



The Hindu Vocabulary: 18.01.2024

1. TURMOIL (NOUN)

Meaning: a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty. It is often characterized by chaos, upheaval, or disorder.

Synonym: Confusion, chaos, upheaval, tumult, disorder

Antonym: Order, calm, tranquility, serenity, stability

Sentence: The political turmoil in the country led to widespread protests and demonstrations.

2. EQUILIBRIUM (NOUN)

Meaning: a state of balance or stability, where opposing forces or elements are evenly distributed, and there is no net change or motion.

Synonym: Balance, stability, harmony, equipoise, symmetry

Antonym: Imbalance, instability, disequilibrium, upheaval, discord

Sentence: The tightrope walker maintained perfect equilibrium, carefully adjusting their body to stay centered and avoid falling.

3. RETALIATE (VERB)

Meaning: to respond to an action or attack by counterattacking or seeking revenge.

Synonyms: Counterattack, strike back, revenge, reciprocate, respond

Antonym: Forgive, ignore, tolerate, endure, overlook

Sentence: Frustrated by the constant teasing, he decided to retaliate by playing a prank on his mischievous colleagues.

4. ANARCHY (NOUN)

Meaning: a state of disorder, absence of government, or political and social chaos. It is characterized by a lack of authority, rules, and a breakdown of societal order.

Synonym: Chaos, lawlessness, disorder, mayhem, tumult

Antonym: Order, governance, control, organization, stability

Sentence: The collapse of the central government led to a state of anarchy, with various factions vying for power and control.

5. SOVEREIGNTY (NOUN)

Meaning: the supreme authority or power of a state or governing body to govern itself without interference from external sources.

Synonyms: Autonomy, independence, self-determination, self-rule, authority

Antonym: Subjugation, dependence, submission, servitude, subordination

Sentence: The country fought for its sovereignty, seeking independence from colonial rule.

6. RAPPROACHMENT (NOUN)

Meaning: the reestablishment of friendly relations or the improvement of strained relations between individuals, groups, or nations.

Synonym: Reconciliation, conciliation, detente, understanding, resolution

Antonym: Estrangement, hostility, conflict, discord, disagreement

Sentence: The diplomatic talks between the two countries led to a significant rapprochement, paving the way for improved trade and cooperation.

7. VENGEFUL (Adjective)

Meaning: Vengeful describes a person or attitude characterized by a strong desire for revenge or a wish to inflict harm on someone in response to perceived wrongdoing or injury.

Synonym: Retaliatory, vindictive, retaliative, vengeant, revengeful

Antonym: Forgiving, merciful, compassionate, lenient, magnanimous

Sentence: Fueled by vengeful emotions, he plotted a series of actions to get back at those who had betrayed him.

8. DETERRED (VERB)

Meaning: Deterred refers to the action of discouraging or preventing someone from doing something by creating fear, doubt, or apprehension about the consequences.

Synonym: Discouraged, dissuaded, hindered, thwarted, prevented

Antonym: Encouraged, motivated, emboldened, supported, promoted

Sentence: The heavy rain and strong winds deterred us from going on a picnic, as the weather conditions seemed unfavorable.

9. DOMINEERING (Adjective)

Meaning: Domineering describes a person who tends to exert control or influence over others in an assertive, authoritarian, or overbearing manner. It implies a desire to dominate and control others.

Synonym: Authoritarian, overbearing, dictatorial, controlling, tyrannical

Antonym: Submissive, yielding, accommodating, humble, cooperative

Sentence: The domineering boss rarely allowed employees to voice their opinions or make decisions independently.

10. CEASEFIRE (NOUN)

Meaning: A ceasefire is a temporary suspension of hostilities or a halt in fighting, usually agreed upon by opposing parties in a conflict to allow for negotiations, humanitarian efforts, or a period of peace.

Synonym: Truce, armistice, peace agreement, cessation of hostilities

Antonym: Conflict, confrontation, battle, war, fighting

Sentence: The two nations agreed to a ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid to reach the war-torn regions.