

The Hindu Vocabulary: 26.10.2023

1-DESIST: Verb: to stop or cease from doing something, particularly when it refers to discontinuing an action or behaviour.

Synonyms: Abstain, refrain

Antonyms: Proceed, Persist

Sentence: The company had to desist from using unethical business practices to maintain their reputation.

2-MINNOWS: Noun: Small, freshwater fish that are typically used as bait or found in streams and ponds.

Synonyms: Baitfish, Smelts

Antonyms: Giants

Sentence: Despite being considered minnows in the industry, the local businesses formed a strong network to support each other.

3-BEQUEATHED: Verb: to leave or give something, typically property, assets, or a personal possession, to someone through a will or legal document after one's death.

Synonyms: Entrusted, Bestowed

Antonyms: Confiscated, Deprived

Sentence: In his will, the wealthy philanthropist bequeathed a substantial portion of his fortune to various charities.

4-RAMSHACKLE: Adjective: a state of disrepair, dilapidation, or severe disorder.

Synonyms: Derelict, Decrepit

Antonyms: Sturdy, Robust

Sentence: The neighborhood playground had become ramshackle over the

years, with

rusty swings and broken slides.

5-BRISTLE: Verb, Noun: to react with anger, irritation, or strong emotion a short, stiff hair similar to a bristle on a brush, or the stiff hairs on the back of certain animals that can stand on end when they are agitated or alarmed.

Synonyms: Recoil, Quill

Antonyms: Unclench, Softness

Sentence: The shaving brush had long, thick bristles that helped create a rich lather. The cat bristled at the sight of the unfamiliar dog, arching its back and hissing.

6-Foist (verb): to offer (something fake, useless, or inferior) as genuine, useful, or valuable

Synonyms: impose, inflict, fake

Sentence: Shopkeepers who foist shoddy souvenirs on unsuspecting tourists

7-Parlous (adjective): involving potential loss or injury

Synonyms: risky, serious, dangerous

Antonyms: beneficial, harmless, safe

Sentence: Window washing can indeed be a parlous occupation on a skyscraper

8-Slumbered (verb): to be in a state of sleep

Synonyms: napped, snoozed, slept

Antonyms: rose, waked, aroused.

Sentence: she slumbered for hours while the train rolled on

9-Trammel (noun): something that makes movement or progress difficult

Synonyms: obstacle, obstruction, hurdle

Antonyms: incentive, spur, stimulus

Sentence: Students and parents who want to throw off the trammels of outdated

school policies

10-Append (verb): to join (something) to a mass, quantity, or number so as to bring about an overall increase

Synonyms: add, introduce, attach

Antonyms: subtract, deduct, separate

Sentence: I have appended a list of those guests.