

# Vocabulary Tricks

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## WORDS RELATED TO RESTAURANTS

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Yesterday, we went to a restaurant to celebrate a birthday of one of my friends. The restaurant had a pleasant **ambiance**. There was a good lighting

system in the background. I noticed some people were from my hometown. I felt quite **nostalgic**.

The staff was also very **gracious**. Variety was available in the food as various **cuisines** were

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available over there. The food we ordered was really **delectable**. The restaurant offered **complimentary** cake at the end.

However, we had a **grievance** because there was less space for parking.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### AMBIANCE

**Meaning:** The character and atmosphere of a place.

**Example:**

1. The seating area of the hall has good **ambiance**.
2. The reason for choosing the hotel was its nice **ambiance**.

### NOSTALGIC

**Meaning:** Missing familiar things or persons

**Example:**

1. Students living in hostels often feel **nostalgic**.
2. I feel **nostalgic** when I see photos of my childhood.

**Synonyms:** Lonely, Lonesome, Sentimental, Homesick, Regretful

### GRACIOUS

**Meaning:** Courteous, Kind, Pleasant

**Example**

1. His gestures were very **gracious**.
2. Employees of your company are **gracious**.

**Synonyms:** polite, Friendly, Amiable

### CUISINES

**Meaning:** The practice or manner of preparing food.

**Example:**

1. The menu covers various **cuisines**.
2. There are some shops with ethnic **cuisines** such as Italian and Japanese food.

**Synonyms:** Foods, Tables, Menus, Cookeries

### DELECTABLE

**Meaning:** Extremely pleasing to the sense of taste

**Example**

1. The dessert offered was **delectable**.
2. Food at his birthday party was **delectable**.

**Synonyms:** Delicious, Pleasant, Tasty, Delightful, Enjoyable

### COMPLIMENTARY

**Meaning:** Something that costs nothing

**Example**

1. Hotels usually give **complimentary** coupons to attract people.
2. Beverages offered were **complimentary**.

**Synonyms:** Free, Without Any Charges

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### GRIEVANCE

**Meaning:** Complaint

**Example**

1. A portal was launched to file **grievances**.
2. He was not willing to listen to **grievances** of the public.

**Synonyms:** Complaint, Objection

## WORDS RELATED TO TRAVELLING

A couple of years ago, I visited Shimla with my friends. This is the most wonderful trip of my life. The journey to Shimla itself was very **adventurous**. We passed through **serpentine** valleys having **tremendous** views. We stopped at various spots to capture moments. Finally, we reached our dream destination around midday. After taking a rest in our hotel for an hour, we went for **sightseeing**. Firstly, we visited the very famous Mall Road. There were many old traditional buildings of the British Empire. Tourists from all over the world visit this place. One can easily find various eating joints on this road. We

tried **delectable** desserts offered by these shops before visiting an **adjoining** wooden market. Few of my friends purchased **souvenirs** over there. The next day, we noticed few travel agents were offering **expeditions** to Kufri, which is about 16 km from Shimla. Although it was not on our **itinerary**, we signed up for a **guided tour** to Kufri. There we were **mesmerized** by the beauty of snow covered mountains. Several snow games were also available over there. After spending the whole day in Kufri, we returned to our hotel in the evening.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### Adventurous

**Meaning:** Willing to take risks or to try out new methods, ideas, or experiences.

**Example**

- He is an adventurous traveler.
- Good travelers are usually adventurous.

**Synonyms:** Bold, Audacious, Fearless, Brave, Unafraid

### Serpentine

**Meaning:** Winding and twisting like a snake

**Example**

- This coil is serpentine in appearance
- He has just completed a three-mile long journey comprised of serpentine routes.

**Synonyms:** Intricate, Complex, Tangled

### Tremendous

**Meaning:** Extremely good or impressive; excellent

**Example**

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- She is doing a tremendous job.
- His son has made tremendous progress over the years.

**Synonyms:** Wonderful, Marvelous, Magnificent, Superb

## Sightseeing

**Meaning:** The activity of visiting places of interest in a particular location.

### Example

- After several hours on a bumpy road, you will be rewarded with some of the most spectacular and memorable sightseeing of your trip.
- You should always leave two days extra for sightseeing and shopping.

**Synonyms:** Tour, Travel, Touring, Excursion, Vacationing

## Delectable

**Meaning:** Extremely pleasing to the sense of taste

### Example

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- Food at his birthday party was delectable.

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## Adjoining

**Meaning:** next to or joined with

### Example

- I was in an adjoining room.
- We are planning to sell the adjoining land.

**Synonyms:** Connecting, Adjacent, Neighboring, Bordering

## Souvenirs

**Meaning:** A thing that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or event.

### Example

- Key chain souvenirs were given out to the visitors on that day.
- This shop now has a wonderful stock of gifts and souvenirs.

**Synonyms:** reminder, remembrance, token, memorial

## Expedition

**Meaning:** A journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose especially that of exploration, research, or war

### Example

- He is courageous enough to undertake an adventurous expedition.
- Hundreds of companies offer places on expeditions to climb the highest peaks in the world.

**Synonyms:** Journey, Campaign, Voyage, Excursion

## Itinerary

**Meaning:** A planned route or journey

### Example

- His itinerary includes an official trip to Europe.
- I do not want to change my travel itinerary.

**Synonyms:** Plan, Program, Course, Route, Agenda

## Guided tour

**Meaning:** A tour of a place conducted by a guide

### Example

- Visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the museum.
- You can take a guided tour to see the wildlife.

## Mesmerized

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**Meaning:** Capture the complete attention of (someone)

**Example**

- We were mesmerized by his story.

▪ I was mesmerized by his melodious voice.  
**Synonyms:** Capture, Hypnotize, Spellbound

## DECLINING INVITATION GRACEFULLY

The vocabulary covered in the article is useful for declining formal invitations. Try to guess the highlighted words while reading.

I have received a job offer from your company. I would like to express my *gratitude* for such an offer. However, I am *declining* your *generous* invitation with the deepest *regret*.

I must appreciate the *extensive* effort made by your staff in organizing the interview. Their attitude was

highly *commendable*. Your offer was also *substantial* but I cannot *sever* the bonds with my current company due to some reasons. Firstly, your company is at *outskirts* of the city due to which a lot of time would waste in *commuting*. Moreover, I am *content* with my present job as my seniors have always supported me and *fostered* my career. I *apologize* for the *inconvenience* caused.



## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### Gratitude

**Meaning:** The quality of being thankful

**Examples**

- She expressed her gratitude to the committee for their support
- All farmers expressed a deep sense of gratitude for the thought given by the club.

**Synonyms:** gratefulness, thankfulness, thanks, appreciation, recognition

### Decline

**Meaning:** Politely refuse

**Examples**

- He declined my request on social networking site.
- She declined the coffee.

**Synonyms:** turn down, reject

### Generous

**Meaning:** Showing kindness towards others

**Examples**

- She is kind, generous and good-natured.
- His family is very generous towards me.

**Synonyms:** good-natured, kind-hearted, tender-hearted, warm-hearted

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## Regret

**Meaning:** Feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over

### Examples

- She immediately regretted her words.
- I regret I can't come to the party.

**Synonyms:** be sorry about, feel apologetic about

## Extensive

**Meaning:** Large in amount or scale

### Examples

- An extensive collection of silver
- He is doing an extensive research in this field.

**Synonyms:** comprehensive, thorough, complete, exhaustive

## Commendable

**Meaning:** Deserving praise

### Examples

- Steps taken by them are highly commendable.
- There is a great interest in the swimming competition, which is highly commendable.

**Synonyms:** admirable, praiseworthy, laudable

## Substantial

**Meaning:** Of considerable importance, size, or worth

### Examples

- There is a substantial amount of imported food in this country.
- This finding is substantial considering the small size of the sample.

**Synonyms:** considerable, real, significant

## Sever

**Meaning:** Put an end to (a connection or relationship); break off

### Examples

- You have to sever the bonds with other companies in order to work with our organization.
- Even if he faced a divorce from his wife, he didn't have to sever his relationship with his children.

**Synonyms:** break off, discontinue, suspend

## Outskirts

**Meaning:** The outer parts of a town or city

### Examples

- He built a new factory on the outskirts of the city.
- Our hotel was in a suburb on the outskirts of the city.

**Synonyms:** outlying districts, edges, fringes, suburbs

## Commuting

**Meaning:** Travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis

### Examples

- Many people spend much of their working week travelling in cars, trains, etc. commuting to and from their places of employment.
- He has been commuting to London on a weekly basis for four years.

**Synonyms:** travel to and from work, travel to and fro, travel back and forth

## Content

**Meaning:** In a state of peaceful happiness

### Examples

- They both are content with each other.
- She looked content and comfortable.

**Synonyms:** satisfied, pleased

## Foster

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**Meaning:** Encourage the development

**Examples**

- Online writing workshops, discussion sites, and newsletters also foster a sense of writing community.
- The temple can serve to foster spiritual growth and development.

**Synonyms:** encourage, promote, further, stimulate

### Apologize

**Meaning:** Feeling something for something that one has done wrong

**Examples**

- I must apologize for disturbing you like this.
- We apologize to him for our error.

**Synonyms:** say sorry, express regret

### Inconvenience

**Meaning:** Trouble or difficulty

**Examples**

- It is going to cause hardship and inconvenience to many people.
- We regret the inconvenience caused.

**Synonyms:** trouble, bother, problems, disruption, nuisance

## DESCRIBING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

*Surveillance* cameras are *ubiquitous* these days. These cameras have *obvious* benefits. They have the *potential* to reduce crime as they can *deter* young *offenders* and *petty* criminals. A *temptation* of such criminals to commit a crime

is *curbed* as they have fear of being recorded. Cameras are also *economical* and *unobtrusive*. However, there are associated *threats*. Many people feel cameras *invade* their privacy. Information can also be *twisted* to *victimize* certain groups.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### Surveillance

**Meaning:** Close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal

**Examples**

- Terrorism has to be fought with knowledge, with surveillance and intelligence.
- He is under surveillance by the FBI.

**Synonyms:** Observations, scrutiny, watch, spying

### Ubiquitous

**Meaning:** Present, appearing, or found everywhere

**Examples**

- Smartphones are ubiquitous these days.
- He is very famous and his work is ubiquitous.

**Synonyms:** omnipresent, ever-present, rife

### Obvious

**Meaning:** Easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident, or apparent.

**Examples**



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- Unemployment has been the most obvious cost of the recession.
- I think this will appear obvious to the audience.

**Synonyms:** clear, plain, detectable, observable

## Potential

**Meaning:** Having or showing the capacity

**Examples**

- The team has a potential to win the match.
- He has the potential to clear an exam.

**Synonyms:** possible, likely, prospective, future

## Deter

**Meaning:** Discourage (someone) from doing something

**Examples**

- The death penalty deters people from committing murder.
- A health problem would deter him from seeking re-election.

**Synonyms:** put off, discourage, dissuade, scare off

## Offender

**Meaning:** A person who commits an illegal act.

**Examples**

- This is an institution for young offenders.
- He has an experience of dealing with child offenders.

**Synonyms:** wrongdoer, criminal, lawbreaker

## Petty

**Meaning:** Of little importance

**Examples**

- These petty issues can easily be solved.
- You should not worry about these petty matters.

**Synonyms:** trivial, trifling, minor, small, slight, unimportant

## Temptation

**Meaning:** The desire to do something

**Example**

- Resist your temptation of eating fast food.
- It is difficult to resist the temptation of using a mobile phone during office hours.

**Synonyms:** desire, urge, itch, impulse, inclination

## Curb

**Meaning:** A check or control on something

**Examples**

- There is a need to curb negative effects of technology.
- The government has introduced strict curbs on the industry.

**Synonyms:** control

## Economical

**Meaning:** Giving good return

**Examples**

- This car is economical.
- Homemade food is economical as compared to outside food

**Synonyms:** cheap, inexpensive, low-cost, low-price, low-budget.

## Unobtrusive

**Meaning:** Not attracting attention.

**Examples**

- The government should function in an unobtrusive manner.
- Their service was efficient and unobtrusive.

**Synonyms:** inconspicuous, unnoticeable, unshowy

## Threat

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**Meaning:** danger, or a statement of an intention to cause pain, injury or damage

**Examples**

- He has received death threats.
- There is a threat to tiger population.

**Synonyms:** Warning

### Invades

**Meaning:** Encroach or intrude on (intrude - cause to enter as if by force)

**Examples**

- He felt his privacy was being invaded.
- We should not invade others
- privacy.

**Synonyms:** occupy, conquer, capture, seize

### Twist

**Meaning:** Distort or misrepresent the meaning of (words)

**Examples**

- He has twisted my words.
- She has habit of twisting words said by others.

**Synonyms:** distort, misrepresent, change, alter, pervert, falsify

### Victimize

**Meaning:** cruel or unjust treatment

**Examples**

- They are victimized by racism
- Women are the most victimized people in our society.

**Synonyms:** exploit, prey on, take advantage of

## GAMES AND SPORTS

We all are familiar with the saying that Health is Wealth. Games help us in keeping body alert, youthful and energetic. They have a greater role in **instilling** a spirit of adventure. By playing games, we get **rid** of all worries and **anxieties**.

Games help in learning various **traits** like punctuality, self-discipline and **diplomacy**. Children these days do not **indulge** in physical activities due to which they become **obese**. They should be **emboldened** to take part in games.

However, a performance of our country is **grossly** disappointing in Olympics. Our players are not able to grab medals. Importance is given only to the Cricket. But **accusations** of match-fixing are harming the image of the game.

Following years of motivation, some sports like Kabaddi and Wrestling are gaining **recognition**. There is a need to give awards and **incentives** to sportspersons giving **spectacular** performances.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### INSTIL

**Meaning:** Establishing an idea or attitude in person's mind.

**Example:** Self-confidence should be instilled in children.

**Synonym:** inculcate, implant, fix

### RID

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**Meaning:** Making someone or something free of an unwanted thing

**Example:** You should get rid of your bad habits.

**Synonym:** clear, free, make free, cleanse

### ANXIETY

**Meaning:** A feeling of worry or nervousness

**Example:** Students are usually anxious before their result.

**Synonym:** worry, concern, apprehension

### TRAIT

**Meaning:** A distinguishing quality or characteristic

**Example:** Cooking is a common trait among women.

**Synonym:** characteristic, attribute, feature

### DIPLOMACY

**Meaning:** The art of dealing with people

**Example:** He is very diplomatic.

**Synonym:** tact, tactfulness, sensitivity

### INDULGE

**Meaning:** Involving in an activity.

**Example:** Don't indulge in unnecessary controversies.

**Synonym:** Involve

### OBESE

**Meaning:** Fat or overweight

**Example:** Many people these days are obese.

**Synonym:** plump, stout, overweight, heavy

### EMBOLDEN

**Meaning:** Giving courage or motivation

**Example:** Every story like this emboldens them to follow their dream.

**Synonym:** make brave, encourage, hearten

### GROSSLY

**Meaning:** Extremely; excessively

**Example:** Their decision was grossly unfair.

### ACCUSATIONS

**Meaning:** A charge that someone has done something illegal or wrong

**Example:** Their plan would provoke accusations.

**Synonym:** allegation, charge, claim, assertion

### RECOGNITION

**Meaning:** Identification

**Example:** He should be given recognition for his hard work.

**Synonym:** identification, recollection, recall, remembrance

### INCENTIVES

**Meaning:** A payment or concession to improve output

**Example:** Employees should be given incentives to improve productivity.

**Synonym:** inducement, motivation

### SPECTACULAR

**Meaning:** Remarkable and outstanding

**Example:** Yesterday's results were spectacular.

**Synonym:** impressive, magnificent, splendid

## IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH

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English is an international and one of the most widely spoken languages. It is *lingua franca* of modern time. Most of the educated people are well *versed* in English.

In India, English is *extensively* used and has *undeniable* importance. It has an *invaluable* role in uniting the country. India is a *multi-lingual* country but English is an associate official language. One can easily find people speaking English in every state. Many Indians are *bilingual* and use English to communicate with

people of other states.

English is also the *premier* language. If we want to study abroad, we will have to *retain* English. It also has an *indispensable* role in *seeking* job opportunities. The *upsurge* of multinational companies in our country is due to the *proficiency* of Indians in English. Thus, English is a global passport to have a *secure* future.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### LINGUA FRANCA

**Meaning:** A common language between speakers whose native languages are different.

**Example:** The national language of Zambia is English, which also serves as the lingua franca.

**Meaning:** Unable to be denied or disputed

**Example:** It is undeniable that competition for higher education has changed over the past two decades

**Synonym:** indisputable, indubitable, unquestionable, beyond doubt

### VERSED

**Meaning:** Experienced or skilled in

**Example:** An educated person these days is expected to be well versed in English.

**Synonym:** acquainted with, conversant with, familiar with

### INVALUABLE

**Meaning:** Extremely useful

**Example:** This is an invaluable source of information.

**Synonym:** indispensable, crucial, critical

### EXTENSIVE

**Meaning:** Large in amount or scale

**Example:** She has an extensive collection of silver.

**Synonym:** comprehensive, thorough, complete

### MULTI-LINGUAL

**Meaning:** Using several languages

**Example:** His son is multi-lingual.

### UNDENIABLE

**Meaning:** Speaking two languages fluently

**Example:** She is bilingual but she speaks English more comfortably.

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### PREMIER

**Meaning:** First in importance, order, or position

**Example:** He is considered as the premier player for his position.

**Synonym:** leading, foremost, chief, principal

### RETAIN

**Meaning:** Continue to have

**Example:** His party retained the seat.

**Synonym:** maintain, keep, continue, preserve

### INDISPENSABLE

**Meaning:** Absolutely necessary

**Example:** Having knowledge of computer is indispensable these days.

**Synonym:** essential, crucial, necessary, key, vital

### SEEK

**Meaning:** Attempt to find (something)

**Example:** I wrote to him to seek some information

about accommodation.

**Synonym:** search for, try to find, look for

### UPSURGE

**Meaning:** an increase

**Example:** There is an upsurge in criminal activities.

### PROFICIENCY

**Meaning:** A high degree of skill; expertise

**Example:** He is proficient in mathematics.

**Synonym:** skill, expertise, experience

### SECURE

**Meaning:** Certain to remain safe and unthreatened

**Example:** Her job seems to be secure.

**Synonym:** certain, assured, reliable, dependable

## A ZOO

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Read the following article about a zoo and try to guess the highlighted words first before reading their meaning.

A zoo is a place of keeping wild animals in an artificially created environment. People get **thrilled** by noticing different species of animals and birds. They get a chance to see lions and tigers walking **majestically** inside cages. There are also **innumerable** birds of different **habitats** and colours. These birds **perch** in cages.

Zoos have a great role in protecting **endangered** species of birds and animals

from getting **extinct**. Zoos are a safe **haven** for animals like a tiger which are **depleting** fast. However, continuous **confinement** can affect the physical and psychological well-being of animals because animals love to roam freely in the **wilderness**. Thus, zoos must **endeavour** to create a natural environment. Visitors should also follow instructions and should not **agitate** the animals.

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## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### THRILL

**Meaning:** A sudden feeling of excitement and pleasure

**Example:** Reading good books can provide a real thrill.

**Synonym:** stimulation, sensation, glow, tingle, titillation

### MAJESTICALLY

**Meaning:** With impressive beauty or scale

**Example:** He enters the scene majestically, changing the tone of the play.

**Synonym:** wonderfully, royally, grandly, regally

### INNUMERABLE

**Meaning:** Too many

**Example:** There were innumerable flowers in the garden.

**Synonym:** countless, numerous, incalculable, numberless

### HABITAT

**Meaning:** The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organisms

**Example:** Due to deforestation, habitats of animals are getting destroyed.

**Synonym:** natural environment, natural element, natural territory

### PERCH

**Meaning:** An object on which a bird sits or rests.

**Example:** The moon becomes moon again and the bird returns to its perch.

**Synonym:** pole, rod, branch

### ENDANGERED

**Meaning:** At a risk of getting finished.

**Example:** Tigers are endangered in India

**Synonym:** in danger, in peril, in jeopardy, at risk

### EXTINCT

**Meaning:** Having no living members

**Example:** Dinosaurs are extinct.

**Synonym:** vanished, lost, died out

### DEplete

**Meaning:** Reducing in number or quantity.

**Example:** Supplies are depleting fast.

**Synonym:** exhaust, use up, consume, expend

### HAVEN

**Meaning:** A place of safety or refuge

**Example:** Jackfruit tree is a haven for snakes.

**Synonym:** refuge, retreat, shelter, sanctuary, asylum

### CONFINEMENT

**Meaning:** Locking up

**Example:** He was confined to four walls of the house.

**Synonym:** imprisonment, penning, caging

### WILDERNESS

**Meaning:** An uncultivated and uninhabited region

**Example:** It is a desert wilderness, but the separation and the fear are the same.

**Synonym:** wilds, wastes

### ENDEAVOUR

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**Meaning:** Try hard to do or achieve something

**Example:** He is endeavouring to help the poor countries.

**Synonym:** try, attempt, venture, undertake

### AGITATE

**Meaning:** Make (someone) troubled or nervous

**Example:** She was agitated and upset.

**Synonym:** upset, perturb, fluster, ruffle, disconcert

## EXAMINATIONS

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Knowledge of students is judged through examinations. This is also a way of judging teacher's **dedication** towards their job.

However, examination system of our country has certain **flaws**. The knowledge **imparted** is limited to the syllabus. Students also don't apply their minds as they **tend** to learn the syllabus by heart. Thus, many students pass exams just by **cramming**.

Exams are regarded as a **do-or-die** battle. If a student is not able to **grasp** his syllabus, he **enrolls** himself in a private tuition center.

Students are **disillusioned** with the system of taking

exams because of the corrupt practices. Copying, cheating and **bribing** to **tamper** the marks have become a common affair.

There is a need to take certain measures. **Rote** learning should not be encouraged. Teaching and assessment methods need to be **overhauled**. However, it cannot be changed overnight and while the **transition** takes place, the unfair practices should be checked.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

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### DEDICATION

**Meaning:** Commitment to a task or purpose

**Example:** His quality of dedication is admired by his colleagues.

**Synonym:** devotion, devoutness, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness

### FLAWS

**Meaning:** A mistake or shortcoming

**Example:** There are some fundamental flaws in the theory.

**Synonym:** defect, blemish, fault, imperfection, deficiency

### IMPART

**Meaning:** Make (information) known

**Example:** Teachers impart knowledge to their students.

**Synonym:** communicate, pass on, convey, transmit

### TEND

**Meaning:** Regularly or frequently behave in a particular way

**Example:** Written language tends to be formal.

**Synonym:** show a tendency, be likely, be inclined, be apt

### CRAM

**Meaning:** Studying for a short period of time just before an examination

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**Example:** Students are cramming for their final exams.

**Synonym:** study intensively, revise

### DO-OR-DIE

**Meaning:** determination not to compromise or be discouraged

**Example:** There was a do-or-die situation in the match.

**Synonym:** last-chance, last-resort, last-minute, final

### GRASP

**Meaning:** A person's understanding

**Example:** He is good in grasping details.

**Synonym:** understanding, comprehension, perception, apprehension

### ENROLL

**Meaning:** taking admission

**Example:** Ten students are enrolled in the course.

**Synonym:** register, sign up, apply, volunteer, put one's name down

### DISILLUSIONED

**Meaning:** Disappointed in someone or something that is less good than one had believed

**Example:** The workers are disillusioned with the performance of the party.

**Synonym:** disenchanted, disappointed, let down, cast down

### BRIBE

**Meaning:** Seeking someone's favour by giving money or gifts.

**Example:** They tried to bribe the referee.

**Synonym:** buy off, pay off, suborn, corrupt

### TAMPER

**Meaning:** Damaging or making changes.

**Example:** Someone tampered with the brakes of my car.

**Synonym:** interfere, monkey around, meddle, tinker, fiddle

### OVERHAULED

**Meaning:** Examine or repair

**Example:** The steering box was recently overhauled.

**Synonym:** service, maintain, repair, mend, fix up

### ROTE

**Meaning:** Repetition of something to be learned

**Example:** She never learns by rote.

**Synonym:** without thinking, mindlessly, from memory, by heart

### TRANSITION

**Meaning:** Period of change

**Example:** Several abrupt transitions are noted in the company.

**Synonym:** change, move, passage, transformation, conversion

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## ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

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We are familiar with the **maxim**, 'A book should not be judged by its cover'. But we have the habit of judging people and things by their **face value**. Many times we get **tempted** towards outward impressions

and ignore the reality hidden behind the glittering **facade**.

Companies often take advantage of this habit of people. **Consumerism** is also due to this. Companies



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launch **massive** advertising **campaigns** to **lure** the customers. People who are unable to afford the products, get **duped** by **imitation** goods. A **discerning** person is always **suspicious**. He has the ability to differentiate between real and fake. Unlike **gullible** people, he never falls into **trap** of

others. So, we should remember that we should not judge things by their external appearances and all those wearing **saffron** are not saints.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### MAXIM

**Meaning:** Saying or proverb

**Example:** It all could be summed up in the old maxim that truth is stranger than fiction.

**Synonym:** adage, aphorism, proverb, motto, saw, axiom

### FACE VALUE

**Meaning:** What a thing appears to be

**Example:** These cards are worth their face value.

### TEMPTED

**Meaning:** Have an urge to do something.

**Example:** I was tempted to eat ice cream.

**Synonym:** Motivated, influenced

### FACADE

**Meaning:** False outward appearance

**Example:** Her flawless public facade hides her dishonesty.

**Synonym:** show, front, appearance, false display

### CONSUMERISM

**Meaning:** Purchase of unwanted things.

**Example:** Consumerism has a negative effect on environment.

### MASSIVE

**Meaning:** Large

**Example:** Massive pieces of marble are too heavy.

**Synonym:** huge, enormous, gigantic, very big

### CAMPAIGN

**Meaning:** An organized course of action to achieve a goal

**Example:** They have started a campaign to aware people.

**Synonym:** crusade, drive, push, effort, struggle, move, movement

### LURE

**Meaning:** attracting especially by offering some form of reward

**Example:** shopkeepers display goods to lure people to their shops.

**Synonym:** tempt, entice, attract, induce, coax, persuade

### IMITATION

## Vocabulary Tricks

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**Meaning:** Copying something

**Example:** Children are learning a poem by imitating their teacher.

**Synonym:** emulation, copying, following, echoing

### DUPE

**Meaning:** Cheated or tricked

**Example:** Today, duping others is a common affair.

**Synonym:** deceive, trick, fool

### DISCERNING

**Meaning:** having good judgement

**Example:** He is wise and discerning.

**Synonym:** shrewd, ingenious, clever, intelligent, sharp

### SUSPICIOUS

**Meaning:** Questioning or doubtful

**Example:** His behaviour was suspicious.

**Synonym:** unsure, dubious, wary, chary, sceptical

### TRAP

**Meaning:** An unpleasant situation hard to escape

**Example:** They fall into the trap of the finance company.

**Synonym:** snare, net, ambush, lure, decoy, bait

### GULLIBLE

**Meaning:** Foolish and silly

**Example:** He always tells lies but gullible people still believe him.

**Synonym:** credulous, over-trusting

### SAFFRON

**Meaning:** An orange-yellow colour

**Example:** Saffron is his favourite colour.



## CO-EDUCATION

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Co-education is a system of imparting education to both boys and girls together. Coeducation reflects that there is no **discrimination** between boys and girls. It also develops a feeling of **comradeship** among them. In co-education schools, boys and girls **intermingle**.

As a result, **enigmas** and **prejudices** gradually **vanish**.

Students shed **inhibitions** and develop **harmonious** relations. CO-education also helps in reducing **gender bias**. This system should be given **precedence** to **wipe out** male **dominance**. However, some **conservative** people oppose the system. They feel that **adolescents** can go **astray** as they are of **impressionable** age.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

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## DISCRIMINATION

**Meaning:** Inequality on basis of age, colour, gender etc.

**Example:** There is no racial discrimination in our institute.

**Synonym:** prejudice, bias, bigotry, intolerance, unfairness

## COMRADESHIP

**Meaning:** Friendship

**Example:** He is enjoying comradeship with others in the team.

**Synonym:** friendship, companionship, fellowship

## INTERMINGLE

**Meaning:** Mix or mingle together

**Example:** The shouting intermingled with sounds of laughter.

**Synonym:** mix, intermix, mingle, unite, affiliate, associate

## ENIGMAS

**Meaning:** A person or thing difficult to understand

**Example:** She was still an enigma to him.

**Synonym:** mystery, puzzle, riddle, conundrum, paradox

## PREJUDICE

**Meaning:** unjust behaviour that is not based on reason

**Example:** They are the victim of racial prejudice.

**Synonym:** preconceived idea, preconception

## VANISH

**Meaning:** come to an end

**Example:** The work in which he was involved

vanishes.

**Synonym:** cease to exist, pass away, die out, become obsolete, evaporate

## INHIBITION

**Meaning:** A feeling that makes one self-conscious

**Example:** He has overcome his inhibitions.

**Synonym:** shyness, reticence, self-consciousness, reserve

## HARMONIOUS

**Meaning:** Free from disagreement

**Example:** The company wants harmonious relations among employees.

**Synonym:** friendly, amicable, cordial, amiable

## GENDER BIAS

**Meaning:** Discrimination on basis of gender

**Example:** Gender bias should not be there in society.

## PRECEDENCE

**Meaning:** Considering important

**Example:** Human rights should be given precedence.

**Synonym:** take priority over, be considered more important than

## WIPE OUT

**Meaning:** Destroyed or defeated

**Example:** There is a need of a nuclear wipeout.

## DOMINANCE

**Meaning:** Power and influence over others

**Example:** Hollywood dominates film industry.

**Synonym:** supremacy, superiority, ascendancy, pre-eminence

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### CONSERVATIVE

**Meaning:** Dislike change or innovation and holding traditional values

**Example:** They are very conservative in their outlook.

**Synonym:** traditional, conventional, orthodox

### ADOLESCENTS

**Meaning:** Teenagers

**Example:** It is difficult to understand adolescents.

**Synonym:** pubescent, youthful, young, juvenile

### ASTRAY

**Meaning:** Away from the correct path

**Example:** He went astray but his father redirected him.

**Synonym:** off target, wide of the mark, wide, awry

### IMPRESSIONABLE

**Meaning:** Easily influenced

**Example:** Media has a lot of influence on impressionable minds.

**Synonym:** susceptible, receptive, persuadable, pliable, malleable

## A LIBRARY

Books are rightly considered as man's best friends.

They give us company whether we are happy or in **distress**. A library is the best place

to **access** books easily. It is a **treasure house** of knowledge. A good library is an **asset** to an educational institute. Students can increase their knowledge by visiting a library in their **spare time**.

The atmosphere in good libraries is peaceful and **scholarly**.

A library keeps textbooks, novels, newspapers and journals. So, readers can keep

themselves **equipped** with the

latest **innovations** and current events. All the readers are expected to **abide by** the rules of a library.

Poor students who cannot **afford** books, a library is a **boon** for them. Thus, a library **renders** a great help to such students.

A library has been **revolutionized** by the internet.

The Internet has improved facilities in a library.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### DISTRESS

**Meaning:** Extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain

**Example:** It is difficult to care people experiencing

mental distress.

**Synonym:** anguish, suffering, pain, agony, ache

### ACCESS

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**Meaning:** The right or opportunity to use or benefit from something

**Example:** Do you have internet access?

**Synonym:** the opportunity to use, permission to use

## TREASURE HOUSE

**Meaning:** A place for keeping valuable objects

**Example:** The third floor is the treasure house for the art lovers.

**Synonym:** coffers, repository

## ASSET

**Meaning:** A useful or valuable thing or person

**Example:** Schools are an asset to the community

**Synonym:** benefit, advantage, blessing, good point

## SPARE TIME

**Meaning:** Leisure or free time

**Example:** We should have spare time for our hobbies.

## SCHOLARLY

**Meaning:** Involving or relating to serious academic study

**Example:** These journals are scholarly.

**Synonym:** academic, educational, scholastic, professorial

## EQUIPPED

**Meaning:** Prepare (someone) mentally

**Example:** I don't think he is equipped for the modern age.

**Synonym:** prepare, qualify, suit, endow

## INNOVATION

**Meaning:** A new method, idea, product, etc.

**Example:** He is always open to new ideas and innovations

## ABIDE BY

**Meaning:** Accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation)

**Example:** I said I would abide by their decision.

**Synonym:** comply with, obey, observe, follow, keep to

## AFFORD

**Meaning:** Have enough money to pay for

**Example:** He is unable to afford a new computer.

**Synonym:** pay for, bear the expense of

## BOON

**Meaning:** A thing that is helpful or beneficial

**Example:** High oil prices a boon to energy-producing regions.

**Synonym:** blessing, godsend, bonus, good thing

## RENDER

**Meaning:** Provide or give (a service, help, etc.)

**Example:** She always renders help to the needy.

**Synonym:** supply, furnish, make available, contribute

## REVOLUTIONIZED

**Meaning:** Change (something) radically or fundamentally

**Example:** New theory will revolutionize the whole of science.

**Synonym:** transform, alter dramatically, transfigure

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## CELL PHONES

Cell phones are the most common electronic **gadgets**. They have become an **integral** part of our life. Every person uses cell phones whether he is a corporate **honcho** or a vegetable vendor.

But the usage of mobile phones by children in schools is a matter of worry. Cell phones should be allowed to children in schools or not has become a **moot** topic.

Parents want to remain in touch with their children instead of **seething** with anxiety. Students can

also **summon** help when they are **stranded**. Cell phones can be **fruitful** in security **lapses** like **abduction**.

However, cell phones have negative **implications** too. Cell phones are blamed for **distortion** of language as students type in short forms due to which they are not able to spell words correctly. They also misuse phones to **distract** the class and this proves **detrimental** for their studies.

### GADGETS

**Meaning:** A small mechanical or electronic device or tool

**Example:** The shop sells a variety of kitchen gadgets.

**Synonym:** appliance, apparatus, instrument

### INTEGRAL

**Meaning:** Necessary

**Example:** Games are an integral part of the school's curriculum.

**Synonym:** essential, fundamental, basic, intrinsic

### HONCHO

**Meaning:** A leader or manager; the person in charge

**Example:** About 170 industry honchos will participate in the meeting from India.

**Synonym:** chief, head, principal, boss

### MOOT

**Meaning:** Subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty

**Example:** Whether the temperature rise was mainly due to the greenhouse effect was a moot point

**Synonym:** debatable, open to debate, open to discussion, arguable

### SEETHE

**Meaning:** be filled with intense but unexpressed anger

**Example:** Inwardly he was seething with rage against himself.

**Synonym:** be angry, be furious, be enraged, be incensed

### SUMMON

**Meaning:** Urgently demand (help)

**Example:** She summoned medical assistance.

**Synonym:** ask for help

### STRANDED

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**Meaning:** Left without the means to move from somewhere

**Example:** she offers a lift to a stranded person.

**Synonym:** helpless, without assistance, without help

### FRUITFUL

**Meaning:** Producing good or helpful results; productive

**Example:** Memoirs can be a fruitful source of information

**Synonym:** productive, constructive, useful

### LAPSE

**Meaning:** A brief or temporary failure

**Example:** A lapse of concentration in the second set cost her the match

**Synonym:** failure, failing, slip, error, mistake

### ABDUCTION

**Meaning:** The action of forcibly taking someone away against their will

**Example:** His abduction was planned.

**Synonym:** kidnapping

### IMPLICATION

**Meaning:** A likely consequence of something

**Example:** Her victory had important political implications.

**Synonym:** consequence, result, ramification, repercussion

### DISTORTION

**Meaning:** deformation

**Example:** The virus causes distortion of the leaves.

**Synonym:** warp, twist, contortion, bend

### DISTRACT

**Meaning:** Prevent (someone) from concentrating on something

**Example:** Don't allow noise to distract you from your work.

**Synonym:** disturbing, unsettling, intrusive, disconcerting

### DETRIMENTAL

**Meaning:** Tending to cause harm

**Example:** Recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people

**Synonym:** harmful

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## WE LIVE IN DEEDS NOT IN YEARS

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The great **dramatist**, William Shakespeare, rightly said that life is measured by **deeds**, not years. Human beings are not **immortal** as death is **inevitable**. But actions and good deeds can make a person immortal. Mother Teresa, for example, is no more but she is immortal. She **devoted** her life for the needy.

There is a need to have some noble aim in life.

Great leaders are always remembered for their **immense** contribution to the society. On the other hand, people who **perpetrate heinous** crimes are remembered with **hatred** and **contempt**. So, we should do noble deeds to make our lives purposeful. For example, we can help our friends or we can help **underprivileged** people.

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## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### DRAMATIST

**Meaning:** A person who writes plays.

**Example:** Only a natural dramatist can write a scene as good as that.

**Synonym:** playwright, writer, tragedian, scriptwriter

### DEEDS

**Meaning:** An action that is performed intentionally or consciously

**Example:** John performed many kind deeds during his long life.

**Synonym:** act, action, activity

### IMMORTAL

**Meaning:** Living forever; never dying or decaying

**Example:** It's true that exercising and eating well won't make you immortal.

**Synonym:** undying, never dying, deathless, eternal

### INEVITABLE

**Meaning:** Certain to happen; unavoidable

**Example:** War was inevitable.

**Synonym:** unavoidable, inescapable, bound to happen, sure to happen

### DEVOTE

**Meaning:** Give all or most of one's time or resources to (a person or activity).

**Example:** I want to devote more time to my family.

**Synonym:** allocate, assign, allot, commit, give

### IMMENSE

**Meaning:** Extremely large or great

**Example:** This is a factor of immense importance

**Synonym:** huge, vast, massive, enormous, gigantic

### PERPETRATE

**Meaning:** Carry out or commit

**Example:** Spamming is also being used to perpetrate criminal acts.

**Synonym:** commit, carry out, perform, execute, do, effect, bring about

### HEINOUS

**Meaning:** Utterly odious or wicked

**Example:** He committed a heinous crime.

**Synonym:** evil, atrocious, monstrous, disgraceful, abominable

### HATRED

**Meaning:** Intense dislike; hate

**Example:** They must make it clear that religious hatred will not be tolerated.

**Synonym:** loathing, hate, detestation, dislike, distaste, abhorrence

### CONTEMPT

**Meaning:** The feeling that a person or a thing is worthless

**Example:** She stared at the girl with total contempt.

**Synonym:** scorn, disdain, disrespect, deprecation, disparagement

### UNDERPRIVILEGED



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**Meaning:** not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society

**Example:** They tend to have negative attitudes towards poor people, underprivileged groups, and minorities.

**Synonym:** needy, deprived, in need, in want, in distress, disadvantaged

## MORAL EDUCATION

There is a **dire** need to **evolve** a new education system to **inculcate** moral values in students. Moral education can **nourish** our national **consciousness**. Education has a great role in **fostering** the personality by continuously developing **innate** qualities.

Morality means being honest and **renunciation** of jealousy, hatred, and lies. But today people are **preoccupied** in pursuit of material things. There is continuous **deterioration** of moral values. The **concerted** efforts made to **imbibe** moral values in the last **decades** showed no results.

There is a need to start at a **grassroots** level. Moral education is more successful if it is indirect, rather than **coercive**.

### DIRE

**Meaning:** Extremely serious or urgent

**Example:** She is in dire need of help.

**Synonym:** terrible, dreadful, appalling, desperate, pressing

### EVOLVE

**Meaning:** Develop gradually

**Example:** Each company must evolve its own way of working.

**Synonym:** develop, progress, make headway, mature

### INCULCATE

**Meaning:** Instil (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction

**Example:** Teachers try to inculcate in their pupils an attitude of inquiry.

**Synonym:** imbue, infuse, inspire

### NOURISH

**Meaning:** Provide with the food or other substances necessary for growth, health, and good condition

**Example:** Spiritual resources nourished her in her difficult times.

**Synonym:** feed, provide for, sustain, maintain

### CONSCIOUSNESS

**Meaning:** A person's awareness or perception of something

**Example:** The political consciousness is not clear and coherent.

**Synonym:** awareness of, knowledge of the existence of, alertness to

### FOSTER

**Meaning:** Encourage the development

**Example:** The teacher's task is to foster learning.

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**Synonym:** stimulate, advance, forward, cultivate, nurture, strengthen

### INNATE

**Meaning:** Inborn; natural

**Example:** Children have no innate fear of water and must be carefully supervised.

**Synonym:** inbred, congenital, inherent, intrinsic, instinctive

### RENUNCIATION

**Meaning:** The formal rejection of something

**Example:** They were compelled to make formal renunciations of their rights.

**Synonym:** repudiation, rejection, abandonment, forsaking, forswearing

### PREOCCUPIED

**Meaning:** Take up someone's whole attention

**Example:** Her mother is preoccupied with paying the bills.

**Synonym:** engross, concern, absorb, dominate, pensive, brooding, absent-minded

### DETERIORATION

**Meaning:** The process of becoming progressively worse

**Example:** The condition of the patient is deteriorating.

**Synonym:** worsening, decline, decay, collapse, failure

### CONCERTED

**Meaning:** Done with great effort or determination

**Example:** You must make a concerted effort to curb this.

**Synonym:** strenuous, vigorous, energetic, active

### IMBIBE

**Meaning:** Absorb or assimilate (ideas or knowledge)

**Example:** There is a need to imbibe the culture.

**Synonym:** assimilate, absorb, soak up, take in

### DECADE

**Meaning:** A period of ten years

**Example:** She worked for the company for a decade.

### GRASSROOTS

**Meaning:** The most basic level of an activity or organization

**Example:** They are improving the game at grass-roots level

### COERCIVE

**Meaning:** Relating to or using force or threats

**Example:** Coercive measures are usually not effective.

**Synonym:** overbearing, authoritarian, imperious, high-handed

## FAILURES ARE THE PILLARS OF SUCCESS

Life is not a bed of roses. We have to face **obstacles** in our lives. Difficulties often **obstruct** our progress. It is not easy to achieve success. People who keep on **striving** achieve

success.

Failures are **invaluable** experiences.

Failures **reveal** our weaknesses and guide us for future preparation. They motivate us to put more

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efforts. Therefore, failures prepare us for the next **endeavour**.

The one who learns from mistakes always achieve success. We should do the **analysis** and **rectify** our mistakes. We should

be **optimistic** as **pessimistic** people cannot **attain** success. Pessimism is a **stumbling block** in our path to success.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### OBSTACLE

**Meaning:** A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

**Example:** The major obstacle to achieving that goal is money.

**Synonym:** barrier, hurdle, baulk, curb, check

### OBSTRUCT

**Meaning:** Block (an opening, path, road, etc.)

**Example:** She was obstructing the entrance

**Synonym:** block up, clog, clog up, barricade

### STRIVE

**Meaning:** Make great efforts to achieve or obtain something

**Example:** We must strive to secure steady growth.

**Synonym:** try, aim, attempt, endeavour

### INVALUABLE

**Meaning:** Extremely useful

**Example:** This is an invaluable source of information.

**Synonym:** indispensable, crucial, critical, key

### REVEAL

**Meaning:** Make (previously unknown or secret information) known

**Example:** She was not ready to reveal the secret.

**Synonym:** divulge, disclose, tell, let out

### ENDEAVOUR

**Meaning:** An attempt to achieve a goal

**Example:** It is an endeavour to reduce serious injury.

**Synonym:** attempt, try, bid, effort, trial, venture

### ANALYSIS

**Meaning:** Detailed examination of the elements or structure of something

**Example:** She is doing an analysis of popular culture.

**Synonym:** examination, investigation, inspection, survey, scanning

### RECTIFY

**Meaning:** Put right; correct

**Example:** You should make efforts to rectify the situation.

**Synonym:** deal with, amend, revise, remedy

### OPTIMISTIC

**Meaning:** Hopeful and confident about the future

**Example:** He was optimistic that he would win a medal.

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**Synonym:** positive, confident, hopeful, sanguine, bullish, buoyant

### PESSIMISTIC

**Meaning:** Believe that the worst will happen

**Example:** She was pessimistic about the prospects.

**Synonym:** gloomy, negative, defeatist, downbeat

### ATTAIN

**Meaning:** Succeed in achieving

**Example:** He attained the first rank.

**Synonym:** accomplish, reach, arrive at, grasp

### STUMBLING BLOCK

**Meaning:** A circumstance that causes difficulty or hesitation

**Example:** Be careful not to create any unnecessary stumbling blocks.

**Synonym:** obstacle, hurdle, barrier, bar, hindrance, impediment, handicap

## FASHION

Fashion never remains **static**. It keeps on changing with time. Dressing well makes our life **zestful**. People wear **presentable** dress according to the occasion. Women's clothing has also become freer and **revealing**.

Fashion designing is a **lucrative** profession these days. Fashion designers hire models to **boost** sales of their designer clothes. People also love

to **flaunt** their branded dresses.

So, **ingenious** fashion designers earn a lot these days.

However, we should keep in mind that fashion should not become an **obsession**. We should remember that excess of everything is bad. It is not bad to be **dignified** and simple.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### STATIC

**Meaning:** Lacking in movement, action, or change.

**Example:** The whole performance appeared too static.

**Synonyms:** unchanged, fixed, stable, steady

### ZESTFUL

**Meaning:** Showing great enthusiasm and energy.

**Example:** You can indulge in a zestful evening of

fun, great entertainment and great food.

**Synonyms:** avidity, zeal, fervour, ardour, passion, love, enjoyment

### PRESENTABLE

**Meaning:** Clean, smart, or decent enough to be seen in public.

**Example:** I did my best to make myself look presentable.

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**Synonyms:** tidy, neat, fit to be seen, orderly, straight, clean, spick and span

### REVEALING

**Meaning:** Allowing more of the wearer's body to be seen than is usual.

**Example:** This is a very revealing dress.

### LUCRATIVE

**Meaning:** Producing a great deal of profit.

**Example:** A lucrative career as a stand-up comedian.

**Synonyms:** gainful, remunerative, moneymaking, paying, high-income

### BOOST

**Meaning:** Help or encourage (something) to increase or improve.

**Example:** The government is making efforts to boost tourism.

**Synonyms:** uplift, increase, augment, magnify, swell, amplify

### FLAUNT

**Meaning:** Show off.

**Example:** He loves to flaunt his property.

**Synonyms:** display ostentatiously, draw attention to, exhibit

### INGENIOUS

**Meaning:** Clever, original, and inventive.

**Example:** He was ingenious enough to overcome the limited budget.

**Synonyms:** innovative, resourceful, enterprising, insightful

### OBSESSION

**Meaning:** An idea or thought that continually occupies person's mind.

**Example:** He has an obsession over clicking pictures.

**Synonyms:** passion, attraction

### DIGNIFIED

**Meaning:** Having or showing a composed or serious manner that is worthy of respect.

**Example:** She maintained a dignified silence.

**Synonyms:** stately, noble, courtly, majestic, kingly

## SUPERSTITIONS

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**Superstitions** are due to the fear of the unknown and **mysterious**. Superstitions cannot be explained by any logical reason or science.

**Primitive** people were unaware about wonders of science. They used to believe that evil spirits and **wrath** of Gods cause diseases. They offered sacrifices to **ward off** spirits. They sacrificed birds and animals to **atone** their sins. This fear gave rise

to superstitions.

People still believe in these superstitions. A black cat crossing one's path, cries of certain animals like a dog are considered **ominous**. Certain days are also considered **inauspicious**. People consult an **astrologer** for starting something new.

There is no place for superstitions in today's world. So, we should follow only those things which have a scientific basis. A superstitious person is

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always **haunted** by anxiety and unknown fears. There is a need to cultivate scientific outlook to wipe out superstitions.

## SUPERSTITIONS

**Meaning:** A widely held but irrational belief leading to good or bad luck

**Example:** He dismissed the ghost stories as mere superstition.

**Synonym:** myth, belief

## MYSTERIOUS

**Meaning:** Difficult or impossible to understand

**Example:** His colleague has vanished in mysterious circumstances.

**Synonym:** puzzling, strange, peculiar, curious

## PRIMITIVE

**Meaning:** Relating to or denoting a preliterate, non-industrial society or culture

**Example:** Primitive people were more honest as compared to a modern man

**Synonym:** preliterate, non-industrial

## WRATH

**Meaning:** Extreme anger

**Example:** He hid his report card for fear of provoking his father's wrath

**Synonym:** anger, rage, fury, annoyance, indignation, outrage

## WARD OFF

**Meaning:** Prevent someone or something from harming or affecting one

**Example:** A Turkish good luck charm is designed to ward off evil spirits.

**Synonym:** parry, avert, deflect, block, turn aside

## ATONE

**Meaning:** Make compensation

**Example:** Eleven years later, she may have a chance to atone for that sin.

**Synonym:** expiate, make good, offset

## OMINOUS

**Meaning:** Giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen

**Example:** There were ominous dark clouds gathering overhead

**Synonym:** threatening, menacing, baleful, forbidding, sinister

## INAUSPICIOUS

**Meaning:** Unlucky

**Example:** This is nothing inauspicious in his home.

**Synonym:** sinister

## ASTROLOGER

**Meaning:** A person who predicts future of others

**Example:** He was advised by an astrologer to delay his departure.

## HAUNTED

**Meaning:** Showing signs of mental pain or suffering

**Example:** He had a haunted look in his eyes.

**Synonym:** tormented, anguished, troubled, worried, disturbed

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## PLEASURES OF READING

Reading is the most **enriching** hobby. We read books to **enhance** our knowledge and sharpen our **intellect** and this, in turn, **elevates** our character.

Reading provides pleasure to persons of all age groups and **temperaments**. It is also regarded as an **unparalleled** activity. Reading gives us immense

satisfaction. It **bestows** upon us various benefits. Books **console** us when we feel **dejected**. While reading, we are **engrossed** in our imaginary world which provides a temporary **refuge** from our worries.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### ENRICHING

**Meaning:** Improve or enhance the quality or value

**Example:** The teacher found that these techniques enriched learning for all members of the class.

**Synonym:** improve, vitaminize,

### ENHANCE

**Meaning:** Intensify, increase, or further improve the quality

**Example:** His refusal does nothing to enhance his reputation.

**Synonym:** increase, add to, intensify, magnify, amplify

### INTELLECT

**Meaning:** The faculty of reasoning and understanding objectively

**Example:** He was a man of action rather than of intellect.

**Synonym:** mind, brain, brains, head, intelligence, reason

### ELEVATE

**Meaning:** Raise to a more important or impressive level

**Example:** He was elevated to Secretary of State

**Synonym:** promote, give promotion, upgrade, improve the position of,

### TEMPERAMENTS

**Meaning:** Types or attitudes

**Example:** So many artistic temperaments are involved in the festival.

**Synonym:** disposition, nature, character, personality, make-up

### UNPARALLELED

**Meaning:** Having no parallel or equal; exceptional

**Example:** The web gives them the opportunity of unparalleled access to information.

**Synonym:** unique, singular, rare, unprecedented, without parallel

### BESTOW

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**Meaning:** Confer or present (an honor, right, or gift)

**Example:** The office was bestowed on him by the monarch of this realm.

**Synonym:** confer on, present to, award to, give, grant, vouchsafe,

### CONSOLE

**Meaning:** Comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointment

**Example:** She tried to console him but he pushed her gently away

**Synonym:** comfort, solace, condole with, give condolences to

### DEJECTED

**Meaning:** Sad and depressed; dispirited

**Example:** He stood in the street looking dejected.

**Synonym:** downcast, downhearted, despondent, disconsolate

### ENGROSSED

**Meaning:** Absorb all the attention or interest of

**Example:** They seemed to be engrossed in conversation

**Synonym:** absorbed, involved, immersed, caught up, rapt, interested

### REFUGE

**Meaning:** A place or situation providing safety or shelter

**Example:** This place is a great refuge from the madness of town.

**Synonym:** shelter, protection, safety, security, asylum



## CITY LIFE

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City life is full of activities. The population **swells** in cities during the day. People living in the **periphery** of the city, come to the city on different **errands**. In cities, buses and cars start **plying** on the road in the early morning. There are long queues at the bus stops. Some people **commute** by public transportation while others prefer their own vehicles. People **flock** to the local market or supermarket to buy necessary goods. The roads are always **chock-a-block** in cities. There are many places for recreation like theaters, hotels, clubs and multiplexes. Party-goers and music

lovers can easily find **discotheques**. People also have numerous sources to earn money in cities. Hard working people can **make a killing**. However, cities have certain demerits. People remain busy in various **pursuits**. There is a lot of noise and **chaos** everywhere. Cities are overcrowded due to the migration from rural areas. It is very difficult to **acquire** jobs according to qualification and skills.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

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# Vocabulary Tricks

## SWELL

**Meaning:** Become or make greater in intensity, number, amount, or volume

**Example:** Population of the city was swollen by refugees.

**Synonym:** accelerate, step up, multiply, augment

## PERIPHERY

**Meaning:** The outer limits or edge of an area or object

**Example:** The new building is on the periphery of the hospital site.

**Synonym:** edge, outer edge, margin, fringe, boundary, border

## ERRANDS

**Meaning:** A short journey undertaken in order to deliver or collect something.

**Example:** Leave the car at home, walk for short errands or use your bike.

**Synonym:** task, job, chore, assignment, expedition

## PLY

**Meaning:** Travel regularly over a route, typically for commercial purposes

**Example:** Ferries ply across a strait to the island

**Synonym:** make regular journeys, travel, go back and forth, shuttle commute

## COMMUTE

**Meaning:** Travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis

**Example:** He commuted from Corby to Kentish Town.

**Synonym:** travel to and from work, travel to and fro

## FLOCK

**Meaning:** Move or go together in a crowd

**Example:** Tourists flocked to the city.

**Synonym:** gather, collect, congregate, assemble, come together

## CHOCK-A-BLOCK

**Meaning:** Crammed full of people or things

**Example:** The manual is chock-a-block with information

**Synonym:** well supplied with, replete with, overflowing with, bursting with

## DISCOTHEQUES

**Meaning:** Another term for disco

**Example:** People can easily find discotheques in big cities.

## MAKE A KILLING

**Meaning:** Have a great financial success

**Example:** It's a safe investment, you can make a killing overnight

**Synonym:** make a large profit, make a fortune

## PURSUITS

**Meaning:** The action of pursuing someone or something

**Example:** He is chasing himself in pursuit of a glory.

**Synonym:** striving towards, aspiration for, quest for, search for

## CHAOS

**Meaning:** Complete disorder and confusion

**Example:** Snow caused chaos in the region.

**Synonym:** disarray, disorganization, confusion, mayhem, bedlam, pandemonium

## Vocabulary Tricks

### ACQUIRE

**Meaning:** Buy or obtain (an asset or object) for oneself

**Example:** I managed to acquire all the books I needed

**Synonym:** achieve, attain, take possession of, amass

## TOURISM IN INDIA

Tourism is the fastest growing industry of our nation. India has a wide **array** of places to visit like hill stations, landscapes and the **enchanting** backwaters. Historical forts and monuments add to the **grandeur** of the nation. Tourism has a **vital** role in the economic development. Hotels, travel guides, and travel agencies **thrive** on the tourism sector. Tourist places

offer an **insight** into the **diverse** culture of India. Tourists get delighted by the diverse **locales**. Steps are being taken to preserve the ancient **splendour** of the historical places. Heritage hotels offer an **exotic** lifestyle to tourists. People visit these places to experience a **bygone** era.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### ARRAY

**Meaning:** An impressive display or range of a particular type of thing

**Example:** She has always displayed a vast array of talents.

**Synonyms:** exhibition, exposition, exhibit, arrangement, presentation

**Synonyms:** magnificence, resplendence, splendour, majesty, greatness

### VITAL

**Meaning:** Absolutely necessary; essential

**Example:** It is vital that the system is regularly maintained.

**Synonyms:** indispensable, crucial, key, necessary, needed

### ENCHANTING

**Meaning:** Delightfully charming or attractive

**Example:** Views are really enchanting.

**Synonyms:** captivating, appealing, engaging, dazzling, bewitching

### THRIVE

**Meaning:** Prosper; flourish

**Example:** Luxury goods sellers thrive because of tourists

**Synonyms:** burgeoning, blooming, healthy, successful, advancing

### GRANDEUR

**Meaning:** Impressiveness, especially of appearance or style

**Example:** All the bronze statues are of impressive size and grandeur.

### INSIGHT

**Meaning:** An accurate and deep understanding of someone or something

## Vocabulary Tricks

**Example:** His work provides important insights into language use.

**Synonyms:** intuition, perception, awareness, discernment

### DIVERSE

**Meaning:** Showing a great deal of variety

**Example:** This is an example of a culturally diverse population.

**Synonyms:** varied, varying, miscellaneous, assorted, mixed

### LOCALES

**Meaning:** Places or areas

**Example:** Her summers were spent in a variety of exotic locales

**Synonyms:** venue, milieu, background

### SPLENDOUR

**Meaning:** Magnificent appearance

**Example:** The parade showcased the nation's culture with pomp and splendour.

**Synonyms:** grandeur, sumptuousness, resplendence, opulence, luxury

### EXOTIC

**Meaning:** Something of a foreign or not ordinary

**Example:** Act works best in its exotic use of colour and lighting.

**Synonyms:** striking, colourful, eye-catching

### BYGONE ERA

**Meaning:** Past period

**Example:** people of the bygone era were too honest.

## INDIAN VILLAGES

Villages outnumber the cities in India. Villages have been developing at a **gradual** pace. There is no **hustle and bustle** in villages. Villages are close to nature. Greenery in villages is a **feast** for the eyes. Most of the villagers depend on farming and fields **adorn** the villages.

Houses in villages have **backyards** for growing vegetables. Some even have the flower gardens. Villagers are hardworking. They work in **torrential** rain as well as **scorching** heat. People are loyal to the **deity** of a village. Panchayat solves **feuds** among **inhabitants**.

Unlike cities, life is slow in villages. Most villages have only one secondary school. Students have to go to nearby towns or cities for higher education. Rural **folk** travel to town via buses which are available at fixed time. Villages have **cobbled** streets and narrow pathways. There is no **provision** of adequate medical facilities. The condition of health care centers is very **pathetic**. There is a **desperate** need to develop villages. The government should make efforts to provide basic **amenities** to villagers.

## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

### GRADUAL

# Vocabulary Tricks

**Meaning:** Taking place or progressing slowly or by degrees

**Example:** The gradual introduction of new methods.

**Synonyms:** slow, moderate, measured, unhurried, restrained, cautious

## HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

**Meaning:** A large amount of activity and work, usually in a noisy surrounding

**Example:** There is a lot of hustle and bustle in this company.

## FEAST

**Meaning:** Gaze at with pleasure

**Example:** You can even feast your eyes on some of the displays set out in an exhibition.

**Synonyms:** observe, view, look at, eye, stare at

## ADORN

**Meaning:** Make more beautiful or attractive

**Example:** Pictures and paintings adorn his walls.

**Synonyms:** embellish, decorate, furnish

## BACKYARD

**Meaning:** A yard at the back of a house or other building

**Example:** We have a kitchen garden in the backyard.

## TORRENTIAL

**Meaning:** falling rapidly

**Example:** Torrential rain began to fall.

**Synonyms:** copious, severe, heavy, rapid, relentless, violent

## SCORCHING

**Meaning:** Hot and burning

**Example:** There was a scorching heat on the fifth floor of the building.

**Synonyms:** Fiery, blazing, flaming, fiery, burning, blistering

## DEITY

**Meaning:** Divine status, quality, or nature

**Example:** His status is close to deity.

**Synonyms:** godliness, godhead, holiness, sanctity

## FEUD

**Meaning:** A prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute

**Example:** There is a bitter feud between them.

**Synonyms:** argument, dispute, disagreement, quarrel

## INHABITANT

**Meaning:** A person or animal that lives in or occupies a place

**Example:** Inhabitants of the area are against the development.

**Synonyms:** resident, occupant, occupier, dweller, settler

## FOLK

**Meaning:** People in general

**Example:** her parents were country folk.

**Synonyms:** people, humans, persons, individuals, mortals

## COBBLED

**Meaning:** Area or road covered with small round stones

**Example:** The street was narrow and cobbled.

## Vocabulary Tricks

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### PROVISION

**Meaning:** The action of providing or supplying something for use

**Example:** The provision of housing for the poor and needy is the responsibility of the government.

**Synonyms:** purveying, delivery, furnishing, equipping

### PATHETIC

**Meaning:** Arousing pity

**Example:** They looked so pathetic.

**Synonyms:** poignant, plaintive, stirring, pitiful

### DESPERATE

**Meaning:** Having a great need or desire for something

**Example:** He is desperate for success.

**Synonyms:** urgently requiring, craving, in want of, lacking, wanting

### AMENITY

**Meaning:** A desirable or useful feature or facility of a building or place

**Example:** The property is situated close to all local amenities.

**Synonyms:** service, convenience, resource, utility

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## THE JOINT FAMILY SYSTEM

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In earlier times, the joint family system was prevalent. Setup of the society was **patriarchal**. Male member was the head of the family. His wife, sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren used to stay together. However, with a passage of time, joint families **disintegrated**. People these days migrate to cities for jobs. So, nuclear families have become the order of the day. Due to **escalating** prices and less space for accommodation, people find it difficult to accommodate their parents in their houses.

Media is also responsible for the disintegration of the joint families. Media **portrays** the wrong image of mother-in-law. It also shows **tyrannical** hold of elders in the family.

Young people **crave** for independence, privacy and **affluence**. So, they prefer nuclear family. As a result, grandparents are **bereft** of the love of their grandchildren. Children are also left **rudderless**. There is a need that young people should **empathize** with their old parents.

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## WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

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### PATRIARCHAL

**Meaning:** Relating to or denoting a system of society or government controlled by men

**Example:** Previously, all western religions, had been rigidly patriarchal.

### DISINTEGRATED

## Vocabulary Tricks

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**Meaning:** Break up into small parts

**Example:** The front of the car had disintegrated.

**Synonyms:** fall apart, fall to pieces, fall to bits, fragment

### ESCALATING

**Meaning:** Increase rapidly

**Example:** The price of tickets escalated.

**Synonyms:** soar, rocket, shoot up, mount, surge, spiral

### PORTRAY

**Meaning:** Describe (someone or something) in a particular way.

**Example:** Media portrays young people as lazy and disrespectful.

**Synonyms:** sketch, depict, represent, illustrate, present, show, render

### TYRANNICAL

**Meaning:** oppressive and controlling.

**Example:** His father has a tyrannical hold over the household.

**Synonyms:** dictatorial, despotic, autocratic

### CRAVE

**Meaning:** Feel a powerful desire for (something)

**Example:** Human beings crave love, acceptance and security.

**Synonyms:** long for, yearn for, hunger for, thirst for, dream of, aspire to

### AFFLUENCE

**Meaning:** The state of having a great deal of money; wealth.

**Example:** This is a sign of our growing affluence.

**Synonyms:** prosperity, opulence, fortune, richness, luxury

### BEREFT

**Meaning:** Deprived of or lacking.

**Example:** Her room was bereft of colour.

**Synonyms:** robbed of, denuded of

### RUDDERLESS

**Meaning:** Lacking a clear sense of one's aims or principles.

**Example:** Today's leadership is rudderless

### EMPATHIZE

**Meaning:** Understand and share the feelings of another.

**Example:** Counsellors need to be able to empathise with people.

**Synonyms:** identify, be in tune, have a rapport, feel togetherness

