



The Hindu Vocabulary: 21.11.2023

1-Tyranny (noun) : oppressive and unjust use of power, often by a ruler or government, to exercise authority in a cruel and harsh manner, suppressing the rights and freedoms of the people.

Synonyms: Despotism, Autocracy

Antonyms: Fairness, Justice

Sentence: The history books are filled with accounts of struggles against tyranny in the pursuit of basic human rights.

2-Titular (adjective) : a person holding a title or a nominal position, often without actively carrying out the duties associated with that position.

Synonyms: Ostensible, Ceremonial

Antonyms: Operative, Engaged

Sentence: The king served as a titular figurehead while the prime minister managed the day-to-day affairs of the government.

3-Incumbent (adjective): the person currently holding a particular position, especially in a job or an elected office.

Synonyms: Occupant, Officeholder

Antonyms: Previous, Outgoing

Sentence: It is incumbent upon all citizens to participate in the democratic process by voting.

4-Flagrant (adjective): It refers to actions or situations that are conspicuously bad or glaringly evident.

Synonyms: Conspicuous, Outrageous

Antonyms: Insignificant, Moderate

Sentence: The teacher addressed the student's flagrant cheating during the exam, emphasizing the importance of academic integrity.

5-Confer (verb): the act of discussing, consulting or deliberating with others to exchange information, opinions, or advice.

Synonyms: Communicate, Bestow

Antonyms: Disregard, Ignore

Sentence: The university decided to confer an honorary degree upon the distinguished scientist for her contributions to the field.

6-Cantankerous (adjective): ill-tempered and prone to quarrels.

Synonyms: Surly, Testy

Antonyms: Affable, Friendly

Sentence: The cantankerous customer complained about every aspect of the service, making the employees' job difficult.

7-Proviso(noun): a condition or stipulation added to an agreement or statement to qualify or modify its terms.

Synonyms: Requirement, Specification

Antonyms: Waiver, Permission

Sentence: The agreement had a proviso stating that any changes to the schedule must be approved by both parties.

8-Pronouncement (noun): a formal or authoritative announcement or declaration.

Synonyms: Assertion, Statement

Antonyms: Disavowal, Refutation

Sentence: The judge's pronouncement in the courtroom brought relief to the victim's family.

9-Prelude (noun): an introductory action, event, or performance that comes before a bigger or more important one.

Synonyms: Prologue, Commencement

Antonyms: Conclusion, Finale

Sentence: The dinner was only a prelude to a much larger meeting

10-Outdo (verb): to be better or more successful than others

Synonyms: surpass, exceed

Antonyms: underperform, Trail

Sentence: He finally outdid himself when, on the eve of bad unemployment figures, he talked about a golden decade about to break upon the economy.

11-Satraps (noun): a subordinate ruler, often a despotic one

Synonyms: Governor, Viceroy

Antonyms: Monarch

Sentence: At the very beginning, the satrap Artabanus raised a rebellion in Bactria, but was defeated in two battles.