

VOCABULARY

1. HEED (VERB): सावधान

Pronunciation: heed

Meaning: pay attention to; take notice of.

Synonyms: pay attention to, take notice of, take note of

Antonyms: disregard, ignore, tune out

Sentence: Take *heed* of your doctor's advice.

2. STRIVE (VERB): प्रयास करना

Pronunciation: strive

Meaning: make great efforts to achieve or obtain something.

Synonyms: practice, strive, endeavor

Antonyms: skip, rest, laze

Sentence: national movements were *striving* for independence.

3. EGRESS (NOUN): निकास

Pronunciation: ee•gres

Meaning: the action of going out of or leaving a place.

Synonyms: departure, leaving, exit

Antonyms: entrance, entry, ingress

Sentence: The only *egress* from the nightclub was a dark, narrow stairway to the street below.

4. GOSSAMER (ADJECTIVE): पतला

Pronunciation: gaw•suh•muh

Meaning: very thin and easy to see through.

Synonyms: sheer, transparent, diaphanous

Antonyms: opaque, nebulous, hazy

Sentence: Didn't see the *gossamer* spider webs until the sun hit them just right.

5. COUNTENANCED (VERB): समर्थन करना

Pronunciation: kawn•tuhn•uhnst

Meaning: admit as acceptable or possible.

Synonyms: permit, allow, approve of

Antonyms: disapproved (of), discountenanced, disfavored

Sentence: He was reluctant to *countenance* the use of force.

6. BELIE (VERB): झुठलाना

Pronunciation: buh•lai

Meaning: disguise or contradict.

Synonyms: explode, contradict, disprove

Antonyms: allow, approve, agree

Sentence: Her energy and youthful good looks *belie* her 65 years.

7. FUGACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): क्षणिक

Pronunciation: fu•ga•cious

Meaning: lasting only for a short time.

Synonyms: temporary, fleeting, brief

Antonyms: permanent, eternal, lasting

Sentence: She was acutely conscious of her *fugacious* youth.

8. TACITURN (ADJECTIVE): अल्पभाषी

Pronunciation: ta•suh•tuhn

Meaning: (of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little.

Synonyms: untalkative, uncommunicative, reticent

Antonyms: loquacious, garrulous, outspoken

Sentence: He was a quiet, almost *taciturn*, young man.

9. ADVERSARY (ADJECTIVE): विरोधी

Pronunciation: ad•vuhs•uh•ree

Meaning: one's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute.

Synonyms: opponent, rival, hostile

Antonyms: sympathetic, friendly, civil

Sentence: The British considered him a worthy *adversary*.

10. NUMINOUS (ADJECTIVE): दिव्य

Pronunciation: nyoo•muh•nuhs

Meaning: having a strong religious or spiritual quality; indicating or suggesting the presence of a divinity.

Synonyms: spiritual, religious, divine

Antonyms: ordinary, normal, usual

Sentence: The strange, *numinous* beauty of this ancient landmark.