



The Hindu Vocabulary: 03.01.2024

1. DAMPENER (NOUN)

Meaning: Something that lessens the force, effect, or intensity of something else; a device or substance used to reduce the impact or vibrancy of sound, motion, or enthusiasm.

Synonyms: Diminisher, Attenuator, Moderation

Antonyms: Stimulator, Catalyst, Augmenter

Sentence: The rain served as a dampener on the outdoor event, but the attendees still enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

2. CONTEND (VERB)

Meaning: To assert, maintain, or argue a point; to engage in a struggle or competition.

Synonyms: Insist, State, Claim

Antonyms: Surrender, Acquiesce, Comply

Sentence: The debaters will contend on various topics during the competition.

3. DEVOID (Adjective)

Meaning: Entirely lacking or without; completely lacking in a particular quality or attribute.

Synonyms: Barren, Empty, Destitute

Antonyms: Abundant, Replete, Overflowing

Sentence: The barren land was devoid of vegetation, and the harsh conditions made it difficult for any plants to thrive.

4. DISCREPANCY (NOUN)

Meaning: A lack of agreement, consistency, or compatibility; a difference or inconsistency between two or more things.

Synonyms: Disparity, Divergence, Dissemblance

Antonyms: Uniformity, Compatibility, Conformity

Sentence: The auditor discovered a significant discrepancy between the company's financial records and the actual expenditures.

5. ASCERTAIN (Verb)

Meaning: To find out or determine with certainty; to discover or make sure of.

Synonyms: Establish, Confirm, Verify

Antonyms: Speculate, Conjecture, Assume

Sentence: The detective worked diligently to ascertain the true identity of the mysterious caller.

6. LAMENT (NOUN & VERB)

Meaning: A passionate expression of grief, sorrow, or mourning.

Synonyms: Wailing, Grief, Sorrow

Antonyms: Rejoicing, Joy, Elation

Sentence:

Noun: The funeral was filled with the lament of friends and family as they said their final goodbyes.

Verb: She began to lament the missed opportunities and choices that had led to her current situation.

7. INSIPID ((Adjective)

Meaning: Lacking flavor, taste, or excitement; dull, bland, or uninteresting.

Synonyms: Lifeless, Vapid, Tedious

Antonyms: Zesty, Interesting, Spicy

Sentence: The meal was disappointingly insipid, lacking the spices and flavors that the chef was known for.

8. BLEAK (Adjective)

Meaning: Desolate, cold, and barren, often describing a landscape or environment.

Grim, harsh, or depressing, especially when referring to a situation or outlook.

Synonyms: Dreary, Stark, Gloomy, Melancholy

Antonyms: Flourishing, Populated, Hopeful Optimistic

Sentence: The abandoned factory in the outskirts of town presented a bleak and desolate image, with broken windows and overgrown weeds.