

Vocabulary Tricks

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WORDS RELATED TO RESTAURANTS

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

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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

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

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

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

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

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

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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

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

Vocabulary Tricks

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

Vocabulary Tricks

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

Vocabulary Tricks

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

Vocabulary Tricks

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

WE LIVE IN DEEDS NOT IN YEARS

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

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

Vocabulary Tricks

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

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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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

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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 **enchanted** 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

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

THE JOINT FAMILY SYSTEM

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.

WORDS WITH MEANING AND ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

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

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