



## The Hindu Vocabulary: 16.03.2024

### 1. VOLATILE

#### Parts of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Tending to change rapidly and unpredictably; liable to sudden, unpredictable, or explosive changes or reactions.

**Synonyms:** Unstable, unpredictable, erratic, combustible

**Antonym:** Stable, steady, predictable, constant

**Sentence:** The volatile situation in the region made it difficult for diplomats to negotiate a lasting peace agreement.

### 2. HOSTAGE

#### Parts of Speech: NOUN

**Meaning:** A person who is seized or held as security for the fulfillment of a condition or demand, often by force or coercion.

**Synonyms:** Captive, prisoner, detainee, hostage

**Antonym:** Free person, liberator, rescuer

**Sentence:** The terrorists took several hostages during the bank robbery, demanding a large sum of money in exchange for their release.

### 3. LYNCHPIN

#### Parts of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** A person or thing that holds something together or serves as the central or most important element of a system, organization, plan, or activity.

**Synonyms:** Keystone, linchpin, cornerstone, foundation

**Antonym:** Disruptor, obstacle, hindrance

**Sentence:** The CEO was the lynchpin of the company, providing direction and leadership to ensure its success.

#### 4. DISCONCERT

**Parts of Speech:** VERB

**Meaning:** To disturb the composure or confidence of someone; to unsettle or confuse.

**Synonyms:** Perturb, unsettle, disturb, fluster

**Antonym:** Comfort, reassure, calm

**Sentence:** The unexpected turn of events disconcerted the entire team, leaving them unsure of how to proceed.

#### 5. TRIUMVIRATE

**Parts of Speech:** Noun

**Meaning:** A group of three powerful individuals or entities who are united in some purpose or endeavor, often in politics or leadership.

**Synonyms:** Trio, triumvirate, threesome, troika

**Antonym:** Solo, individual, lone

**Sentence:** The three professors formed a triumvirate to spearhead the research project, each bringing their expertise to the table.

#### 6. RESPITE

**Parts of Speech:** Noun

**Meaning:** A short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant; a temporary break or pause.

**Synonyms:** Break, pause, relief, intermission

**Antonym:** Continuation, persistence, endurance

**Sentence:** After weeks of intense work, she finally took a respite and spent a relaxing weekend at the beach.

## 7. HORTICULTURE

**Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** The practice or science of growing flowers, fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants; gardening on a larger scale.

**Synonyms:** Gardening, cultivation, floriculture

**Antonym:** Neglect, abandonment, wilderness

**Sentence:** She studied horticulture in college and now works as a professional gardener, designing beautiful landscapes for clients.

## 8. PORTEND

**Parts of Speech: Verb**

**Meaning:** To serve as a sign or warning of a future event, especially something significant or ominous; to indicate or foreshadow.

**Synonyms:** Foretell, forecast, predict, signify

**Antonym:** Conceal, disguise, obfuscate

**Sentence:** The dark clouds portend an approaching storm, so it's best to bring an umbrella.

## 9. LANGUISH

**Parts of Speech: VERB**

**Meaning:** To become weak or feeble, especially over time; to suffer from neglect or lack of progress.

**Synonyms:** Decline, deteriorate, weaken, fade

**Antonym:** Flourish, thrive, prosper

**Sentence:** Without proper care, the neglected garden began to languish, with weeds overtaking the once-vibrant flowers.

## 10. DISCONTENT

**Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** A feeling of dissatisfaction or unhappiness with one's circumstances or situation.

**Synonyms:** Dissatisfaction, displeasure, unrest

**Antonyms:** Contentment, satisfaction, happiness

**Sentence:** The company's failure to address the concerns of its employees only served to further discontent them.

