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Happy learning!!!

1. TORTUOUS (adjective) – टेढ़ा-मेढ़ा

Pronunciation: tau·choo·uhs

Meaning: full of twists and turns

Synonyms: twisting, winding, curving, curvy, bending, sinuous, undulating

Antonyms: straight, unbending

Usage: We have traveled a tortuous road.

2. BOISTEROUS (adjective) – उधमी

Pronunciation: boy·stuh·ruhs

Meaning: noisy, energetic, and cheerful

Synonyms: lively, active, exuberant, spirited, bouncy, frisky, excited

Antonyms: quiet, restrained

Usage: The children are very boisterous today.

3. MERCURIAL (adjective) – अस्थिर

Pronunciation: muh·kyuor·ree·uhl

Meaning: subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind

Synonyms: volatile, capricious, excitable, fickle, changeable, unpredictable, variable

Antonyms: stable, steady, constant

Usage: The trending topics on Twitter are mercurial because they often change within seconds.

4. ULTERIOR (adjective) – गुप्त

Pronunciation: uhl·teeuh·ree·uh

Meaning: existing beyond what is obvious or admitted

Synonyms: secondary, underlying, undisclosed, unexpressed, unapparent, unrevealed, secret

Antonyms: visible, noticeable

Usage: The accountant's ulterior motives led her to stealing bank funds under the company radar.

5. IGNOBLE (adjective) – अप्रतिष्ठित**Pronunciation:** uhg·now·bl**Meaning:** not honorable in character or purpose**Synonyms:** dishonorable, unworthy, base, shameful, contemptible, despicable, shabby**Antonyms:** noble**Usage:** The ignoble accountant was convicted of stealing money from his firm.**6. SALUTARY (adjective) – लाभदायक****Pronunciation:** sa·lyoo·tuh·ree**Meaning:** producing good effects; beneficial**Synonyms:** beneficial, good, advantageous, profitable, productive, helpful, useful**Antonyms:** unwelcome, irrelevant**Usage:** The lab experiment provided salutary results that will help researchers learn the key to battling the disease.**7. UPBRAID (verb) – फटकारना****Pronunciation:** uhp·breid**Meaning:** scold**Synonyms:** reprimand, rebuke, reproach, scold, chastise, reprove**Antonyms:** praise, commend, congratulate**Usage:** The police officer did not hesitate to upbraid the man for driving without insurance.**8. CAVALIER (adjective) – बेतकल्लुफ़****Pronunciation:** ka·vuh·leeuh**Meaning:** showing a lack of proper concern**Synonyms:** offhand, indifferent, casual, insouciant, uninterested, unconcerned**Antonyms:** thoughtful, considerate, caring**Usage:** Bryan will regret his cavalier attitude about studying when he fails to graduate on time.**9. UNDERHAND (adjective) – गुप्त, कपटपूर्ण****Pronunciation:** uhn·duh·hand**Meaning:** done in a secret or dishonest way**Synonyms:** deceitful, dishonest, unethical, unprincipled, illegal, unlawful, fishy**Antonyms:** honest, fair, above-board**Usage:** He has been involved in some underhand dealings.**10. CRABBED (adjective) – अपठनीय****Pronunciation:** krabd

Meaning: very small and difficult to decipher

Synonyms: cramped, bad, shaky, scribbled, illegible, unreadable, indecipherable

Antonyms: bold, clear

Usage: His crabbed handwriting covered both sides of the page.

11. SUBJUGATION (noun) – अधीनता

Pronunciation: suhb·ju·gei·shn

Meaning: to be controlled or forced to do something

Synonyms: slavery, bondage, captivity, enslavement, labor, serfdom, servitude

Antonyms: freedom, independence, mastery

Usage: The greatest achievement of the reign was the subjugation of Bulgaria.

12. FORESTALL (verb) – पहले ही रोक देना

Pronunciation: faw·stawl

Meaning: to stop something from happening

Synonyms: prevent, anticipate, avert, deter, hinder, preclude, thwart

Antonyms: aid, allow, assist

Usage: Fortunately at the last minute, a mediator was able to talk to the two world leaders and forestall war.

13. SLAM (verb) – ज़ोर से पटक देना

Pronunciation: faw·stawl

Meaning: to shut with loud and with forceful power

Synonyms: bang, bat, batter, beat, dash, fling, smash

Antonyms: open, tap

Usage: Mother warned the children not to slam the kitchen door, but they always shut it behind them forcefully.

14. ARBITRARY (adjective) – स्वेच्छित, अनियन्त्रित

Pronunciation: aa·buh·truh·ree

Meaning: chosen or done at random

Synonyms: whimsical, random, capricious, chance, erratic, inconsistent, unreasoned

Antonyms: rational, reasoned, consistent

Usage: Emily made an arbitrary decision to drive across the country.

15. CLUMSY (adjective) – बेढंगा

Pronunciation: kluhm·zee

Meaning: awkward in movement or handling things

Synonyms: awkward, uncoordinated, ungraceful, inelegant, gawky, cloddish, blundering

Antonyms: graceful, coordinated, elegant

Usage: I would never trust someone who is clumsy as a surgeon since such a career requires finesse and precision.

16. WHIRL (verb) – घुमाव

Pronunciation: wuhl

Meaning: the act of rotating rapidly

Synonyms: spin, revolution, flurry, swirl, circle, circuit, circulation

Antonyms: calm, peace

Usage: The tornado continued to whirl around, kicking up dust along its path.

17. PERILOUS (adjective) – खतरनाक

Pronunciation: peh·ruh·luhs

Meaning: full of danger or risk

Synonyms: dangerous, hazardous, risky, unsafe, treacherous, precarious, vulnerable

Antonyms: safe, secure, protected

Usage: Putting out wildfires is a very perilous job.

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18. GERMINATE (verb) – उगना

Pronunciation: juh·muh·neit

Meaning: to grow or develop

Synonyms: grow, sprout, bud, develop, generate, vegetate

Antonyms: cease, compress, halt

Usage: The plants need an adequate amount of water to germinate.

19. SURGE (noun) – लहर, वृद्धि

Pronunciation: suhj

Meaning: a sudden increase

Synonyms: rush, grow, rise, stream, arise, growth, tower

Antonyms: decrease, descend, lessen

Usage: Because of low supply and high demand, there is a sudden surge in the price of natural oil.

20. NULLIFY (verb) – रद्द करना

Pronunciation: nuh·luh·fai

Meaning: make ineffective

Synonyms: cancel, revoke, abolish, abrogate, annul, invalidate, negate

21. KALEIDOSCOPIIC (adjective) – सर्वदा बदलनेवाला

Pronunciation: kuh·lai·duh·sko·puhk

Meaning: having complex patterns of colors

Synonyms: multicolored, psychedelic, variegated, motley, complex, intricate, complicated

Antonyms: monochrome, fixed, constant

Usage: The kaleidoscopic quality of the book is brilliantly realized on stage.

22. RECLUSE (noun) – वैरागी

Pronunciation: ruh·kloos

Meaning: a person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people

Synonyms: hermit, ascetic, monk, nun, introvert, eremite

Antonyms: extrovert

Usage: He was a natural recluse who found all human relationships difficult.

23. SLAPDASH (adjective) – उतावला

Pronunciation: slap·dash

Meaning: done too hurriedly and carelessly

Synonyms: careless, slipshod, hurried, lackadaisical, hasty, disorganized, haphazard

Antonyms: careful, meticulous, painstaking

Usage: The student's slapdash presentation looked like it had been put together on the school bus.

24. HYPOCRISY (noun) – पाखंड

Pronunciation: huh·po·kruh·see

Meaning: the practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case

Synonyms: sanctimony, pietism, falsity, humbug, pretense, posturing, insincerity

Antonyms: honesty, sincerity

Usage: When you agree to serve a cause and then back out, I would call that hypocrisy.

25. TUMULT (noun) – कोलाहल

Pronunciation: choo·muhl

Meaning: a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people

Synonyms: din, racket, uproar, commotion, ruckus, rumpus, hubbub

Antonyms: silence, quiet, stillness

Usage: The tumult in the streets awakened everyone in the house.

26. ASPERITY (noun) – तीक्ष्णता

Pronunciation: a·speh·ruh·tee

Meaning: the harshness of tone or manner

Synonyms: harshness, sharpness, roughness, severity, acerbity, astringency, bitterness

Antonyms: mildness, gentleness, tenderness

Usage: Because the teacher was mad, she addressed the students with asperity as she gave them detention slips.

27. TRUCE (noun) – युद्धविराम

Pronunciation: troos

Meaning: a time period in which opposing sides agree to stop fighting

Synonyms: ceasefire, armistice, peace, break, respite, lull, a moratorium

Antonyms: fighting, hostilities

Usage: When the truce ends at noon tomorrow, it will only be a matter of time before gunfire is heard again.

28. ENTHRALL (verb) – मंत्रमुग्ध करना

Pronunciation: uhn·thrawl

Meaning: capture the fascinated attention of

Synonyms: captivate, charm, enchant, bewitch, fascinate, beguile, entrance

Antonyms: bore, repel, dull

Usage: This book will enthrall readers of all ages.

29. INSCRUTABLE (adjective) – गूढ़

Pronunciation: uhn·skroo·tuh·bl

Meaning: impossible to understand or interpret

Synonyms: enigmatic, mysterious, unreadable, impenetrable, cryptic, unexpressive

Antonyms: expressive, transparent

Usage: The riddle remains inscrutable to us.

30. EXTIRPATE (noun) – उखाड़ना, विनाश करना

Pronunciation: ek·stuh·peit

Meaning: eradicate or destroy completely

Synonyms: destroy, eradicate, eliminate, suppress, crush, abolish

Antonyms: found, support

Usage: The new police chief promises to extirpate corruption from the county.

31. OUTRAGEOUS (adjective) – अपमानजनक

Pronunciation: awt·rei·juhs

Meaning: shockingly bad or excessive

Synonyms: shocking, disgraceful, scandalous, atrocious, appalling, unreasonable, intolerable

Antonyms: acceptable, mild, moderate

Usage: Her outrageous behavior at the party offended everyone.

32. ETHICAL (adjective) – नैतिक

Pronunciation: eh·thuh·kl

Meaning: morally correct or acceptable

Synonyms: moral, righteous, virtuous, principled, honest, proper, noble

Antonyms: immoral, unethical, unrighteous

Usage: He was known for being ethical in all of his dealings, which made him easy to trust.

33. VOID (adjective) – खाली, रिक्त

Pronunciation: voyd

Meaning: completely empty

Synonyms: empty, emptied, vacant, blank, unfilled, unoccupied

Antonyms: full, filled, valid

Usage: The void spaces between the atoms count for nothing.

34. STREW (verb) – बिखेरना

Pronunciation: stroo

Meaning: to spread or scatter things all over the place

Synonyms: scatter, spread, disperse, distribute, sprinkle

Antonyms: gather, collect, compile

Usage: Do not strew books over the table.

35. KINDRED (adjective) – संबंधित

Pronunciation: kin·druhd

Meaning: similar in kind

Synonyms: related, allied, connected, comparable, similar, alike, matching

Antonyms: unrelated, dissimilar, irrelevant

Usage: English and Dutch are kindred languages.

36. VAIN (adjective) – व्यर्थ

Pronunciation: vein

Meaning: producing no result

Synonyms: futile, useless, pointless, worthless, ineffective, ineffectual, fruitless

Antonyms: successful, productive, useful

Usage: The toddler's attempt to reach the cookie jar on the counter was in vain.

37. COMMUNAL (adjective) – सामुदायिक

Pronunciation: kuh·myoo·nuhl

Meaning: shared by all members of a community

Synonyms: collective, shared, common, communistic, cooperative, mutual, joint

Antonyms: individual, personal, private

Usage: The communal pool at the community center is open to everyone that lives in the neighborhood.

38. MEDLEY (noun) – मिश्रण

Pronunciation: med·lee

Meaning: a mixture of things

Synonyms: assortment, miscellany, mixture, blend, variety, collection, combination


Antonyms: liveness, singularity, division

Usage: A medley of various types of art was displayed on the gallery walls.

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39. PEACEABLE (adjective) – शांतिप्रिय

Pronunciation: pee·suh·bl

Meaning: inclined to avoid conflict or dissent

Synonyms: peaceful, friendly, serene, amiable, calm, complacent, nonviolent

Antonyms: aggressive, belligerent, unfriendly

Usage: He has lived a peaceable and honest life.

40. EXECRABLE (adjective) – घटिया

Pronunciation: ek·suh·kruh·bl

Meaning: extremely bad or unpleasant

Synonyms: awful, dreadful, terrible, frightful, disgusting, disgraceful

Antonyms: good, admirable, pleasant

Usage: I think that smoking is an execrable vice that annoys people around you and makes you smell bad.

41. EXTRICATE (verb) – मुक्त करना

Pronunciation: ek·struh·keit

Meaning: to free or remove something or someone

Synonyms: extract, free, release, disentangle, remove, withdraw, loosen

Antonyms: entangle, involve, confine

Usage: The soldiers used a detailed plan to extricate their commanding officer from the terrorists.

42. HALCYON (adjective) – शान्तिपूर्ण, खुशगवार

Pronunciation: hal·see·uhn

Meaning: calm and undisturbed

Synonyms: serene, calm, pleasant, balmy, tranquil, peaceful, temperate

Antonyms: stormy, troubled, agitated

Usage: I was very content during the halcyon days of my childhood.

43. DETEST (verb) – नफ़रत करना

Pronunciation: duh·test

Meaning: dislike intensely

Synonyms: abhor, hate, dislike, loathe, despise, abominate, execrate

Antonyms: love, admire, like

Usage: I detest any kind of cruelty.

44. PROMINENCE (noun) – प्रसिद्धि

Pronunciation: pro·muh·nuhns

Meaning: the state of being famous or important

Synonyms: fame, celebrity, eminence, importance, distinction, influence, prestige

Antonyms: insignificance, obscurity, inferiority

Usage: J.K. Rowling achieved national prominence when her Harry Potter series became a household name.

45. ORIENT (verb) – दिशानिर्दिष्ट करना

Pronunciation: aw·ree·uhnt

Meaning: to push in the direction of a goal

Synonyms: align, direct, place, position, dispose of, situate, set

Antonyms: disarrange, miss, disorient

Usage: The merger will not be successful if the two firms can't orient to the goals of one company.

46. BRISK (adjective) – तेज़

Pronunciation: brisk

Meaning: very active and quick

Synonyms: quick, rapid, fast, swift, speedy, energetic, lively

Antonyms: sluggish, slow, quiet

Usage: A brisk jog helped to clear my mind.

47. PROSPECT (noun) – अपेक्षा, संभावना

Pronunciation: pruh·spekt

Meaning: the possibility or likelihood of some future event

Synonyms: likelihood, hope, expectation, anticipation, chances, odds, probability

Antonyms: hopelessness, impossibility, unlikelihood

Usage: There was no prospect of any reconciliation.

48. SURMOUNT (verb) – विजय पाना

Pronunciation: suh·mawnt

Meaning: to conquer a problem or obstacle

Synonyms: overcome, conquer, overpower, subdue, surpass, vanquish

Antonyms: lose, fail, surrender

Usage: One of Janet's goals is to surmount her fear of flying.

49. PURSUIT (noun) – तलाश

Pronunciation: puh·syoot

Meaning: the action of going after something or someone

Synonyms: chase, search, hunt, inquiry, quest

Antonyms: retreat

Usage: The police officer is in pursuit of the escaped prisoner.

50. PHANTASM (noun) – आभास**Pronunciation:** fan·ta·zm**Meaning:** something existing in perception only**Synonyms:** illusion, apparition, fancy, dream, fantasy**Antonyms:** actuality, certainty, fact**Usage:** The boy thought he saw a figure in the dark room, but when he turned on the light, he realized it was a phantasm.**51. INDOLENCE (noun) – आलस****Pronunciation:** in·duh·luhns**Meaning:** lack of activity**Synonyms:** idleness, laziness, procrastination, disinclination, inactivity**Antonyms:** energy, diligence, industry**Usage:** My failure is probably due to my own indolence.**52. ARROGANCE (noun) – दम्भ****Pronunciation:** a·ruh·gns**Meaning:** exaggerated self-opinion**Synonyms:** haughtiness, conceit, hubris, egotism, pomposity, swagger, boasting**Antonyms:** humility, modesty, shyness**Usage:** Her arrogance repels many people.**53. IMPIETY (noun) – नास्तिकता****Pronunciation:** im·pai·uh·tee**Meaning:** lack of piety or reverence**Synonyms:** blasphemy, heresy, irreverence, profanity, godlessness**Antonyms:** reverence**Usage:** With an air of impiety, the woman scoffed at the religious texts which she considered fiction.**54. MAVERICK (noun) – अपरंपरागत, विद्रोही****Pronunciation:** ma·vuh·ruhk**Meaning:** tending to choose a different path from everyone else**Synonyms:** individualist, nonconformist, radical, extremist, trendsetter**Antonyms:** conformist, conservative, moderate**Usage:** The maverick boy made his fortune by using a selling strategy different from that of his competitors.

55. INDEFATIGABLE (adjective) – अथक

Pronunciation: in·duh·fa·tuh·guh·bl

Meaning: persisting tirelessly

Synonyms: tireless, untiring, unwearied, unflagging, energetic, dynamic

Antonyms: idle, feeble, tired

Usage: The director of the homeless shelter is an indefatigable woman who works almost eighteen hours every day.

56. ABJURE (verb) – त्यागना

Pronunciation: ab·juor

Meaning: solemnly renounce

Synonyms: renounce, relinquish, reject, forgo, forswear, disavow, abandon

Antonyms: allow, indulge, emphasize

Usage: Although the chocolate cake is Martha's favorite dessert, she has chosen to abjure it while on her diet

57. ADORN (verb) – सँवारना

Pronunciation: uh·dawn

Meaning: make more beautiful or attractive

Synonyms: embellish, decorate, furnish, ornament, enhance, beautify, grace, garnish

Antonyms: disfigure, deform, tarnish

Usage: Several of Gemma's paintings adorn the walls.

58. AMALGAMATE (verb) – मिश्रित कराना

Pronunciation: uh·mal·guh·meit

Meaning: to join or combine

Synonyms: blend, alloy, ally, coalesce, combine, fuse, mingle

Antonyms: divide, part, separate

Usage: Because of budget cuts, the two schools were forced to amalgamate into one building.

59. INQUISITIVE (adjective) – जिज्ञासु

Pronunciation: uhng·kwi·zuh·tuhv

Meaning: eager for knowledge

Synonyms: curious, intrigued, interested, agog, intrusive, investigative, questioning

Antonym: unconcerned, uninterested, incurious

Usage: The inquisitive little boy would not stop asking his parents questions.

60. WIT (noun) – हाज़िरजवाबी

Pronunciation: wit

Meaning: a verbal skill that can evoke laughter

Synonyms: humor, repartee, badinage, banter, wordplay, raillery, pun

Antonyms: seriousness, stupidity, sadness

Usage: His sharp wit had them all smiling.

61. THUNDEROUS (adjective) – गरजनदार

Pronunciation: thuhn·duh·ruhs

Meaning: extremely loud

Synonyms: deafening, loud, roaring, shout, thundering

Antonyms: quiet, silent, soothing

Usage: They greeted him with thunderous applause.

62. PALE (adjective) – फीका

Pronunciation: peil

Meaning: light in color or shade

Synonyms: blanched, dull, faded, bleached, dim, faint, feeble

Antonyms: bright, colored, dark

Usage: She has a pale complexion.

63. GIGANTIC (adjective) – भीमकाय

Pronunciation: jai·gan·tuhk

Meaning: huge or enormous

Synonyms: huge, enormous, vast, giant, massive, humongous, mountainous

Antonyms: dwarf, little, miniscule

Usage: That building is gigantic.

64. SPRAWL (verb) – पसर जाना

Pronunciation: sprawl

Meaning: sit or lie with one's limbs spread out

Synonyms: drape, ramble, recline, spread, slouch, straggle, extend

Antonyms: straighten, compress, stand

Usage: He would take two aspirin and sprawl out on his bed.

65. AVID (adjective) – उत्सुक

Pronunciation: a·vuhd

Meaning: having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something

Synonyms: keen, eager, enthusiastic, ardent, passionate, fervent

Antonyms: apathetic, indifferent, disinterested

Usage: He took an avid interest in the project.

66. BREATHTAKING (adjective) – विस्मयकारी

Pronunciation: breth·tei·kuhng

Meaning: astonishing or awe-inspiring

Synonyms: spectacular, magnificent, wonderful, awesome, astonishing, amazing, stunning

Antonyms: unimpressive, boring, disgusting

Usage: The view from the top of the Eiffel Tower is breathtaking.

67. VERACITY (noun) – सच्चाई

Pronunciation: vuh·ra·suh·tee

Meaning: conformity to facts

Synonyms: truthfulness, truth, accuracy, correctness, realism, authenticity, faithfulness

Antonyms: delusion, falsity, inaccuracy

Usage: They questioned the veracity of her story.

68. REFRAIN (verb) – रोकना

Pronunciation: ruh·frein

Meaning: stop oneself from doing something

Synonyms: abstain, stop, avoid, withhold, forbear, resist, restrain

Antonyms: continue, encourage, allow

Usage: Taylor will lose weight if she can refrain from eating junk food.

69. SACK (verb) – बर्खास्त करना

Pronunciation: sak

Meaning: dismiss from employment

Synonyms: dismiss, expel, fire, terminate, discharge

Antonyms: hire, appoint, employ

Usage: The minister was sacked for abusing power for his personal gain.

70. CONSPICUOUS (adjective) – सुस्पष्ट, सहजदृश्य

Pronunciation: kuhn·spi·kyoo·uhs

Meaning: clearly visible

Synonyms: noticeable, observable, discernible, perceptible, clear, detectable, prominent

Antonyms: hidden, unnoticeable, indistinct

Usage: The notice must be displayed in a conspicuous place


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