



The Hindu Vocabulary: 26.01.2024

1. ECHELONS (NOUN)

Meaning: levels or ranks in a hierarchical structure or system. It is often used to describe different levels of authority, responsibility, or importance within an organization or military.

Synonyms: Levels, tiers, ranks, strata.

Antonyms: Equality, uniformity, homogeneity.

Sentence: The corporate structure had several echelons, each with distinct roles and responsibilities.

2. ENTRENCH (VERB)

Meaning: to establish or solidify something firmly, often to the point of making it difficult to change or dislodge.

Synonyms: Establish, fortify, embed, reinforce.

Antonyms: Dislodge, uproot, weaken.

Sentence: The new policies were designed to entrench ethical practices within the organization.

3. STYMIE (VERB)

Meaning: To hinder, obstruct, or thwart the progress, development, or accomplishment of something.

Synonyms: impede, thwart, frustrate.

Antonyms: Assist, facilitate, promote.

Sentence: The unexpected budget cuts threatened to stymie the completion of the infrastructure project.

4. STAGNATION (NOUN)

Meaning: a state of inactivity, lack of progress, or a condition where growth or development is halted.

Synonyms: Inactivity, standstill, lethargy, inertia.

Antonyms: Progress, growth, advancement, dynamism.

Sentence: The economic stagnation was evident in the lack of job opportunities and slow industry growth.

5. QUIRK (NOUN)

Meaning: a peculiar or unexpected aspect, behavior, or characteristic that deviates from the normal or expected.

Synonyms: Eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, oddity.

Antonyms: Norm, conventionality, conformity.

Sentence: Her quirk of always wearing mismatched socks became her signature style.

6. AD HOC (ADJ.)

Meaning: Created or formed for a particular purpose or situation, often improvised or temporary.

Synonym: Impromptu, makeshift, improvised

Antonym: Planned, systematic, permanent

Sentence: The committee held an ad hoc meeting to address the urgent matter.

7. CAUCUSES (VERB & NOUN)

Meaning: A meeting or assembly of members of a political party or group to discuss and decide on policies, candidates, or strategy.

Synonym: Meeting, assembly, conference

Antonym: Disunity, disorganization, inaction

Sentence: The party members held a caucus to discuss the upcoming election strategy.

8. GARNERED (VERB)

Meaning: to gather, collect, or accumulate something, typically information, support, or recognition.

Synonym: Collect, gather, accumulate

Antonym: Scatter, disperse, dissipate

Sentence: The team's hard work and dedication garnered them the championship trophy.

9. TENOR (NOUN)

Meaning: The general course or direction of something; the main drift.

The pitch or range of a musical instrument or a person's voice.

The exact wording of a text, especially in relation to its context.

Synonym: Course, direction, tone

Antonym: Dissonance, discord, divergence

Sentence: His voice had a clear tenor, allowing him to sing high notes with ease.

10. PROPPING (VERB)

Meaning: the action of supporting or sustaining something by placing or using a prop.

Synonyms: Supporting, bracing, bolstering, buttressing, shoring up.

Antonyms: Undermining, weakening, destabilizing.

Sentence: Propping the painting against the wall allowed the artist to step back and assess it from a distance.