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1) Clemency (Noun) -- दया
Definition: Mercy; Lenience.
Synonyms: Mercy, Mercifulness, Leniency, Lenience
Antonyms: Ruthlessness, Strictness
Usage: There is scope for judicial review even against a sovereign decision denying clemency.

2) Condign (Adjective) -- लायक
Definition: (of punishment or retribution) appropriate to the crime or wrongdoing; fitting and deserved.
Synonyms: Competent, Deserved, Due, Fair
Antonyms: Incoherent, Incorrect, Irrelevant
Usage: A suspension without pay is condign punishment for breaking the company’s code of business ethics.

3) Heinous (Adjective) -- जघन्य
Definition: (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.
Synonyms: Odious, Wicked, Evil, Atrocious
Antonyms: Admirable
Usage: A battery of heinous crimes.

4) Clamour (Noun) -- कोलाहल
Definition: A loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.
Synonyms: Din, Racket, Loud Noise, Uproar, Tumult, Babel
Antonyms: Silence
Usage: The questions rose to a clamour.

5) Deterrence (Noun) -- रोकथाम
Definition: The action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

Synonyms: Deterrent, Disincentive, Dissuasion, Obviation
Antonyms: Permissive
Usage: Nuclear missiles remain the main deterrence against possible aggression.

6) Freakish (Adjective) -- आवेगपूर्ण, सनकी
Definition: Very unusual, strange, or unexpected.
Synonyms: Capricious, Impulsive, Whimsical
Antonyms: Equable
Usage: Freakish weather

7) Tepid (adjective) -- थोडा उत्साह ददखाना
Definition: Showing little enthusiasm.
Synonyms: Unenthusiastic, Apathetic, Half-hearted, Indifferent
Antonyms: Enthusiastic, Passionate
Usage: Across a majority of geographies and economic groupings, wage expansions were noticeably tepid last year.

8) Intensification (Noun) -- तीव्रता
Definition: The action of making or becoming more intense.
Synonyms: Escalation, Stepping up, Boosting, Increase, Pickup
Antonyms: Lessening, Abatement
Usage: The intensification of the conflict.

9) Deceleration (Noun) -- अवत्वरर्
Definition: Reduction in speed or rate.
Synonyms: Brake, Retard, Slacken, Slow
Antonyms: Accelerate, Hasten, Hurry, Quicken
Usage: she decelerated the car as we entered the school zone.

10) Decouple (Verb) – अलग करना
Definition: Separate, disengage, or dissociate (something) from something else.
Synonyms: Break up, Disassociate, Disconnect, Disjoin
Antonyms: Join, Link, Unify, Unite
Usage: To have a fruitful discussion, we need to decouple fact from opinion.

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1) Contextualize (Verb) -- प्रासंगिक बनाएं
Definition: Place or study in context.
Synonyms: Doctrine, Philosophy, School of thought
Antonyms: Unbelief Imitation Pluralism Internationalism
Usage: The excellent introduction summarizes and contextualizes Bowen’s career.

2) Turbulence (Noun) -- अगस्थान्तर, अशांगत
Definition: Violent or unsteady movement of air or water, or of some other fluid.
Synonyms: Turmoil, Instability, Conflict, Upheaval, Tumult
Antonyms: Peace, Calmness
Usage: The plane shuddered as it entered some turbulence.

3) Depiction (Noun) -- चित्रण
Definition: Portray in words; describe.
Synonyms: Describe, Detail, Relate, Narrate, Recount
Antonyms: Hide, Conceal, Suppress, Confuse
Usage: Ronald Reagan, who gave a rhetorical flourish to America’s pursuit of global dominance in the 1980s with his depiction of the Soviet Union as the “evil empire”, and his call to “break that wall”.

4) Evict (Verb) -- बेदख़ल करना
Definition: Expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law.

Synonyms: Expel, Eject, Oust, Remove, Dislodge
Antonyms: Admit
Usage: A single mother and her children have been evicted from their home.

5) Unravel (Verb) -- सुलझाना
Definition: undo (twisted, knitted, or woven threads).
Synonyms: Untangle, Disentangle, Straighten out
Antonyms: Peace, Calmness
Usage: He cut the rope and started to unravel its strands.

6) Consensus (Verb) -- आम सहमगत
Definition: A general agreement.
Synonyms: Agreement, Harmony, Concord
Antonyms: Disagreement, Minority view
Usage: There is a growing consensus that the current regime has failed.

7) Bygone (Adjective) -- विगत या बीता हुआ
Definition: Belonging to an earlier time.
Synonyms: Past, Former, Earlier, One-time, Long-ago
Antonyms: Present, Recent
Usage: Relics of a bygone age.

8) Strident (Adjective) -- कठोर
Definition: Presenting a point of view, especially a controversial one, in an excessively forceful way.
Synonyms: Harsh, Raucous, Rough, Grating, Rasping, Jarring
Antonyms: Soft, Dulcet
Usage: His voice had become increasingly strident.

9) Mere (Adjective) -- मात्र
Definition: Used to emphasize how small or insignificant someone or something is.
1) Truce (Noun) -- युद्धगवराम संगध
Definition: An agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.
Synonyms: Ceasefire, Armistice Respite, Lull, Moratorium
Antonyms: Fighting, Hostilities
Usage: His stomach rebelled at the mere thought of food.

10) Discernible (Adjective) -- नमूदार
Definition: Able to be discerned; perceptible.
Synonyms: Visible, Detectable, Noticeable, Perceptible
Antonyms: Imperceptible
Usage: The scandal had no discernible effect on his career.

11) Prospect (Noun) -- पूवेक्षर्
Definition: The possibility or likelihood of some future event occurring.
Synonyms: Likelihood, Hope, Expectation, Anticipation
Antonyms: Incumbent, Officeholder, Awardee, Honoree, Inductee
Usage: Gazing at the wide prospect spread out before me.

12) Posit (Verb) -- किसी स्थिति में रखना
Definition: Put forward as fact or as a basis for argument.
Synonyms: Postulate, Put forward, Advance, Propound
Antonyms: Abstain, Be honest, Disbelieve
Usage: The Confucian view posits a perfectible human nature.

2) Amicable (Adjective) -- मैत्रीपूर्ण
Definition: Characterized by friendliness and absence of discord.
Synonyms: Friendly, Good-natured, Cordial, Civil, Courteous
Antonyms: Unfriendly, Hostile
Usage: The two countries will try to find an amicable solution to the various problems plaguing bilateral trade relations.

3) Plague (Verb) -- निरंतर परेशानी
Definition: Cause continual trouble or distress to.
Synonyms: Afflict, Bedevil, Cause suffering to, Torture, Torment
Antonyms: Advantage, Good fortune, Good luck
Usage: He has been plagued by ill health.

4) Remuneration (Noun) -- पाररश्रगमक
Definition: Money paid for work or a service.
Synonyms: Payment, Pay, Salary, Wages, Earnings
Antonyms: Underpayment
Usage: customers who are tardy in their remuneration will be subject to extra charges.

5) Palpable (Adjective) -- अवधारर्त्मक
Definition: (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.
Synonyms: Perceptible, Perceivable, Visible, Noticeable, Appreciable
Antonyms: Intangible, Imperceptible
Usage: A palpable sense of loss.

6) Implode (Verb) -- गगर जाना
Definition: Collapse or cause to collapse violently inwards.

Usage: The U.S. and Chinese Presidents, Donald Trump and Xi Jinping, agreed to a 90-day truce.
Synonyms: Buckle, Cave (in), Collapse, Crumple
Antonyms: Inflate, Rise, Swell
Usage: Both the windows had imploded.

7) Aftermath (Noun) – परिणाम
Definition: a condition or occurrence traceable to a cause
Synonyms: Aftereffect, Backwash, Consequence, Corollary, Development
Antonyms: Antecedent, Causation, Cause, Occasion, Reason
Usage: The surgery was successful, but she now had to deal with its aftermath: a huge bill.

8) Semblance (Noun) – समानता
Definition: The outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different.
Synonyms: Charade, Disguise, Masquerade, Playacting
Antonyms: Bluntness, Candidness, Candor, Directness
Usage: She tried to force her thoughts back into some semblance of order.

9) Reiterate (Verb) -- बार बार दुहराना
Definition: To state or do over again or repeatedly sometimes with wearying effect
Synonyms: Chime, Din, Iterate, Rehearse, Repeat
Antonyms: Tale back
Usage: The pianist’s valedictory concert will reiterate the program he played on the national tour.

10) Distort (Verb) -- विकृत करना
Definition: Give a misleading or false account or impression of.
Synonyms: Misrepresent, Pervert, Twist, Falsify, Misreport, Misstate
Antonyms: Accurate

Usage: Many factors can distort the results.

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1) Aloft (Adjective) -- ऊपर की ओर
Definition: Up in or into the air; overhead.
Synonyms: Upwards, Up, High
Antonyms: Down
Usage: India’s heaviest satellite GSAT-11 is aloft in space from Kourou.

2) Meticulous (Adjective) – सावधानीपूर्वक
Definition: showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.
Synonyms: Careful, Conscientious, Diligent, Ultra-careful, Scrupulous
Antonyms: Careless, Sloppy, Slapdash
Usage: A meticulous civil servant, he will assess the police findings and the recommendations of his own team.

3) Rigorous (Adjective) – बेहद सावधानी से कठोर
Definition: Extremely thorough and careful.
Synonyms: Meticulous, Punctilious, Conscientious
Antonyms: Slapdash, Lax
Usage: The rigorous testing of consumer products.

4) Vicinity (Noun) -- आस-पास की जगह
Definition: The area near or surrounding a particular place.
Synonyms: Nearness, Closeness, Proximity, Propinquity
Antonyms: Distance, Remoteness
Usage: There are no hotels in the vicinity of the hospital.

5) Purport (Verb) -- दावा करना
Definition: Appear to be or do something, especially falsely.
1) Tumble (Verb) -- अपनक गगन जाना
Definition: Fall suddenly, clumsily, or headlong.
Synonyms: Hurry, Rush, Scramble
Antonyms: Rise, Soar
Usage: The price of India’s crude basket tumbled almost 30% to below $60 by end-November from $85 in early October.

2) Endure (Verb) -- सहना
Definition: Suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.
Synonyms: Undergo, Go Through, Live Through, Experience
Antonyms: Fade, Short-lived
Usage: It foresees the softness in prices enduring through the April-September half of next year.

3) Bolster (Verb) -- समयोजन करना
Definition: Support or strengthen.
Synonyms: Strengthen, Support, Reinforce

Usage: The rooms held no risk of contagion.

10) Revelation (Noun) -- रहस्योद्घाटन
Definition: A surprising and previously unknown fact that has been disclosed to others.
Synonyms: Disclosure, Declaration, Utterance, Announcement
Antonyms: Keeping, Covering up
Usage: "Revelations about his personal life

11) Devoid (Adjective) -- विहीन
Definition: Entirely lacking or free from.
Synonyms: Lacking, Without, Free from/of, Empty of
Antonyms: Filled, Flush, Fraught, Full, Replete, Rife
Usage: The so-called comedy is totally devoid of intelligence, originality, and even laughs.

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Antonyms: Undermine
Usage: The MPC’s decision to stand pat on rates must also have been bolstered by the findings in the RBI’s November survey of households’ inflation expectations.

4) Prognosis (Noun) -- प्राग्ज्ञान
Definition: A forecast of the likely outcome of a situation.
Synonyms: Forecast, Prediction, Projection, Prognostication
Antonyms: Calculation, Measurement
Usage: On growth, the monetary authority has largely stuck with its prognosis from October.

5) Perishable (Adjective) -- नाश होने योग्ज्य
Definition: (Especially of food) likely to decay or go bad quickly.
Synonyms: Biodegradable; Putrefiable
Antonyms: Continuation, Endurance
Usage: The RBI reckons there is the clear and present danger of a sudden reversal, especially in prices of volatile perishable items.

6) Buttress (Verb) -- पुश्ता देना
Definition: Increase the strength of or justification for; reinforce.
Synonyms: Strengthen, Reinforce, Fortify, Support
Antonyms: Undercut, Undermine, Weaken
Usage: A mass of circumstantial evidence buttresses the prosecutor's case

7) Opportune (Adjective) -- समयानुकूल
Definition: (Of a time) especially convenient or appropriate for a particular action or event.
Synonyms: Auspicious, Propitious, Favourable, Advantageous
Antonyms: Disadvantageous, Ill-timed
Usage: He couldn't have arrived at a less opportune moment.

8) Prudence (Noun) -- समझदारी
Definition: The quality of being prudent; cautiousness.
Synonyms: Wisdom, Judgement, Good judgement
Antonyms: Folly, Recklessness
Usage: We need to exercise prudence in such important matters.

9) Adverse (Adjective) -- विपरीत
Definition: Preventing success or development; harmful; unfavourable.
Synonyms: Unfavourable, Disadvantageous, Inauspicious
Antonyms: Favourable, Beneficial, Positive, Friendly
Usage: Taxes are having an adverse effect on production

10) Funnel (Verb) -- मागणदशणन करना
Definition: Guide or channel (something) through or as if through a funnel.
Synonyms: Channel, Guide, Feed, Direct, Convey
Antonyms: Scatter, Splurge
Usage: Some $12.8 billion was funnelled through the Marshall Plan

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1) Abysmal (Adjective) -- बेहद खराब या भय उत्पन्न करनेवाला
Definition: Extremely bad; appalling.
Synonyms: Dreadful, Awful, Terrible, Frightful, Atrocious
Antonyms: Superb
Usage: Given the abysmal rate of convictions in the country, it is inexcusable that it took so long.

2) Emphasize (Verb) -- महत्त्व देना
Definition: Give special importance or value to (something) in speaking or writing.

Synonyms: Highlight, Point Up, Spotlight

Antonyms: Understate, Play down

Usage: The need to protect witnesses has been emphasised by Law Commission reports and court judgments for years.

3) Acquittal (Noun) -- दोषमुक्ति

Definition: A judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged

Synonyms: Absolution, Clearing, Exoneration

Antonyms: Conviction

Usage: Witnesses turning hostile is a major reason for most acquittals.

4) Tardy (Adjective) -- अपेगक्षत समय से गवलंगबत

Definition: Delaying or delayed beyond the right or expected time; late.

Synonyms: Crawling, Creeping, Dallying, Dawdling, Dilatory

Antonyms: Early, Inopportune, Precocious, Premature

Usage: The tardy judicial process seldom takes into account the distance they have travelled or the time they have lost in attending court.

5) Pathetic (Adjective) -- दयनीय

Definition: Arousing pity, especially through vulnerability or sadness.

Synonyms: Pitiful, Pitiable, Moving, Touching, Poignant

Antonyms: Comical, Cheerful

Usage: As Justice A.K. Sikri points out, the condition of witnesses in the Indian legal system is “pathetic”, as it takes them for granted.

6) Gratify (Verb) -- कृतार्थ करना

Definition: give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction.

Synonyms: make someone feel good, satisfy

Antonyms: displease, frustrate

Usage: It is gratifying that the court has played a proactive role in getting the Centre and the States to come up with a concrete proposal.

7) Minutiae (Noun) -- छोटे, तटीय, या मामूली विवरण

Definition: The small, precise, or trivial details of something.

Synonyms: Details, Niceties, Subtleties, Finer Points, Particulars

Usage: In its minutiae the scheme appears workable, but its efficacy will be confirmed only with the passage of time.

8) Competent (Adjective) -- सामथर्यबान

Definition: Having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully.

Synonyms: Capable, Able, Proficient, Adept, Adroit.

Antonyms: Incompetent, Inadequate.

Usage: A witness protection order will be passed by a competent authority.

9) Proximate (Adjective) -- निकटस्थ

Definition: (Especially of the cause of something) closest in relationship; immediate.

Synonyms: Approaching, Coming, Forthcoming, Imminent

Antonyms: Bygone, Erstwhile, Foregone, Former

Usage: Basic features such as in camera trial, proximate physical protection and anonymising of testimony and references to witnesses in the records are not difficult to implement.

10) Totter (Verb) -- लडखडाते हुए िलना

Definition: move in a feeble or unsteady way.

Synonyms: teeter, walk unsteadily, stagger, wobble, stumble
Antonyms: controlled, firm, settled, stable, steady
Usage: the scheme could help strengthen India’s tottering criminal justice system.

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1) Extradition (Noun) -- प्रत्यपणर्
Definition: The action of extraditing a person accused or convicted of a crime.
Synonyms: Deportation, Handover, Repatriation, Repoulement
Antonyms: Usage: The extradition to India of British businessman Christian Michel, alleged to be the middleman in the AgustaWestland helicopters case.

2) Fugitive (Adjective) --- क्षणमंगुर
Definition: Quick to disappear; fleeting.
Synonyms: Fleeting, Transient, Transitory, Ephemeral,
Antonyms: Permanent, Long-lasting
Usage: Ours is a fugitive life.

3) Amenable (Adjective) -- अनुपालन
Definition: Open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.
Synonyms: Compliant, Acquiescent, Biddable, Manageable
Antonyms: Uncooperative
Usage: An easy-going, amenable child.

4) Juncture (Noun) -- समय
Definition: A particular point in events or time.
Synonyms: Point, Point in time, Time, Moment
Antonyms: Cleft, Crack, Crevice
Usage: The plane crashed at the juncture of two mountains.

5) Scrutiny (Noun) -- संवीक्षा
Definition: Critical observation or examination.
Synonyms: Careful examination, inspection, survey
Antonyms: Glance, Cursory look
Usage: Every aspect of local government was placed under scrutiny.

6) Strenuous (adjective) -- कठिन
Definition: Requiring or using great effort or exertion.
Synonyms: Arduous, Difficult, Hard, Tough, Taxing
Antonyms: Easy, Effortless, Half-hearted, Feeble
Usage: The government made strenuous efforts to upgrade the quality of the teaching profession.

7) consular (Adjective) -- वागर्गययदूत संबंधी
Definition: Relating to the consul or consulate in a foreign city.
Synonyms: Diplomatic, Valid
Usage: A consular official must interview applicants.

8) Fragile (Adjective) -- नाज़ुक
Definition: (of an object) easily broken or damaged.
Synonyms: Breakable, Easily broken, Brittle, Frangible
Antonyms: Robust, Sound, Durable
Usage: She is still very fragile after her ordeal.

9) Flare-up (noun) -- भडकना
Definition: A sudden outburst of something, especially violence or hostility.
Synonyms: Blow up, Flip (out)
Antonyms: Calm (down), Simmer down
Usage: Naturally I flared up when he insulted me.

10) Tacit (Adjective) -- अंतर्ननगहत
Definition: Understood or implied without being stated.
Synonyms: Implicit, Understood, Implied
Antonyms: Explicit, Stated
Usage: Your silence may be taken to mean tacit agreement.

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1) Scourge (Noun) -- महान कष्ट
Definition: A person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.
Synonyms: Affliction, Bane, Curse, Plague, Menace
Antonyms: Blessing, Godsend
Usage: As an environmental scourge that killed an estimated 1.24 million people in India in 2017

2) Perennial (Adjective) -- बारहमासी
Definition: Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring.
Synonyms: Everlasting, Perpetual, Eternal
Antonyms: His perennial distrust of the media
Usage: Antiquated, Archaic, Dated, Obsolete

3) Residue (Noun) -- अवशेष
Definition: A small amount of something that remains after the main part has gone or been taken or used.
Synonyms: Remainder, Remaining part, Part leftover
Antonyms: Base, Core, Lack, Necessity
Usage: The fine residue left after the sorting of tea.

4) Unbridled (Adjective) -- अनियंत्रित;
स्वेच्छापूर्ण
Definition: Uncontrolled; Unconstrained
Synonyms: Unrestrained, Unconstrained, Uncontrolled
Antonyms: A moment of unbridled ambition.

5) Ambient (Adjective) -- परिवेश
Definition: Relating to the immediate surroundings of something.
Synonyms: Atmosphere, Climate, Clime, Context,
Antonyms: Motionless, Stationary, Still
Usage: The liquid is stored at below ambient temperature.

6) Notorious (Adjective) -- कुख्यात
Definition: Famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed.
Synonyms: Infamous, Of ill repute, Ill-famed, Scandalous
Antonyms: Unknown, Anonymous, Faceless
Usage: Los Angeles is notorious for its smog.

7) Morbid (Adjective) -- रूग
Definition: Characterized by an abnormal and unhealthy interest in disturbing and unpleasant subjects, especially death and disease.
Synonyms: Ghoulish, Macabre, Unhealthy, Gruesome
Antonyms: Wholesome
Usage: His morbid fascination with the horrors of contemporary warfare.

8) Defy (verb) -- अवञा करना
Definition: openly resist or refuse to obey.
Synonyms: Disobey, Refuse to obey, Flout
Antonyms: Obey, Surrender
Usage: A woman who defies convention.

9) Malaise (Noun) -- अस्वस्थता
Definition: A general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify.
Synonyms: Unhappiness, Restlessness, Uneasiness
Antonyms: Controlled, Well-being
Usage: A general air of malaise.
10) Keen (Adjective) -- इच्छुक
Definition: Having or showing eagerness or enthusiasm
Synonyms: Eager, Anxious, Impatient, Determined, Desirous
Antonyms: Reluctant, Apathetic, Half-hearted
Usage: A keen gardener

5) Debilitating (Adjective) -- कमजोरी लाने वाली
Definition: Tending to weaken something.
Synonyms: Weakening, Enfeebling, Enervating
Antonyms: Restorative
Usage: That result set a debilitating pattern and subsequent visits ended up with two grim realities.

6) Anomaly (Noun) -- विसंगति
Definition: something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.
Synonyms: Oddity, Peculiarity, Abnormality, Irregularity
Antonyms: Normal, Typical, Regular
Usage: The larger goal now should be to rectify the other glaring anomaly.

7) Wrest (verb) -- जबरन खींचना
Definition: Forcibly pull (something) from a person's grasp.
Synonyms: Wrench, Snatch, Seize, Grab
Antonyms: Reattach
Usage: India’s much anticipated Test tours of Australia; maiden clashes have mostly been lost, with the occasional draw wrested by the visitors.

8) Niggardly (Adjective) -- कृपर्ता से
Definition: Ungenerous with money, time, etc.; mean.
Synonyms: 
Antonyms: 
Usage: He accused the Government of being unbelievably niggardly.
9) **Hinge (Verb) -- निर्भर होना**
**Definition:** Depend entirely on.
**Synonyms:** Depend, Hang, Rest, Turn, Pivot
**Antonyms:** Detach
**Usage:** The ironing board was set into the wall and hinged at the bottom.

10) **Tamper (Verb) -- अपराध करना**
**Definition:** Interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.
**Synonyms:**
**Antonyms:**
**Usage:** Someone tampered with the brakes of my car.

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1) **Wilderness (Noun) -- जंगल**
**Definition:** An uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.
**Synonyms:** Jungle, Desert, Bundu, Uninhabited region
**Antonyms:** City, Metropolis
**Usage:** For a party that had appeared to be lost in the political **wilderness** over the past few years.

2) **Fright (Noun) -- भय**
**Definition:** A sudden intense feeling of fear.
**Synonyms:** Perturbation, Nervousness, Apprehension
**Antonyms:** Aplomb, Assurance, Boldness, Confidence
**Usage:** Indian voters give Narendra Modi’s BJP a fright.

3) **Fearsome (Adjective) -- डरावना**
**Definition:** Frightening, especially in appearance.
**Synonyms:** Frightening, Horrifying, Terrifying, Menacing
**Antonyms:** Calming, Comforting, Consoling, Inviting

4) **Scads (Noun) -- बहुतात्त्व**
**Definition:** A large number or quantity.
**Synonyms:** Lots, Scores, Jilion
**Antonyms:** Little
**Usage:** Modi’s brand of aggressive Hindu nationalism plays well, the BJP lost **scads** of seats.

5) **Punters (Noun) -- जुआरी**
**Definition:** A person who gambles, places a bet, or makes a risky investment
**Synonyms:** Gambler, Backer, Staker, Speculator
**Antonyms:** Broker, Merchant, Seller, Vendor
**Usage:** Madhya Pradesh kept **punters** breathless throughout the counting, with neither of the two big parties securing a majority, but Congress ahead.

6) **Moribund (Adjective) -- गगरावट**
**Definition:** (of a thing) in terminal decline; lacking vitality or vigour.
**Synonyms:** Declining, Obsolescent
**Antonyms:**
**Usage:** A big step forward for a party that seemed totally **moribund** only a year ago.

7) **Grumbled (Verb) -- शिकायत करना**
**Definition:** Complain about something in a bad-tempered way.
**Synonyms:** Complain, Moan, Groan, Whine, Mutter
**Antonyms:** Compliment, Praise
**Usage:** Many members had **grumbled** about the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

8) **Spur (Verb) -- प्रेरणा देना**
Definition: Give an incentive or encouragement to (someone).
Synonyms: Stimulate, Motivating, Galvanize, inspire
Antonyms: Disincentive, Discouragement
Usage: The promise of economic reforms aimed at spurring development brought the hope, in 2014.

9) Antiquated (Adjective) -- प्राचीन
Definition: Old-fashioned or outdated.
Synonyms: Outdated, Out of date, Outmoded
Antonyms: Current, Modern, Up to date
Usage: Some of Mr Modi’s many efforts deserve applause, notably the reform of India’s antiquated bankruptcy law.

10) Rattle (Verb) -- खड़खड़ करना
Definition: Make or cause to make a rapid succession of short, sharp knocking sounds
Synonyms: Clatter, Bang, Clang, Clank, Clink
Antonyms: Quiet, Silence, Silentness, Still, Stillness
Usage: Mr Modi’s party is rattled, and can be expected to adjust its strategy defensively.

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1) Reprieve (Verb) -- दण्डगवराम होना
Definition: Cancel or postpone the punishment of
Synonyms: Save, Rescue, Acquit
Antonyms: Charge, Punish
Usage: British Prime Minister Theresa May won a temporary reprieve on Wednesday as Conservative MPs backed her by a majority of 83 in a secret ballot.

2) Reconcile (Noun) -- समाधान करना
Definition: Restore friendly relations between.
Synonyms: Reunite, Bring (back) together (again)
Antonyms: Estrange, Alienate

Usage: The king and the archbishop were publicly reconciled.

3) Susceptibility (Noun) -- संवेदनशीलता
Definition: The state or fact of being likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.
Synonyms: Vulnerability, Sensitivity, Openness
Antonyms: Immunity, Resistance
Usage: Mr. Mallya’s lawyers raised doubts about the CBI’s independence, its alleged susceptibility to political interference.

4) Defunct (Adjective) -- निक्षिप्त
Definition: No longer existing or functioning.
Synonyms: Disused, Unused, Inoperative
Antonyms: Working, Extant, Alive, Living
Usage: The now defunct Somerset & Dorset railway line

5) Portray (Verb) -- तादृश गित्रर् करना
Definition: Describe (someone or something) in a particular way.
Synonyms: Describe, Depict, Characterize, Represent, Delineate
Antonyms: Color, Distort, Falsify, Garble
Usage: The ineffectual Oxbridge dons portrayed by Evelyn Waugh.

6) Predicament (Noun) -- करठन पररगथथगत
Definition: A difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.
Synonyms: Plight, Quandary, Trouble,
Antonyms: Advantage, Agreement, Benefit
Usage: His company’s financial predicament is due less to the problems that beset the aviation sector.

7) Profligate (Adjective) -- अपव्ययी
Definition: Recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resources.
**Synonyms:** Wasteful, Extravagant, Spendthrift, Improvident  
**Antonyms:** Thrifty, Frugal  
**Usage:** Profligate consumers of energy.

**8) Flamboyant (Adjective) — विवेकपूर्ण**
**Definition:** (of a person or their behaviour) tending to attract attention because of their exuberance, confidence, and stylishness.
**Synonyms:** Ostentatious, Exuberant, Confident  
**Antonyms:** Modest, Restrained  
**Usage:** The band's flamboyant lead singer.

**9) Disbursement (Noun) — प्रतिपूर्ति**
**Definition:** The payment of money from a fund.
**Synonyms:** Payment, expenditure, Disposal, Outlay  
**Antonyms:** Nonpayment, Underpayment  
**Usage:** They established a committee to supervise the disbursement of aid.

**10) Fugitive (Noun) — भगोडा**
**Definition:** A person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding.
**Synonyms:** Escapee, Escaper, Runaway, Deserter  
**Antonyms:** Permanent, Long-lasting  
**Usage:** Fugitives from justice.

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**1) Bifurcation (Noun) — द्विभाजन**
**Definition:** The division of something into two branches or parts.
**Synonyms:** Break, Break Down, Carve, Cross  
**Antonyms:** Attach, Combine, Fix  
**Usage:** The bifurcation of the profession.

**2) Stewardship (Noun) — परिचारक का पद**
**Definition:** The job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.

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**Synonyms:** Care, Charge, Guidance, Headship  
**Antonyms:** Ignorance, Neglect, Negligence, Destruction  
**Usage:** The funding and stewardship of the NHS.

**3) Infighting (Noun) — अंदरूनी कलह**
**Definition:** Hidden conflict or competitiveness within an organization.
**Synonyms:** Clash, Collision, Competition, Contention  
**Antonyms:** Accord, Agreement, Concord  
**Usage:** Infighting between departments grew worse.

**4) Emboldened (Verb) — प्रोत्साहित करना**
**Definition:** Give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something.
**Synonyms:** Encourage, Hearten, Strengthen, Fortify  
**Antonyms:** Dishearten, Discourage  
**Usage:** Emboldened by the claret, he pressed his knee against hers.

**5) Curb (verb) — निर्यंत्रण करना**
**Definition:** Restrain or keep in check.
**Synonyms:** Restrain, Hold back, Keep back, Hold in, Repress  
**Antonyms:** Release  
**Usage:** She promised she would curb her temper.

**6) Protestation (Noun) — घोषणा**
**Definition:** An emphatic declaration in response to doubt or accusation.
**Synonyms:** Declaration, Announcement, Statement, Profession  
**Antonyms:** Acceptance, Agreement, Allowance  
**Usage:** Her protestations of innocence were in vain.
7) Dilemma (Noun) -- दुगवधा
Definition: A difficult situation or problem.
Synonyms: Quandary, Predicament, Difficulty
Antonyms: Solution, Advantage, Benefit
Usage: The insoluble dilemma of adolescence.

8) Dispense (Verb) -- आवंरटत करना
Definition: Give special exemption from (a law or rule).
Synonyms: Allocate, Allot, Apportion, Assign, Bestow
Antonyms: Collect, Include, Keep
Usage: The Secretary of State was empowered to dispense with the nationality requirement in individual cases.

9) Paraphrase (Verb) -- संगक्षप्त व्याख्या करना
Definition: Express the meaning of (something written or spoken) using different words, especially to achieve greater clarity.
Synonyms: Reword, Rephrase
Antonyms: Copy, Transcript, Transcription
Usage: You can either quote or paraphrase literary texts.

10) Referendum (Noun) -- जनमत संग्रह
Definition: A general vote by the electorate on a single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision.
Synonyms: Plebiscite, Popular Vote, Ballot, Poll
Usage: He called for a referendum on the death penalty.

Usage: He was known for his strong views and unceremonious manners.

2) Prorogue (Verb) -- स्थंभित करना
Definition: (Discontinue a session of (a parliament or other legislative assembly) without dissolving it.
Synonyms: Adjourn, Prorogate, Recess, Suspend
Antonyms: Inaugurate, Launch, Open
Usage:

3) Lofty (Adjective) -- ऊंचा
Definition: Of imposing height.
Synonyms: Tall, High, Giant, Towering
Antonyms: Low, Short
Usage: The elegant square was shaded by lofty palms.

4) Deflationary (Adjective) -- अपथकीतकर
Definition: Characterized by or tending to cause economic deflation.
Synonyms: Bankruptcy, Collapse, Decline, Deflation
Antonyms: Increase, Rise, Success
Usage: The deflation of the illusion that the 1960s were a perpetual party.

5) Quandary (Noun) -- दुगवधा, दुदणशा
Definition: A state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation.
Synonyms: Dilemma, Plight, Predicament
Antonyms: Breeze, Cinch, Duck Soup, Snap
Usage: A legal quandary.

6) Interim (Noun) -- अंतररम
Definition: The intervening time.
Synonyms: Meantime, Meanwhile
Antonyms: Permanent
Usage: In the interim I'll just keep my fingers crossed.
7) **Steadfast (Adjective)** -- वफादार या दृढ़

**Definition:** Resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.

**Synonyms:** Loyal, Faithful, Committed

**Antonyms:** Disloyal, Irresolute

**Usage:** Steadfast loyalty

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8) **Spiral (Noun)** -- कुंडलित

**Definition:** A progressive rise or fall of prices, wages, etc.

**Synonyms:** Coil, Helix, Curl, Corkscrew

**Antonyms:** Fall

**Usage:** A spiral of smoke

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9) **Multilateral (Adjective)** -- बहुपक्षीय

**Definition:** Agreed upon or participated in by three or more parties, especially the governments of different countries.

**Synonyms:** Balance of trade, Fair-trading, Managed prices

**Antonyms:** Unilateral

**Usage:** Multilateral negotiations.

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10) **Unfettered (Adjective)** -- अगनयंगत्रत, अप्रगतबंधत

**Definition:** Not confined or restricted.

**Synonyms:** Unrestrained, Unrestricted, Unconstrained, Free, Unbridled

**Antonyms:** Restricted, Fettered

**Usage:** His imagination is unfettered by the laws of logic.

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1) **Err (Verb)** -- ग़लती होना

**Definition:** Be mistaken or incorrect; make a mistake.

**Synonyms:** Misjudge, Mistake, Blunder

**Antonyms:** Innocent, Well behaved

**Usage:** The judge had **erred** in ruling that the evidence was inadmissible.

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2) **Mould (Verb)** -- गठन या विकास पर प्रभाव डालना

**Definition:** Influence the formation or development of.

**Synonyms:** Determine, Direct, Control, Guide, Lead, Influence

**Usage:** These choices may have signalled a readiness to be bold and break the old mould.

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3) **Mockery (Noun)** -- स्वांग

**Definition:** An absurd misrepresentation or imitation of something.

**Synonyms:** Travesty, Charade, Farce, Parody, laughing stock

**Antonyms:** Honesty, Openness, Truth, Flattery

**Usage:** Members of the Congress Legislature Party in the three States left the choice to Congress president Rahul Gandhi, making a mockery of democratic conventions.

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4) **Opaque (Adjective)** -- अपारदशी

**Definition:** Not able to be seen through; not transparent.

**Synonyms:** Non-transparent, Cloudy, Filmy, Blurred

**Antonyms:** Transparent, Translucent, Clear

**Usage:** Closed-door discussions and opaque deal-making preceded the final announcement of the nominees, to be elected “unanimously” in another meeting of the CLP.

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5) **Dynamism (Noun)** -- गतिक्षा

**Definition:** The quality of being characterized by vigorous activity and progress.

**Synonyms:** Energy, Spirit, Liveliness, Zestfulness, Vitality, Vigour

**Antonyms:** Lethargy, Listlessness, Sluggishness, Torpidity

**Usage:** The Congress leadership has opted in the end for experience over youthful dynamism.
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<td><strong>Usage:</strong> A good way to start would be by decentralising power and not concentrating it in the so-called high command, a feeble <strong>euphemism</strong> for the Nehru-Gandhi family.</td>
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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> Seal off (a place) to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving.</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> Barricade, Close up, Block off, Shut off, Seal, Bar; Besiege</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Reopen, Unblock, Unbolt</td>
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<td><strong>Usage:</strong> Qatar, <strong>blockaded</strong> by three GCC countries, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain.</td>
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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> An official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country.</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> Ban, Interdict, Interdiction, Prohibition, Proscription, Veto</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Prescription, Sufferance, Tolerance, Toleration</td>
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<td><strong>Usage:</strong> Saudi Arabia is upset that Oman and Kuwait did not join the <strong>embargo</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> Moisten, Damp, Wet, Dew, Water</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Dry, Drench</td>
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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> According to the customs or usual practices associated with a particular society, place, or set of circumstances.</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> Usual, Traditional, Normal, Conventional</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Unusual, Exceptional, Rare</td>
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<td><strong>Usage:</strong> The GCC issued a <strong>customary</strong> statement, emphasising regional stability and economic challenges.</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> defect, blemish, fault, imperfection, deficiency, weakness, weak spot/point, inadequacy</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> strong, strength, power.</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> begin, start up, take fire, kindle</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> cool, put off, dull.</td>
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<td><strong>Usage:</strong> oven burners automatically <strong>reignite</strong> if blown out</td>
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<td><strong>Synonyms:</strong> Preposterousness, Ridiculousness, Ludicrousness, Absurdness, Farcicality, Risibility.</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Reasonableness, Sense</td>
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<td><strong>Usage:</strong> Duncan laughed at the <strong>absurdity</strong> of the situation</td>
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<td><strong>Definition:</strong> utterly bewilder or perplex (someone).</td>
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1) Avert (Verb)
Definition: Turn away (one's eyes or thoughts).
Synonyms: Prevent, Stop, Avoid
Antonyms: Abet, Aid, Assist

2) Synonyms:
Bewilder, Puzzle, Perplex, Baffle, Confuse, Confound, Bemuse, Obfuscate, Nonplus, Throw, Get
Antonyms: clear, help, clarify.
Usage: I was completely mystified by his disappearance

3) Sporadic (Adjective)
Definition: occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.
Synonyms: Occasional, Infrequent, Irregular, Periodical, Periodic, Scattered, Patchy, Isolated, Odd, Uneven
Antonyms: Frequent, Regular, Steady, Continuous
Usage: sporadic fighting broke out

4) Acquitted (Verb)
Definition: Free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty.
Synonyms: Absolve, Clear, Exonerate, Exculpate, Declare Innocent, Find Innocent, Pronounce not guilty
Antonyms: Convict, Accuse, Punish.
Usage: She was acquitted on all counts

5) Testimony (Noun)
Definition: Evidence or proof of something.
Synonyms: Testament, Proof, Evidence, Attestation, Witness
Antonyms: Refutation, Contradiction, Disproof, Confutation, Contravention, Invalidation
Usage: His blackened finger was testimony to the fact that he had played in pain

6) Instigating (Verb)
Definition: Bring about or initiate (an action or event).
Synonyms: Set in motion, Put in motion, Get under way, Get going, Get off the ground, Get in operation
Antonyms: Discourage, Deter, Halt, Stop, Depress.
Usage: They instigated a reign of terror

7) Acquittal (Noun)
Definition: A written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation, for use as evidence in court.
Synonyms: Written, Proof, Oath.
Antonyms: Oral
Usage: A former employee swore an affidavit relating to his claim for unfair dismissal

8) Patronage (Noun)
Definition: the power to control appointments to office or the right to privileges.
Synonyms: power of appointment, right of appointment, favouritism, nepotism, partisanship, partiality
Antonyms: Usage: Recruits are selected on merit, not through political patronage

9) Genocide (Noun)
Definition: The deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular nation or ethnic group.
Synonyms: Racial killing, Massacre, Wholesale slaughter, Mass slaughter, Wholesale killing, Indiscriminate killing
Antonyms: Protect, Save.
Usage: A campaign of genocide

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Usage: The strong support among citizens of all countries for urgent action to avert dangerous climate change.

2) Peg (verb) – खंटी करना
Definition: An individual part of a process, series, or ranking.
Synonyms: Chapter, Cut, Degree, Grade, Inch
Antonyms: Confuse, Disarrange, Jumble
Usage: The UNFCCC has a long road ahead before carbon emissions can be pegged at levels flagged by scientists.

3) Stark (Adjective) -- निर्चरता
Definition: Harsh and threatening in manner or appearance
Synonyms: Austere, Dour, Fierce, Flinty, Forbidding
Antonyms: Bland, Meek, Mellow, Soft, Soothing
Usage: Recently, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in a special report, issued a stark warning on man-made emissions.

4) Reliance (Noun) -- निर्भरता
Definition: Dependence on or trust in someone or something.
Synonyms: Dependence, Mainstay, Pillar, Standby
Antonyms: Independence, Independency, Self-dependence, Self-reliance
Usage: Scaling up solar and wind power in line with the goal of reaching 175 GW of renewable energy by 2022, steadily reducing reliance on coal.

5) Complacency (Noun) -- आत्मतुगष्टि
Definition: A feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
Synonyms: Smugness, Self-satisfaction, Self-approval
Antonyms: Dissatisfaction

Usage: The prospect of increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and sea level rise in a warming world affecting small island states allows little room for complacency.

6) Blaze (Noun) -- भड़कना
Definition: A sudden intense expression of strong feeling.
Synonyms: Agony, Burst, Ebulition, Eruption, Explosion
Antonyms: Blackness, Dark, Darkness, Dimness, Dusk
Usage: Twenty firemen fought the blaze.

7) Negligent (Adjective) -- तापरबाह
Definition: Failing to take proper care over something.
Synonyms: Careless, Remiss, Neglectful
Antonyms: Careful, Attentive, Conscientious
Usage: The council had been negligent in its supervision of the children in care.

8) Adverse (Adjective) -- विपरीत
Definition: Preventing success or development, harmful
Synonyms: Unfavourable, Disadvantageous, Inauspicious
Antonyms: Favourable, Beneficial, Positive, Friendly
Usage: Taxes are having an adverse effect on production.

9) Combustible (Adjective) -- दहनशील
Definition: Able to catch fire and burn easily.
Synonyms: Inflammable, Flammable, Incendiary
Antonyms: Incombustible
Usage: A combustible gas.

10) Evacuate (Verb) -- खाली करना
Definition: To remove the contents of
Synonyms: Clear, Empty, Vacate, Void

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### Antonyms: Fill, Load
**Usage:** Evacuate the cupboards completely before spraying the insecticide.

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1) **Dismal (Adjective) – गनराशजनक**
**Definition:** Causing a mood of gloom or depression.
**Synonyms:** Dingy, Dim, Dark, Gloomy, Sombre, Drear
**Antonyms:** Bright, Cheerful
**Usage:** The **dismal** weather made the late afternoon seem like evening.

2) **Accretion (Noun) -- अगभवृगद्ध**
**Definition:** Growth or increase by the gradual accumulation of additional layers or matter.
**Synonyms:** Accumulation, Collecting, Gathering
**Antonyms:** Deduction, Subtraction
**Usage:** A thick **accretion** of ice in a freezer that obviously had not been cleaned for some time.

3) **Lend (Verb) -- योगदान देना**
**Definition:** Contribute or add (a quality) to.
**Synonyms:** Add, Impart, Give, Bestow
**Antonyms:** Detract
**Usage:** The smile **lent** his face a boyish charm.

4) **Implicit (Adjective) – निहित**
**Definition:** Suggested though not directly expressed.
**Synonyms:** Implied, Indirect, Inferred, Understood
**Antonyms:** Explicit, Direct
**Usage:** Comments seen as **implicit** criticism of the policies.

5) **Uphill (Adjective) -- ऊपर की ओर**
**Definition:** Sloping upwards.
**Synonyms:** Upward, Rising, Ascending, Climbing, Arduous, Difficult, Hard, Tough

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### Antonyms: Easy, Downhill
**Usage:** The journey is slightly **uphill**.

6) **Garner (Verb) -- संचित करना**
**Definition:** Gather or collect (something, especially information or approval).
**Synonyms:** Gather, Collect, Accumulate
**Antonyms:** Spread
**Usage:** The police struggled to **garner** sufficient evidence.

7) **Diversify (Verb) -- वैविध्य लाना**
**Definition:** Make or become more diverse or varied.
**Synonyms:** Branch out, Vary output, Expand
**Antonyms:** Continue, Keep, Remain, Stay
**Usage:** The trilobites **diversified** into a great number of specie.

8) **Sustainable (Adjective) -- धारणीय**
**Definition:** Able to be maintained at a certain rate or level.
**Synonyms:** Defendable, Defensible, Justifiable, Maintainable
**Antonyms:** Indefensible, Insupportable, Unjustifiable
**Usage:** A line of argument that is probably not **sustainable** in a public forum against skilled debaters.

9) **Patronage (Noun) -- सरपरवार**
**Definition:** The power to control appointments to office or the right to privileges.
**Synonyms:** Favouritism, Nepotism, Partisanship
**Usage:** Recruits are selected on merit, not through political **patronage**.

10) **Incumbency (Noun) -- विनबद्धता**
**Definition:** The holding of an office or the period during which one is held.
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Synonyms: Burden, Charge, Commitment, Devoir
Antonyms: Grace, Postponement, Stay
Usage: Few incumbencies of her office are as distasteful to the college president as fund-raising, of which there seems to be no end.

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1) Plight (Noun) – दुःखशा
Definition: A dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.
Synonyms: Condition, Predicament, Quandary, Trouble
Antonyms: Advantage, Solution, Benefit
Usage: The plight of the young man, who had crossed over into Pakistan from Afghanistan in 2012.

2) Befriend (Verb) – गमत्रवत व्यवहार करना
Definition: Act as or become a friend to (someone), especially when they are in need of help or support.
Synonyms: Encourage, Sustain, Uphold, Succour
Antonyms: Snub, Reject
Usage: He makes a point of befriending newcomers to Parliament

3) Espionage (Noun) – जासूसी
Definition: The practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.
Synonyms: Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Intelligence
Usage: The acts of espionage on behalf of the Confederacy carried on by Belle Boyd and Rose Greenhow.

4) Blatant (Adjective) – आकषणक
Definition: (of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly.
Synonyms: Flagrant, Glaring, Obvious, Undisguised
Antonyms: Inconspicuous, Subtle
Usage: She forced herself to resist his blatant charm.

5) Vindictive (Adjective) – प्रतिहिंसात्मक
Definition: Having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge.
Synonyms: Revengeful, Unforgiving, Venomous, Poisonous, Malicious
Antonyms: Forgiving
Usage: The criticism was both vindictive and personalized

6) Immaterial
Definition: Unimportant under the circumstances; irrelevant.
Synonyms: Irrelevant, Unimportant, Inconsequential, Insignificant
Antonyms: Important, Significant
Usage: The difference in our ages is immaterial

7) Scathing (Adjective) – बेहद घृगर्त
Definition: Witheringly scornful; severely critical.
Synonyms: Devastating, Withering, Blistering
Antonyms: Mild, Gentle, Complimentary
Usage: She launched a scathing attack on the Prime Minister.

8) Insurrection (Noun) – बग़ावत या गवर्द्दह
Definition: Rebellion, Revolt, Uprising, Mutiny, Revolution
Synonyms: Insurgence, Insurgency, Mutiny, Outbreak
Antonyms: Counterinsurgency, Counterrevolution
Usage: The insurrection was savagely put down.

9) Revoke (Verb) – प्रगतसंहरर् करना
Definition: Officially cancel (a decree, decision, or promise).

Synonyms: Cancel, Repeal, Rescind, Reverse, Abrogate

Antonyms: Introduce, Enact, Ratify

Usage: The men appealed and the sentence was revoked

10) Deplorable (Adjective) - अपमानजनक
Definition: Deserving strong condemnation; completely unacceptable.

Synonyms: Disgraceful, Shameful, Dishonorable, Disreputable

Antonyms: Admirable

Usage: Children living in deplorable conditions.

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Definition: Make (someone) nervous, worried, or irritated

Synonyms: Unnerve, Disconcert, Disturb, Fluster, Shake

Antonyms: Quietude, Serenity, Tranquility

Usage: Donald Trump's decision to pull U.S. troops out of Syria has rattled his team and his allies.

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Definition: Not disconcerted or perturbed.

Synonyms: Undaunted, Unperturbed, Calm

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Usage: Mr. Trump, however, appears unfazed.

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Definition: The rule or reign of a caliph or chief Muslim ruler.

Synonyms: Czar, Emperor, King

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Usage: Now he claims that the physical infrastructure of the IS caliphate is destroyed and the U.S.

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Definition: A part or quantity that is left after the greater part has been used, removed, or destroyed.

Synonyms: Remains, Remainder, Leftovers, Leavings

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Usage: can leave the war against the remnants of the jihadist group to the Syrian government and its main backers, Russia and Iran.

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Definition: (of a space) restricted in area or volume; cramped.

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Usage: The IS has lost 95% of the territory it once controlled and is now confined to narrow pockets on the Iraqi-Syrian border.

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Definition: Sudden and unexpected.

Synonyms: Sudden, Immediate, Instantaneous

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Usage: The cost of being so abrupt is that it leaves a dangerous vacuum in northeastern Syria.

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Synonyms: Comfort, Solace; Sympathy, Compassion
Antonyms: Anguish, Distress, Heartache
Usage: The consolation of the grieving family by their pastor.

2) Exoneration (Noun) - दोषमुक्ति
Definition: The action of officially absolving someone from blame; vindication.
Synonyms:
Antonyms: Conviction, Blaming, Liability
Usage: The defendants' eventual exoneration.

3) Restrictive (Adjective) -- प्रतिबंधक
Definition: Imposing restrictions on someone's activities or freedom.
Synonyms: Cap, Circumscribe, Confine
Antonyms: Broaden, Expand, Widen
Usage: A web of restrictive regulations.

4) Reprimand (Verb) -- संयम करना
Definition: Keep under control; restrain.
Synonyms: Restrain, Check, Curb, Constrain,
Antonyms: Helplessness, Weakness
Usage: After the president resigned, the vice president stepped in and took the reins of the company.

5) Rebuff (Verb) -- अथवीकार करना
Definition: Reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.
Synonyms: Reject, Turn Down, Spurn, Refuse, Decline
Antonyms: Accept, Welcome
Usage: I asked her to be my wife, and was rebuffed in no uncertain terms.

6) Catastrophe - तबाही
Definition: An event causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering; a disaster.
Synonyms: Disaster, Calamity, Cataclysm, Crisis
Antonyms: Salvation, Godsend
Usage: An environmental catastrophe.

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Definition: Evil in nature or effect.
Synonyms: Harmful, Evil, Bad, Baleful, Hostile
Antonyms: Beneficial
Usage: She had a strong and malign influence.

2) Faraway (Adjective) -- सूदूर
Definition: Distant in space or time.
Synonyms: Distant, Far Off, Far
Antonyms: Nearby, Neighbouring
Usage: Exotic and faraway locations

3) Tantrum (Noun) -- गुथसे का आवेश
Definition: An uncontrolled outburst of anger and frustration, typically in a young child.
Synonyms: Fit, Outburst, Flare-up, Blow-up, Pet
Antonyms: Happiness, Peace, Calm
Usage: He has temper tantrums if he can't get his own way

4) Palpable (Adjective) -- बोधगम्य
Definition: (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.
Synonyms: Perceptible, Perceivable, Visible, Noticeable, Appreciable
Antonyms: Intangible, Imperceptible
Usage: A palpable sense of loss.

5) Fraught (Adjective) -- चिंताजनक
Definition: Causing or affected by anxiety or stress.
Synonyms: Anxious, Worried, Upset, Distraught
Antonyms: Clam
Usage: There was a fraught silence.

6) Stymie (Verb) -- प्रगगत को रोकना
Definition: Prevent or hinder the progress of.
Synonyms: Impede, Interfere with, Hamper, Hinder, Obstruct
Antonyms: Assist, Help
Usage: The changes must not be allowed to stymie new medical treatments.

7) Retaliation (Noun) -- प्रतिशोध
Definition: The action of returning a military attack; counter-attack.
Synonyms: Revenge, Vengeance, Reprisal, Retribution
Antonyms: Clemency, Grace, Leniency, Lenity, Mercy
Usage: The bombings are believed to be in retaliation for the trial of 15 suspects

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8) Covert (Adjective) – प्रच्छन्न या गुप्त
Definition: Not openly acknowledged or displayed.
Synonyms: Secret, Furtive, Clandestine, Surreptitious,
Antonyms: Overt, Above Board
Usage: Covert operations against the dictatorship.

9) Prudent (Adjective) – बिचेकी
Definition: Acting with or showing care and thought for the future.
Synonyms: Wise, Well Judged, Judicious, Sagacious, Sage
Antonyms: Unwise, Imprudent, Incautious, Extravagant
Usage: No prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose.

10) Apparent (Adjective) – स्पष्ट
Definition: Clearly visible or understood; obvious.
Synonyms: Evident, Plain, Obvious, Clear, Manifest,
Antonyms: Unclear, Obscure
Usage: For no apparent reason she laughed.

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| Antonyms: Helplessness, Impotence, Impotency, Powerlessness |
| Usage: The move would have grave repercussions for the entire region. |

3) Acrimonious (Adjective) – कड़वा या भद्दा
Definition: (Typically of speech or discussion) angry and bitter.
Synonyms: Bitter, Rancorous, Caustic, Acerbic
Antonyms: Caring, Forgiving, Gentle, Unbitter
Usage: An acrimonious dispute about wages.

4) Impunity (Noun) – दण्ड मुक्ति
Definition: Exemption from punishment or freedom from the injurious consequences of an action.
Synonyms: Immunity, Indemnity
Antonyms: Liability, Responsibility
Usage: The impunity enjoyed by military officers implicated in civilian killings.

5) Intimidatory (Adjective) – आत्मक
Definition: 
Synonyms: Alarming, Dangerous, Frightening
Antonyms: Remote, Aiding, Assisting
Usage: The intimidatory power of the mob made itself felt once again when the Ajmer Literature Festival abruptly cancelled veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah’s keynote address.

6) Intricate (Adjective) – पेश्चीरा
Definition: Very complicated or detailed.
Synonyms: Complex, Complicated, Convoluted, Tangled
Antonyms: Simple, Straightforward
Usage: An intricate network of canals.

7) Hound (Verb) – उत्पीडन करना
Definition: Harass, persecute, or pursue relentlessly.

| Synonyms: Disgraceful, Shameful, Dishonourable, |
| Antonyms: Admirable |
| Usage: Children living in deplorable conditions |

6) Repercussion (Noun) – प्रतिक्रिया
Definition: An unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

| Synonyms: Consequence, Result, Effect, Outcome |
| Antonyms: Helplessness, Impotence, Impotency, Powerlessness |
| Usage: The move would have grave repercussions for the entire region. |
Synonyms: Harass, Persecute, Harry, Pester, Bother, Trouble.
Antonyms: Leave in peace
Usage: She was hounded by the Italian press.

8) Diktat (Noun) – फरमान
Definition: An order or decree imposed by someone in power without popular consent.
Synonyms: Bull, Decree, Directive, Edict, Fiat
Usage: Governments have often given in to the mob’s diktats, either as the easy way out or for political signalling.

9) Vigilante (Noun) -- सतक्षण ताप्त
Definition: one who inflicts punishment in return for an injury or offense
Synonyms: Avenger, Castigator, Chastiser
Antonyms: Ransomer, Redeemer, Vindicator
Usage: The danger of these self-appointed vigilantes is that they sometimes go after innocent people.

10) Outburst (Noun) – प्रकोप
Definition: A sudden release of strong emotion.
Synonyms: Eruption, Explosion, Burst, Outbreak
Antonyms: Implosion
Usage: Amid the acrimonious outburst against him, no one cares to listen.

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1) Rigour (Noun) – सावधानी
Definition: The quality of being extremely thorough and careful.
Synonyms: Meticulousness, Thoroughness, Carefulness
Antonyms: Carelessness
Usage: His analysis is lacking in rigour.

2) Requisition (Noun) -- आवश्यकता
Definition: Something that someone insists upon having
Synonyms: Claim, Demand, Dun, Importunity, Ultimatum
Antonyms: Usage: A brand-new, top-notch computer was the new science teacher’s first requisition.

3) Remunerative (Adjective) -- आर्थिक रूप से पुरस्कृत
Definition: Financially rewarding; lucrative.
Synonyms: Lucrative, Well Paid
Antonyms: Disadvantageous, Unfavorable
Usage: Made a highly remunerative investment that will end up paying my college tuition.

4) Unscrupulous (Adjective) -- नीतिज्ञानहीन
Definition: Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.
Synonyms: Unprincipled, Unethical, Immoral, Amoral,
Antonyms: Ethical, Honest
Usage: Unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.

5) Colloquial (Adjective) – बोलियाल की शैली
Definition: (o f language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary.
Synonyms: Informal, Conversational, Everyday, Casual
Antonyms: Literary, Formal
Usage: Colloquial and everyday language

6) Subtlety (Noun) -- सूक्ष्मता
Definition: A subtle distinction, feature, or argument.
Synonyms: Delicacy, Delicateness, Subtleness
Antonyms: Slow-wittedness, Dullness, Crudeness
Usage: we appreciated the subtlety with which our host indicated that it was time to leave: he volunteered to pack us a little lunch for the road.

7) Coherent (Adjective) -- सुसंबंध
Definition: (of an argument, theory, or policy) logical and consistent.
Synonyms: Logical, Reasoned, Reasonable
Antonyms: Incoherent, Muddled
Usage: They failed to develop a coherent economic strategy.

8) Disinclination (Noun) -- अगन्न्हुकता
Definition: A reluctance or lack of enthusiasm.
Synonyms: Reluctance, Unwillingness, Lack Of Enthusiasm, Indisposition, Slowness
Antonyms: Inclination, Enthusiasm
Usage: Lucy felt a strong disinclination to talk about her engagement

9) Betray (Verb) -- प्रकट करना
Definition: Expose (one's country, a group, or a person) to danger by treacherously giving information to an enemy.
Synonyms: Reveal, Disclose, Divulge
Antonyms: Conceal, Hide
Usage: Many of those employed by diplomats betrayed secrets.

10) Remnant (Noun) -- अवशेष
Definition: A remaining group or portion.
Synonyms: Balance, Leavings, Leftovers
Antonyms: Body, Bulk, Main, Mass
Usage: Sailed home with just a remnant of the colony’s original population aboard

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1) High-handed (Adjective) -- उच्च-थतरीयता
Definition: Having a feeling of superiority that shows itself in an overbearing attitude

Synonyms: Arrogant, Assumptive, Bumptious, Cavalier
Antonyms: Humble, Lowly, Modest, Unarrogant, Unpretentious
Usage: Bangladesh goes to the polls amid allegations of high-handedness by the government

2) Canorous (Adjective) -- बुटिस्थल्प
Definition: Having a pleasing mixture of notes
Synonyms: Euphonic, Euphonious, Harmonious, Harmonizing
Antonyms: Discordant, Disharmonious, Dissonant
Usage: A canorous chorus of birdsong filled the morning air

3) Formidable (Adjective) -- दुजेय
Definition: Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.
Synonyms: Intimidating, Forbidding, Redoubtable, Daunting
Antonyms: Pleasant-looking, Comforting, Easy, Weak
Usage: A formidable opponent.

4) Tumultuous (Adjective) -- कोलाहल
Definition: Making an uproar or loud, confused noise.
Synonyms: Loud, Deafening, Thunderous, Thundering
Antonyms: Peaceful, Uneventful, Orderly
Usage: Tumultuous applause

5) Resentment (Noun) -- नाराज्जगी
Definition: Bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly.
Synonyms: Bitterness, Indignation, Irritation, Pique
Antonyms: Contentment, Happiness
Usage: His resentment at being demoted.
6) Repressive (Adjective) -- दमनकारी
**Definition:** (especially of a social or political system) inhibiting or restraining personal freedom.
**Synonyms:** Oppressive, Authoritarian, Despotic, Tyrannical.
**Antonyms:** Democratic, Liberal
**Usage:** A repressive regime.

7) Envisage (Verb) -- परिकल्पना करना
**Definition:** Contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event.
**Synonyms:** Foresee, Predict, Forecast, Foretell
**Usage:** The Rome Treaty envisaged free movement across frontiers.

8) Furore (Noun) -- उत्तेजना
**Definition:** An outbreak of public anger or excitement.
**Synonyms:** Commotion, Uproar, Outcry, Disturbance
**Antonyms:** Calm, Calmness, Peace
**Usage:** The store’s going-out-of-business sale caused such a furore that security guards had to be called in to restore order.

9) Salutary (Adjective) -- लाभदायक
**Definition:** (especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects; beneficial.
**Synonyms:** Beneficial, Good, Good for one, Advantageous, Profitable
**Antonyms:** Unwelcome, Irrelevant
**Usage:** It failed to draw salutary lessons from Britain's loss of its colonies.

10) Offend (Verb) -- अपमान करना
**Definition:** Cause to feel upset, annoyed, or resentful.

**Synonyms:** Affront, Upset, Displease, Distress, Hurt, Wound, Pain, Injure,
**Antonyms:** Please, Delight
**Usage:** 17 per cent of viewers said they had been offended by bad language

**Editorial 29 – 12 – 2018**

1) Spurn (Verb) -- तिरस्कार करना
**Definition:** Reject with disdain or contempt.
**Synonyms:** Refuse, Decline, Reject, Rebuff, Scorn
**Antonyms:** Condone, Countenance, Swallow
**Usage:** He spoke gruffly, as if afraid that his invitation would be spurned.

2) Conscription (Noun) -- प्रभावी
**Definition:** Compulsory enlistment for state service, typically into the armed forces.
**Synonyms:** Draftee, Inductee, Selectee
**Antonyms:** Enlistee, Volunteer
**Usage:** conscription was extended to married men.

3) Enunciate (Verb) -- उच्चारित करना
**Definition:** Say or pronounce clearly.
**Synonyms:** Pronounce, Articulate
**Antonyms:** Falter, Grunt, Halt, Hesitate
**Usage:** Enunciate your words, and then you won’t have to repeat them so often.

4) Scuttle (Verb) -- जल्दबाजी से दौड़ना
**Definition:** Run hurriedly or furtively with short quick steps.
**Synonyms:** Scamper, Scurry, Scramble, Bustle
**Antonyms:** Crawl, Creep, Poke
**Usage:** Mice scuttling across the barn floor to escape the cats

5) Convulse (Verb) -- आंदोलन करना
**Definition**: Suffer violent involuntary contraction of the muscles, producing contortion of the body or limbs.

**Synonyms**: Agitate, Bucket, Jerk, Jiggle, Joggle

**Usage**: Convulsing with silent laughter as the inept pianist blithely played on.

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**6) Muster (Verb)** -- इकट्ठा करना
**Definition**: Assemble (troops), especially for inspection or in preparation for battle.

**Synonyms**: Assemble, Marshal, Mobilize, Rally.

**Antonyms**: Disperse

**Usage**: The cavalrymen mustered beside the other regiments.

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**7) Deride (Verb)** -- उपहास करना
**Definition**: Express contempt for; ridicule.

**Synonyms**: Ridicule, Mock

**Antonyms**: Respect, Praise

**Usage**: The decision was derided by environmentalists.

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**8) Mogul (Noun)** -- विश्वस्त्र रूप से फिल्म या मीडिया उद्योग में एक महत्त्वपूर्ण व्यक्ति
**Definition**: An important or powerful person, especially in the film or media industry.

**Synonyms**: Magnate, Tycoon, VIP, Notable, Notability, Personage

**Antonyms**: Half-pint, Lightweight, Small-timer

**Usage**: The Hollywood movie mogul, Sam Goldwyn

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**9) Denude (Verb)** -- उघाडना
**Definition**: Strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets.

**Synonyms**: Divest, Strip, Clear, Deprive, Bereave

**Antonyms**: Cover

**Usage**: Almost overnight the Arctic was denuded of animals.

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**10) Fragment (Verb)** -- टुकडों में बंटना
**Definition**: Break or cause to break into fragments.

**Synonyms**: Break up, Break, Shatter, Splinter, Fracture

**Antonyms**: Unbroken

**Usage**: Restoring the fragmented Roman sculpture was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle.