



The Hindu Vocabulary: 30.12.2023

1. CLEMENCY (Noun)

Meaning : the act of showing compassion or forgiveness, especially in the context of punishment or judgment.

Synonyms: Mercy, leniency, compassion

Antonyms: Severity, harshness, cruelty

Sentence: The judge showed clemency by reducing the sentence, considering the defendant's remorse and efforts towards rehabilitation.

2. JEOPARDIZE (Verb)

Meaning : To put something or someone in danger or at risk of harm, damage, or loss.

Synonyms: Endanger, risk, threaten, imperil

Antonyms: Protect, safeguard, secure.

Sentence: Revealing classified information could jeopardize national security and compromise the safety of individuals involved in sensitive operations.

3. REPRIEVE (Noun, Verb)

Meaning : To delay or cancel the punishment or negative consequences.

Synonyms: Pardon, respite, amnesty.

Antonyms: Condemn, punish, penalize.

Sentence: The governor granted a reprieve to the condemned prisoner just hours before the scheduled execution.

The heavy rain reprieved us from having to water the garden today.

4. AMBIT (Noun)

Meaning : The scope, extent, or bounds of something, especially a concept or idea.

Synonyms: Range, scope, extent, sphere.

Antonyms: Limit, boundary, restriction.

Sentence: The discussion within the meeting focused on the ambit of the new policy and its potential impact on various sectors of the economy.

5. CAVALIER (Adjective)

Meaning : Showing a lack of proper concern; not considering other people's feelings or safety

Synonyms: Dismissive, indifferent, haughty.

Antonyms: Considerate, respectful, attentive.

Sentence: His cavalier attitude towards the project deadlines angered his colleagues, who expected more dedication and professionalism.

6. MITIGATION (Noun)

Meaning : Reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something; the act of making a condition or consequence less harsh or harmful.

Synonyms: Alleviation, relief, moderation.

Antonyms: Aggravation, exacerbation, intensification.

Sentence: The government implemented various environmental mitigation measures to reduce the impact of industrial activities on the ecosystem.

7. MOOT POINT (Noun Phrase)

Meaning : An issue or question that is open to debate, often irrelevant or lacking practical significance

Synonyms: Debatable point, irrelevant issue

Antonyms: Settled matter

Sentence: After the decision was made to cancel the event due to bad weather, whether to reschedule became a moot point.

8. OBJURGATE (Verb)

Meaning : To strongly criticize or rebuke someone; to scold or reprimand severely.

Synonyms: reprimand, berate, condemn

Antonyms: laud, praise, approve

Sentence: The principal and the teacher objurgate the misbehaving student so loudly that the other students could hear them in the classroom.

9. Bury one's head in the sand (Idiom)

Meaning : To ignore or avoid a problem or an unpleasant situation, rather than facing it or dealing with it.

Synonyms: Ignore, neglect, evade, overlook.

Antonyms: Face, confront, address, tackle.

Sentence: Despite numerous warnings about the financial challenges the company was facing, the CEO chose to bury his head in the sand, refusing to acknowledge the need for immediate action.