



The Hindu Vocabulary: 05.01.2024

1. PROVOCATION (NOUN)

Meaning: the action or act of provoking, inciting, or stimulating someone to react, especially in an aggressive or emotional manner.

Synonyms: Incitement, stimulation, harassment, annoyance, irritant, stimulus.

Antonyms: Soothing, pacification, calming, restraint.

Sentence: The insulting remarks were a clear provocation, leading to a heated argument.

2. ASSASSINATE (VERB)

Meaning: To assassinate is to murder someone, especially a prominent or important person, often for political or ideological reasons.

Synonyms: Kill, murder, eliminate, slay, execute.

Antonyms: Spare, preserve, save, protect.

Sentence: The conspiracy to assassinate the political leader was thwarted by the intelligence agencies.

3. VULNERABILITY (NOUN)

Meaning: the state of being susceptible to harm, injury, or attack..

Synonyms: Susceptibility, exposure, weakness, fragility, insecurity, openness.

Antonyms: Resilience, invulnerability, strength, security.

Sentence: The cybersecurity system had a vulnerability that hackers exploited to gain unauthorized access.

4. EMBATTLED (Adjective)

Meaning: A sense of being besieged, under attack, or facing difficulties.

Synonyms: Besieged, contested, beleaguered, troubled, under fire, in conflict.

Antonyms: Untroubled, undisturbed, peaceful, calm, uninvolved.

Sentence: The embattled leader faced criticism from both political opponents and members of his own party.

5. RESILIENCE (NOUN)

Meaning: the ability to recover quickly from setbacks, adapt to difficult circumstances, or bounce back from adversity.

Synonyms: Endurance, strength, flexibility, fortitude, toughness, adaptability, robustness.

Antonyms: Vulnerability, fragility, weakness, susceptibility.

Sentence: Despite facing numerous challenges, her resilience and determination helped her overcome obstacles and achieve success.

6. SWORN (Adjective)

Meaning: A commitment or promise made with a solemn or formal declaration.

Synonyms: Pledged, vowed, committed, promised, dedicated, affirmed.

Antonyms: Uncommitted, unsworn, unrestrained, undedicated.

Sentence: She is a sworn advocate for environmental conservation, dedicating her life to protecting natural resources.

7. PRECARIOUS (Adjective)

Meaning: a situation that is uncertain, risky, or likely to change for the worse.

Synonyms: Unstable, insecure, uncertain, unsafe, perilous, risky, shaky, precarious, vulnerable.

Antonyms: Stable, secure, safe, certain, steady, firm, robust.

Sentence: The hiker found herself in a precarious position on the edge of the cliff.

8. MALFEASANCE (NOUN)

Meaning: the wrongful or unlawful conduct, especially by a public official or someone in a position of trust.

Synonyms: Wrongdoing, misconduct, corruption, misbehavior, dishonesty, malpractice, illegality.

Antonyms: Integrity, honesty, uprightness, righteousness, virtue, probity.

Sentence: The mayor was accused of malfeasance after evidence of bribery and corruption came to light.