



## The Hindu Vocabulary: 28.10.2023

**1. Dither (Verb) : घबराहट:** to be unable to make a decision about doing something; to be very nervous, excited, or confused

Synonyms: hesitate, falter, panic, fuss

Antonyms: calm, peace, sense, order

Example Sentence: The politician began to dither and stutter when asked about his stance.

**2. Abstention (Noun):** an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion; restraint in one's consumption

Synonyms: abnegation, eschewal, avoidance, reject

Antonyms: indulgence, unconstraint, decide

Example Sentence: I decided to settle on an abstention when the family voted on where we should eat, as personally, I didn't care where we went.

**3. Duress (Noun): दबाव:** threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will

Synonyms: pressure, constraint, compulsion, intimidation, coercion

Antonyms: freedom, independence, liberation, persuasion

Example Sentence: I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.

**4. Diffident (Adjective): संकोचशील:** modest or shy because of a lack of selfconfidence

Synonyms: shy, bashful, sheepish, introverted

Antonyms: confident, extroverted, immodest, bold

Example Sentence: Although he graduated in the top ten percent of his class, Jules is still diffident about his own intelligence.

**5. Ebullient (Adjective): जोश:** cheerful and full of energy

Synonyms: exuberant, buoyant, cheerful

Antonyms: indolent, lazy, sluggish

Example Sentence: Jack always felt ebullient after drinking his morning coffee.

**6. Exculpate (Verb) : निर्दोष सिद्ध करना:** show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing

Synonyms: absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate

Antonyms: accuse, arraign, imprison

Example Sentence: He exculpates himself from stealing the money.

**7. Veneer (Noun): दिखावा:** a deceptively attractive external appearance

Synonyms: facade, gloss

Example Sentence: Marcia wears a veneer of friendliness while trying to backstab everyone in the office.

**8. Relegate (Verb):** consign or dismiss to an inferior rank or position

Synonyms: downgrade, lower in rank, put down

Antonyms: ascent, rise, upswing

Example Sentence: In spite of her strong commitment to her job, she vowed she would never relegate her maternal duties to a nanny.

**9. Vaunt (Verb) : बड़ाई करना:** boast about or praise (something), especially excessively

Synonyms: boast, brag, pride

Antonyms: belittle, underrate

Example Sentence: Even the noblest of fellows have been known to vaunt a bit.

**10. Hale and Hearty (Adjective) : चौकाना:** (of a person, especially an elderly one) strong and healthy

Synonyms: healthy, well, fit

Antonyms: ill, feeble, sick

Example Sentence: She was still hale and hearty in her nineties.