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Happy learning !!!

1. POTENCY (noun) – शक्ति

Pronunciation: po·ten·cy

Meaning: the power of something to influence or make an impression.

Synonyms: powerfulness, vigor, strength

Antonyms: weakness, impotence, powerlessness

Sentence: Because of its high potency, the herb can make people act in strange ways.

2. PENURY (noun) – दरिद्रता

Pronunciation: pen·u·ry

Meaning: extreme poverty

Synonyms: pennilessness, impecuniousness, neediness

Antonyms: wealth, plenty, sufficiency

Sentence: He died in a state of virtual penury.

3. ELAPSE (verb) – बीतना

Pronunciation: i-'laps

Meaning: (of time) pass or go by.

Synonyms: pass, go by/past, proceed

Antonyms: halt, hold, wait

Sentence: So a week or so may elapse between the first and the last eggs hatching.

4. UNAMBIGUOUS (adj) – स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: un·am·big·u·ous

Meaning: not open to more than one interpretation.

Synonyms: obvious, plain, apparent

Antonyms: ambiguous, indefinite, vague

Sentence: Instructions should be unambiguous.

5. SCREECH (verb) – फटा आवाज़

Pronunciation: skrēch

Meaning: (of a person or animal) give a loud, harsh, piercing cry.

Synonyms: shriek, squeal, squawk

Antonyms: murmur, mutter, whisper

Sentence: She hit her brother, causing him to screech with pain.

6. POSTERITY (noun) – भावी पीढ़ी

Pronunciation: pos·ter·i·ty

Meaning: all future generations of people.

Synonyms: successors, next generation, the future

Antonyms: ancestor, antecedent, past

Sentence: The victims' names are recorded for posterity.

7. DEFUNCT (adj) – मृत

Pronunciation: de·funct

Meaning: no longer existing or functioning.

Synonyms: non-existent, faded, moribund

Antonyms: alive, existent, living

Sentence: After being hit by a hurricane, the entire neighborhood was defunct.

8. NOTORIETY (noun) – बदनामी

Pronunciation: no·to·ri·e·ty

Meaning: the state of being famous or well known for some bad quality or deed.

Synonyms: infamy, bad reputation, disrepute

Antonyms: obscurity, esteem, honor

Sentence: His comment about the President has given him notoriety.

9. SEER (noun) – पैगंबर

Pronunciation: sir

Meaning: a person who is supposed to be able, through supernatural insight, to see what the future holds.

Synonyms: prophet, prophetess, sibyl

Sentence: A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.

10. FUTILE (adj) – व्यर्थ

Pronunciation: fu·tile

Meaning: incapable of producing any useful result

Synonyms: pointless, useless, worthless

Antonyms: productive, profitable, effective

Sentence: It would be futile to protest.

11. PUNITIVE (adj) – दंडात्मक

Pronunciation: pu·ni·tive

Meaning: inflicting or intended as punishment.

Synonyms: penal, disciplinary, corrective

Antonyms: acquitting, exculpating, nonpunitive

Sentence: The UN has imposed punitive sanctions on the invading country.

12. INSURGENT (noun) – विद्रोही

Pronunciation: in·sur·gent

Meaning: a rebel or revolutionary.

Synonyms: mutineer, agitator, rebel

Antonyms: loyalist, patriot, supporter

Sentence: The soldiers were trained to shoot any enemy insurgent on sight.

13. DUBIOUS (adj) – संदेहपूर्ण

Pronunciation: du·bi·ous

Meaning: hesitating or doubting.

Synonyms: doubtful, uncertain, unsure

Antonyms: undoubted, unproblematic, unquestionable

Sentence: I remain dubious about her motives.

14. REEK (verb) – बदबू देना

Pronunciation: rēk

Meaning: smell strongly and unpleasantly

Synonyms: stink, smell, disgusting

Antonyms: aroma, fragrance, perfume

Sentence: The kitchen began to reek because he neglected to take out the garbage.

15. AWNING (noun) – शामियाना

Pronunciation: aw·ning

Meaning: a sheet of canvas or other material stretched on a frame and used to keep the sun or rain off a storefront, window, doorway, or deck.

Synonyms: canopy, shade, sunshade

Antonyms: noncomprehensive, ascend, rise.

Sentence: They dashed under an awning to escape the sudden downpour.

16. PLUNGE (verb) – गोता लगाना

Pronunciation: pluhnj

Meaning: jump or dive quickly and energetically.

Synonyms: jump, dive, hurl oneself

Antonyms: arise, ascend, lift

Sentence: A young boy plunged into the lake from the cliffs.

17. CONFER (verb) – प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: con·fer

Meaning: grant or bestow (a title, degree, benefit, or right).

Synonyms: grant to, award to, honor with

Antonyms: call off, take back, withdraw

Sentence: Nelson Mandela and his wife Graca Machel recently had honorary degrees conferred on them by Ryerson University in Toronto.

18. PUMMEL (verb) – कूटना

Pronunciation: pum·mel

Meaning: strike repeatedly with the fists.

Synonyms: batter, pound, drub

Antonyms: lose, fail

Sentence: During the championship, the fighter began to pummel his opponent after distracting him.

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19. SHEEN (noun) – चमक

Pronunciation: shēn

Meaning: a soft luster on a surface.

Synonyms: shine, luster, gleam

Antonyms: dirtiness, drabness, dullness

Sentence: The conditioner gives the hair a beautiful soft sheen.

20. SLUMBER (verb) – नींद

Pronunciation: slum·ber

Meaning: fall into a deep peaceful sleep

Synonyms: doze, nap, snooze

Antonyms: wakefulness, awakening, consciousness

Sentence: She fell into a deep and peaceful slumber.

21. TURMOIL (noun) – उथल-पुथल

Pronunciation: tur·moil

Meaning: a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty.

Synonyms: confusion, upheaval, turbulence

Antonyms: calm, ease, peace

Sentence: Her mind was in a state of constant turmoil.

22. CRUSADER (noun) – जेहादी

Pronunciation: cru·sad·er

Meaning: a fighter in the medieval Crusades.

Synonyms: campaigner, fighter, battler

Antonyms: dabbler, dilettante, nonmilitant

Sentence: He fought as a crusader at the Navas de Tolosa, he went to Rome to be crowned and did voluntary homage to the pope.

23. CREDIBLE (adj) – विश्वसनीय

Pronunciation: cred·i·ble

Meaning: able to be believed; convincing.

Synonyms: acceptable, trustworthy, reliable

Antonyms: unbelievable, unsure, doubtful

Sentence: Few people found his story credible.

24. AGHAST (adj) – भौचक्का

Pronunciation: uh·gaast

Meaning: filled with horror or shock.

Synonyms: horrified, appalled, astounded

Antonyms: fearless, unafraid, brave

Sentence: When the news came out they were aghast.

25. STEER (verb) – मार्गदर्शन करना

Pronunciation: stir

Meaning: (of a person) guides or control the movement of (a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft), for example by turning a wheel or operating a rudder.

Synonyms: guide, direct, maneuver

Antonyms: follow, trail

Sentence: He steered the boat slowly toward the busy quay.

26. EVASION (noun) – टालना**Pronunciation:** eva·sion**Meaning:** the action of evading something.**Synonyms:** avoidance, dodging, eluding**Antonyms:** abidance, endurance, submission**Sentence:** He was arrested for tax evasion.**27. SPURIOUS (adj) – नकली****Pronunciation:** spu·ri·ous**Meaning:** not being what it purports to be; false or fake.**Synonyms:** bogus, fake, not genuine**Antonyms:** genuine, real, actual**Sentence:** He was arrested in 1979 on spurious corruption charges.**28. VENGEFUL (adj) – तामसिक****Pronunciation:** venge·ful**Meaning:** seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury.**Synonyms:** vindictive, revengeful, out for revenge**Antonyms:** delight, pleasure, calmness**Sentence:** He was stabbed to death by his vengeful wife.**29. MENACE (verb) – खतरा****Pronunciation:** men·ace**Meaning:** threaten, especially in a malignant or hostile manner.**Synonyms:** threaten, scare, imperil**Antonyms:** guard, protect, save**Sentence:** Africa's elephants are still menaced by poaching.**30. SCRUFFY (adj) – मैला-कुचैला****Pronunciation:** skruh·ee**Meaning:** shabby and untidy or dirty**Synonyms:** shabby, worn, shoddy**Antonyms:** smart, tidy, clean**Sentence:** His scruffy appearance does not reflect his character.**31. FOISTING (verb) – थोपना****Pronunciation:** foyst·uhng**Meaning:** impose an unwelcome or unnecessary person or thing on.**Synonyms:** impose, force, thrust

Antonyms : Uncover, lose, unplug.

Sentence: The government has decided to foist yet another tax increase on the public.

32. DEXTERITY (noun) – निपुणता

Pronunciation: dex·ter·i·ty

Meaning: skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands.

Synonyms: deftness, adeptness, adroitness

Antonyms: stupidity, clumsiness, inability

Sentence: Dexterity comes from experience.

33. PERTINENT (adj) – उचित

Pronunciation: per·ti·nent

Meaning: relevant or applicable to a particular matter; apposite.

Synonyms: relevant, apposite, appropriate

Antonyms: extraneous, immaterial, impertinent

Sentence: She asked me a lot of very pertinent questions.

34. BURGLARY (noun) – सेंध

Pronunciation: bur·glary

Meaning: entry into a building illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft.

Synonyms: housebreaking, forced entry, robbery

Antonyms: return, release, reinstatement, restoration

Sentence: Crime is on the increase, especially mugging and burglary.

35. DISBURSE (verb) – चुकाना

Pronunciation: dis·burse

Meaning: payout (money from a fund).

Synonyms: payout, spend, expend

Antonyms: acquire, earn, gain

Sentence: The funds were to be disbursed in two installments.

36. AGGRIEVED (adj) – पीड़ित

Pronunciation: ag·grieved

Meaning: feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated.

Synonyms: resentful, affronted, indignant

Antonyms: gratified, pleased, satisfied

Sentence: He felt aggrieved at not being chosen for the team.

37. AEGIS (noun) – तत्वावधान

Pronunciation: ae·gis

Meaning: the protection, backing, or support of a particular person or organization.

Synonyms: patronage, sponsorship, backing

Antonyms: aggression, assault, attack

Sentence: Medical supplies are being flown in under the aegis of the Red Cross.

38. EVICTION (noun) – निष्कासन

Pronunciation: uh·vik·shn

Meaning: the action of expelling someone, especially a tenant, from a property

Synonyms: expulsion, ejection, ousting

Antonyms: admit, include, welcome

Sentence: The family now faces eviction from their home.

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39. SUCCOR (verb) – परेशानी में सहायता देना

Pronunciation: suc·cor

Meaning: give assistance or aid to.

Synonyms: help, aid, support

Antonyms: damage, harm, hurt

Sentence: Prisoners of war were liberated and succored.

40. ROBUST (adj.) – मजबूत

Pronunciation: ro·bust

Meaning: strong and healthy; vigorous.

Synonyms: strong, vigorous, tough

Antonyms: unfit, unhealthy, unwell

Sentence: His robust strength made him survive the disaster.

41. REJIG (verb) – बदलाव

Pronunciation: ree·jig

Meaning: organize (something) differently

Synonyms: alter, change, rearrange

Antonyms: sustain, retain, keep the same

Sentence: They rejigged their original design drawing.

42. BROOD (noun) – बच्चे

Pronunciation: brood

Meaning: a family of young animals, especially of a bird, produced at one hatching or birth.

Synonyms: offspring, young, progeny

Antonyms: parent, adult

Sentence: The blackbird flew back and forth to its brood.

43. ENTHRALLED (verb) – रोमांचित

Pronunciation: uhn·thrawld

Meaning: capture the fascinated attention of.

Synonyms: captivate, fascinate, enchant

Antonyms: bore, disgust, dull

Sentence: She had been so enthralled by the adventure that she had hardly noticed the cold.

44. SLUMP (verb) – गिर पड़ना

Pronunciation: sluhmp

Meaning: sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply, especially with a bent back.

Synonyms: fall, flump, collapse

Antonyms: ascend, go up, rise

Sentence: She slumped against the cushions.

45. PLIGHT (noun) – दुर्दशा

Pronunciation: plite

Meaning: a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.

Synonyms: predicament, trouble, unfortunate situation

Antonyms: boon, blessing, good fortune

Sentence: we must direct our efforts toward relieving the plight of children living in poverty

46. AMENITY (noun) – सुख सुविधा

Pronunciation: uh·mee·nuh·tee

Meaning: a desirable or useful feature or facility of a building or place.

Synonyms: facility, comfort, convenience

Antonyms: inconvenience, discomfort, injury

Sentence: They will provide an amenity for local residents.

47. MORALE (noun) – हौसला

Pronunciation: muh·raal

Meaning: the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or group at a particular time.

Synonyms: confidence, spirit, hope

Antonyms: fear, weakness

Sentence: A win is always good for morale.

48. BLISTER (noun) – छाला

Pronunciation: bli·stuh

Meaning: a small bubble on the skin filled with serum and caused by friction, burning, or other damage.

Synonyms: bleb, bulla, pustule

Antonyms: defend, rebuff, repulse, redirect

Sentence: His heels were covered in blisters.

49. MEMENTO (noun) – स्मृति चिन्ह

Pronunciation: muh·men·toh

Meaning: an object kept as a reminder or souvenir of a person or event.

Synonyms: souvenir, keepsake, memorial

Antonyms: flatten, advertize, appreciate.

Sentence: They gave him a watch as a memento of his time with the company.

50. PENURIOUS (adj) – दरिद्र

Pronunciation: puh·nyoo·ree·uhs

Meaning: extremely poor; poverty-stricken.

Synonyms: niggard, necessitous, scaly

Antonyms: rich, wealthy, prosperous

Sentence: The price was right for penurious students.

51. MULL (verb) – विचार करना

Pronunciation: muhl

Meaning: think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

Synonyms: ponder, consider, think over

Antonyms: disregard, ignore, overlook

Sentence: She began to mull over the various possibilities.

52. AVERSION (noun) – घृणा**Pronunciation:** aver·sion**Meaning:** a strong dislike or disinclination.**Synonyms:** dislike of, distaste for, hatred**Antonyms:** affection, appetite, love**Sentence:** He had a deep-seated aversion to most forms of exercise.**53. DIZZY (adj.) – अस्थिर/चक्कर****Pronunciation:** diz·zy**Meaning:** having or involving a sensation of spinning around and losing one's balance.**Synonyms:** giddy, lightheaded, faint**Antonyms:** clearheaded, stable, steady**Sentence:** Jonathan had begun to suffer dizzy spells.**54. PERTURB (verb) – घबड़ा देना****Pronunciation:** per·turb**Meaning:** make (someone) anxious or unsettled.**Synonyms:** worry, upset, unsettle**Antonyms:** calm, compose, quiet**Sentence:** They were perturbed by her capricious behavior.**55. SPORADIC (adj) – छिटपुट****Pronunciation:** spo·rad·ic**Meaning:** occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.**Synonyms:** occasional, infrequent, irregular**Antonyms:** constant, continuous, periodic**Sentence:** Her attendance at school was sporadic.**56. ALLAY (verb) – कम करना****Pronunciation:** al·lay**Meaning:** diminish or put at rest (fear, suspicion, or worry).**Synonyms:** reduce, diminish, decrease**Antonyms:** increase, intensify, enlarge**Sentence:** The report attempted to educate the public and allay fears.**57. ADAMANT (adj) – हठी****Pronunciation:** ad·a·mant**Meaning:** refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.**Synonyms:** adamantine, bullheaded, invincible

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, flexible

Sentence: He is adamant that he is not going to resign.

58. RECONDITE (adj) – गंभीर

Pronunciation: re·con·dite

Meaning: (of a subject or knowledge) little known

Synonyms: obscure, abstruse, arcane

Antonyms: shallow, superficial, simple

Sentence: The book is full of recondite information.



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59. SERENDIPITY (noun) – नसीब

Pronunciation: ser·en·dip·i·ty

Meaning: the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.

Synonyms: luck, good fortune, chance,

Antonyms: mischance, misfortune, unluckiness

Sentence: Nature has created wonderful serendipity.

60. FEEBLE (adj) – कमज़ोर

Pronunciation: fee·ble

Meaning: lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness.

Synonyms: weak, puny, frail

Antonyms: mighty, powerful, rugged

Sentence: My legs are very feeble after the flu.

61. ENTAILING (verb) – आकर्षक

Pronunciation: uhn·tayl·uhng

Meaning: involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

Synonyms: necessitate, make necessary, require

Antonyms: unnecessary, optional

Sentence: The journey will entail changing trains twice.

62. TANNERY (noun) – चमड़े का कारखाना

Pronunciation: tan·nery

Meaning: a place where animal hides are tanned; the workshop of a tanner.

Synonyms: cannery, foundry, gasometer

Antonyms: studio, idle, inactivity

Sentence: Boots are made in this tannery.

63. JOSTLE (verb) – झटका

Pronunciation: jos·tle

Meaning: push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd.

Synonyms: bump into, knock into, bang into

Antonyms: leave alone, pull, repress

Sentence: Don't jostle against me!

64. BLATANT (adj) – प्रबल

Pronunciation: bla·tant

Meaning: (of bad behavior) done openly and unashamedly.

Synonyms: flagrant, glaring, undisguised

Antonyms: concealed, moral, disguised

Sentence: Despite their blatant attraction to each other they try to stay just friends.

65. DOLOROUS (adj) – दर्दनाक

Pronunciation: do·lor·ous

Meaning: feeling or expressing great sorrow or distress.

Synonyms: mournful, woeful, doleful

Antonyms: cheery, happy, hopeful

Sentence: The dolorous film made me recall sad times.

66. EVOKE (verb) – आह्वान

Pronunciation: i-'vōk

Meaning: bring or recall to the conscious mind.

Synonyms: bring to mind, call to mind, put one in mind of

Antonyms: disregard, forget, ignore

Sentence: The old house evoked memories of his childhood.

67. UNCANNY (adj) – अलौकिक

Pronunciation: un·can·ny

Meaning: strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way.

Synonyms: eerie, unnatural, preternatural

Antonyms: common, expected, natural

Sentence: His powers of observation were uncanny.

68. PERTINENT (adj) – उचित

Pronunciation: per·ti·nent

Meaning: relevant or applicable to a particular matter

Synonyms: relevant, appropriate, apposite

Antonyms: irrelevant, pointless, inapposite

Sentence: He asked me a lot of very pertinent questions.

69. PERUSAL (noun) – अध्ययन

Pronunciation: pe·rus·al

Meaning: the action of reading or examining something.

Synonyms: reading, scrutiny, inspection

Antonyms: ignorance, neglect

Sentence: I continued my perusal of the instructions.

70. THUD (verb) – गिरना

Pronunciation: thuhd

Meaning: move, fall, or strike something with a dull, heavy sound.

Synonyms: thump, clunk, clonk

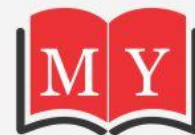
Antonyms: evade, dodge, escape

Sentence: The bullets thudded into the dusty ground.

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