fastidious detail.

31. COLLUDE (verb) : सांठगांठ

Pronunciation: kuh•lood

Meaning: cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others

Synonyms: combine, conspire, collaborate

Antonyms: differ, disagree, split

Sentence: He accused his opponents of colluding with one another.

32. EXHUME (verb) : खोदकरनिकालना

Pronunciation: eks•hyoom

Meaning: Dig out something from the ground

Synonyms: dig up, unearth, discover

Antonyms: cover, bedazzle, devour

Sentence: The bodies were exhumed on the orders of a judge.

33. EVICT (verb) : बेदखलकरना

Pronunciation: uh•vikt

Meaning: expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law.

Synonyms: expel, eject, remove

Antonyms: take in, welcome, admit

Sentence: He had court orders to evict the trespassers from three camps.

34.PITY (noun) :दया

Pronunciation: pi•tee

Meaning: the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others.

Synonyms: compassion, commiseration, condolence

Antonyms: inhumanity, mercilessness, cruelty

Sentence: Her voice was full of pity.

35.ELUDE (verb) :टालना

Pronunciation:uh•lood

Meaning: evade or escape from (a danger, enemy, or pursuer), typically in a skillful or cunning way.

Synonyms: evade, avoid, dodge

Antonyms: catch, embrace, pursue

Sentence: He managed to elude his pursuers by escaping into an alley.



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36.BELEAGUER (verb) :समस्याओकेकारण

Pronunciation: buh•lee•guh•d

Meaning: cause problems or difficulties for.

Synonyms: under stress, troubled, in difficulties

Antonyms: free, liberate

Sentence: He attempts to answer several questions that beleague the industry.

37.UNDULATE (verb) :लहराता

Pronunciation:uhn.joo.layt.uhd

Meaning: move or go with a smooth up-and-down motion.

Synonyms: rise and fall, surge, wave

Antonyms: efflux, motionlessness, lose.

Sentence: The dancers' movements were arranged so that they seemed to undulate like dolphins with the music.

38.INSOLVENCY (noun) : दिवालियापन

Pronunciation:uhn•sawl•vuhn•see

Meaning: The state of being insolvent.

Synonyms: bankruptcy, liquidation, failure

Antonyms: increase, solvency, achievement

Sentence: We look at your options if you are facing insolvency.

39.RETROSPECTIVE (adj.) : पूर्वप्रभावी

Pronunciation:reh•troh•spek•tiv

Meaning: looking back on or dealing with past events or situations.

Synonyms: backdated, retroactive, backward-looking

Antonyms: silly, thoughtless

Sentence: our survey was retrospective.

40.STAGGER (verb) : लड़खड़ाहट

Pronunciation:sta•guh

Meaning: walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall.

Synonyms: lurch, walk unsteadily, stumble

Antonyms: carry on, continue, stir.

Sentence: I was so tired last night that I just staggered on the stairs.

41.EVOCATIVE (adj.) : स्मरणपत्रका

Pronunciation:uh•vawk•uht•uhv

Meaning: bringing strong images, memories, or feelings to mind.

Synonyms: reminiscent, remindful, redolent

Antonyms: Unsuccessful, Failed, Unsophisticated

Sentence: Those old toys are evocative of my boyhood.

42.ORDEAL (noun) : अप्रियअनुभव

Pronunciation:aw•deel

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

Synonyms: trial, hardship, challenge

Antonyms: comfort, contentment, happiness.

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

43.MAXIMAL (adj.) : अधिकसेअधिक

Pronunciation:mak•suh•muhl

Meaning: of or constituting a maximum; the highest or greatest possible.

Synonyms: greatest, maximized, utmost

Antonyms: minimal, minimum, least

Sentence: He obtained maximal benefit from the course.

44.REMONSTRANCE (noun) : विरोध

Pronunciation: ruh·mawn·struhns

Meaning: a feeling or declaration of disapproval or dissent

Synonyms: objection, complaint, expostulation

Antonyms: approval, sanction, willingness

Sentence: Over the vociferous remonstrances of my parents I decided to drop my music lessons.

45.PROLIFIC (adj.) : फलदार

Pronunciation: pruh·li·fik

Meaning: producing in large numbers or quantities; plentiful

Synonyms: fertile, rich, productive

Antonyms: unproductive, sterile, barren

Sentence: Few composers can match his prolific output.

46.NOUGHT (pronoun): शून्य

Pronunciation: nawt

Meaning: nothing

Synonyms: nil, zero, blank

Antonyms: existent, existing

Sentence: He's nought but a worthless fool.

47.COGITATE (verb) : सोच-विचारकरना

Pronunciation: kaw·juh·tayt

Meaning: think deeply about something; meditate or reflect.

Synonyms: ponder, contemplate, debate

Antonyms: ignore, disregard, overlook

Sentence: I need a few days to cogitate the problem.

48.DEPREDATION (noun) : लूट-पाट

Pronunciation: deh·pruh·day·shn

Meaning: an act of attacking or plundering.

Synonyms: plunder, looting, pillaging

Antonyms: rescue, salvage, salvation

Sentence: The entire area has suffered the depredations of war.

49.YOKED (verb) : जोड़ना

Pronunciation: yoket

Meaning: to put or bring together so as to form a new and longer whole

Synonyms: catenated, chained, compounded

Antonyms: disconnected, disjointed, disunited

Sentence: He yoked several ideas together to come up with a new theory

50.INDECIPHERABLE (adj.): अस्पष्ट

Pronunciation: in·duh·sai·fuh·ruh·bl

Meaning: not able to be read or understood.

Synonyms: hard to read, unreadable, indiscernible

Antonyms: decipherable, readable

Sentence: There was an indecipherable message on the answering machine.

51.FUTILITY (noun): निरर्थकता

Pronunciation: fyoo·til·uh·tee

Meaning: pointlessness or uselessness.

Synonyms: fruitlessness, vanity, pointlessness

Antonyms: use, usefulness, utility

Sentence: The sheer futility of it all exasperates her.

52.BEGET (verb): उत्पन्नकरना

Pronunciation: buh·get

Meaning: give rise to; bring about.

Synonyms: cause, give rise to, lead to

Antonyms: impede, limit, restrict

Sentence: One change in the natural environment will beget others.

53.PALPABLE (adj.): स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: pal·puh·bl

Meaning: (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.

Synonyms: perceptible, perceivable, visible

Antonyms: impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable

Sentence: The tension between Amy and Jim is palpable.

54.QUIXOTIC (adj.): विलक्षण

Pronunciation: kvuhk·saw·tuhk

Meaning: exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.

Synonyms: idealistic, unfussinesslike, visionary

Antonyms: clear-eyed, clear-sighted

Sentence: This is a vast, exciting, and perhaps quixotic project.

55.ENAMOR (verb): आनंदितकरना**Pronunciation:** en·am·or**Meaning:** be filled with a feeling of love for.**Synonyms:** in love with, infatuated with, besotted with**Antonyms:** allergic, averse**Sentence:** Her beauty enamored the prince.**56.UNENVIABLE (adj.):** अवांछनीय**Pronunciation:** uhn·en·vee·uh·bl**Meaning:** difficult, undesirable, or unpleasant.**Synonyms:** disagreeable, unpleasant, undesirable**Antonyms:** charming, enchanting, fascinating**Sentence:** Cooper had the unenviable job of announcing the redundancies.**57.SUBTLETY (noun):** सूक्ष्मता**Pronunciation:** suh·tuhl·tee**Meaning:** the quality or state of being subtle.**Synonyms:** delicacy, delicateness, subtleness**Antonyms:** aridity, boredom, commonplaceness**Sentence:** He argued his case with considerable subtlety.**58.AMNESTY (noun):** आममाफी**Pronunciation:** am·nuh·stee**Meaning:** an official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offenses.**Synonyms:** pardon, pardoning, reprieve**Antonyms:** penalty, punishment, retribution**Sentence:** The government granted an amnesty to all political prisoners.**59.FOMENTED (verb):** भड़काना**Pronunciation:** fuh·ment·uhd**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.**60.OMINOUS (adj.):** अमंगल**Pronunciation:** aw·muh·nuhs**Meaning:** giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening; inauspicious.**Synonyms:** threatening, menacing, baleful**Antonyms:** unthreatening, auspicious, benign

Sentence: There was an ominous silence at the other end of the phone.

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