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MOST IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

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"THE BEST PREPARATION FOR GOOD WORK TOMORROW IS TO DO GOOD WORK TODAY."

ELBERT HUBBARD

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- CHECK YOUR PROGRESS
  a) synonyms
  b) antonyms
  c) one word
  d) idioms

- VOCABULARY FROM ARTICLE + ANALYSIS+ spotting errors — pdf

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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He went berserk with his employees.

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Q1. Choose the synonym of 'Berserk'.

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1. Made
2. Sane — in proper senses or state of mind.
3. ~~Insane~~
4. Innate → real / inborn / natural.

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Q2. Choose the synonym of ‘Bereave’.

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1. Possess
2. Rod
3. Invest
4. Deprive

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Q3. Choose the synonym of 'Elongate'.

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1. Shorten
2. Erode
3. Enter
4. Lengthen

End to End Encrypted

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Q4. Choose the synonym of ‘Decipher’.

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1. Code
2. Encode
3. Decrypt
4. Detain

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Q5. Choose the synonym of '**Deform**'.

negative

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1. Mishap
2. Straighten
3. Contort
4. Control

mark highlight.

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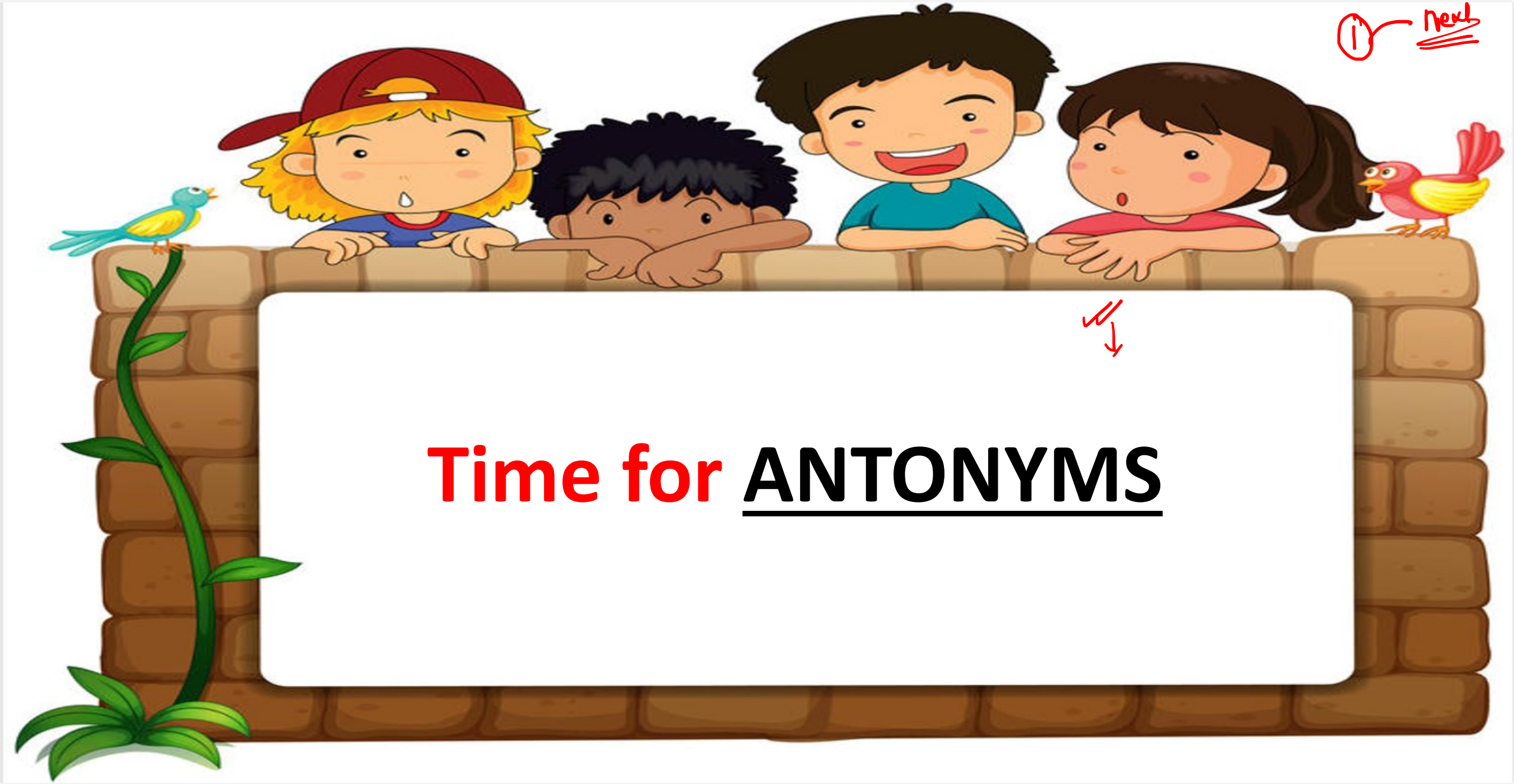

Time for ANTONYMS

Cloud nine → Very happy

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Under the Cloud. ← **Q6. Choose the antonym of 'Surreptitious'.**

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1. Blatant — Bring to light.
2. Secret
3. Stealthy
4. Clandestine

Synonym

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Q7. Choose the antonym of 'Mercurial'.

Mercury

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1. Volatile
2. Stable
3. Capricious
4. Temperamental

fickle

VOCABULARY

Q8. Choose the antonym of '**Hone**':

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1. Blunt
2. Whet
3. Strop
4. Grind

to sharpen one's skills

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Q9. Choose the antonym of ‘**Bumptious**’.

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1. Self-important
2. Self-effacing
3. Self-assertive
4. Puffed up

Erase

Good Samaritan

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Q10. Choose the antonym of '**Assuage**'.

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1. Intensify
2. Satisfy
3. Fulfil
4. Gratify

Synonym

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Q11. A written declaration of government or a political party

(1) manifesto
(2) affidavit
(3) dossier
(4) document

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Q12. One who is rather fastidious – hard to please.

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(1) Tempestuous
(2) Punctual
(3) Meticulous
(4) Carefree

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Q13. Pay attention

(1) Heed
(2) Glance at
(3) Overlook
(4) Repair

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Q14. Branch of medicine concerned with children and their illness

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(1) Cardiology
(2) Osteopathy
(3) Pediatrics
(4) Morphology

Pluto
wealth
Riches
money

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Q15. Government by the wealthy

Cracy — Power

(1) Theocracy
(2) Plutocracy
(3) Bureaucracy
(4) Aristocracy

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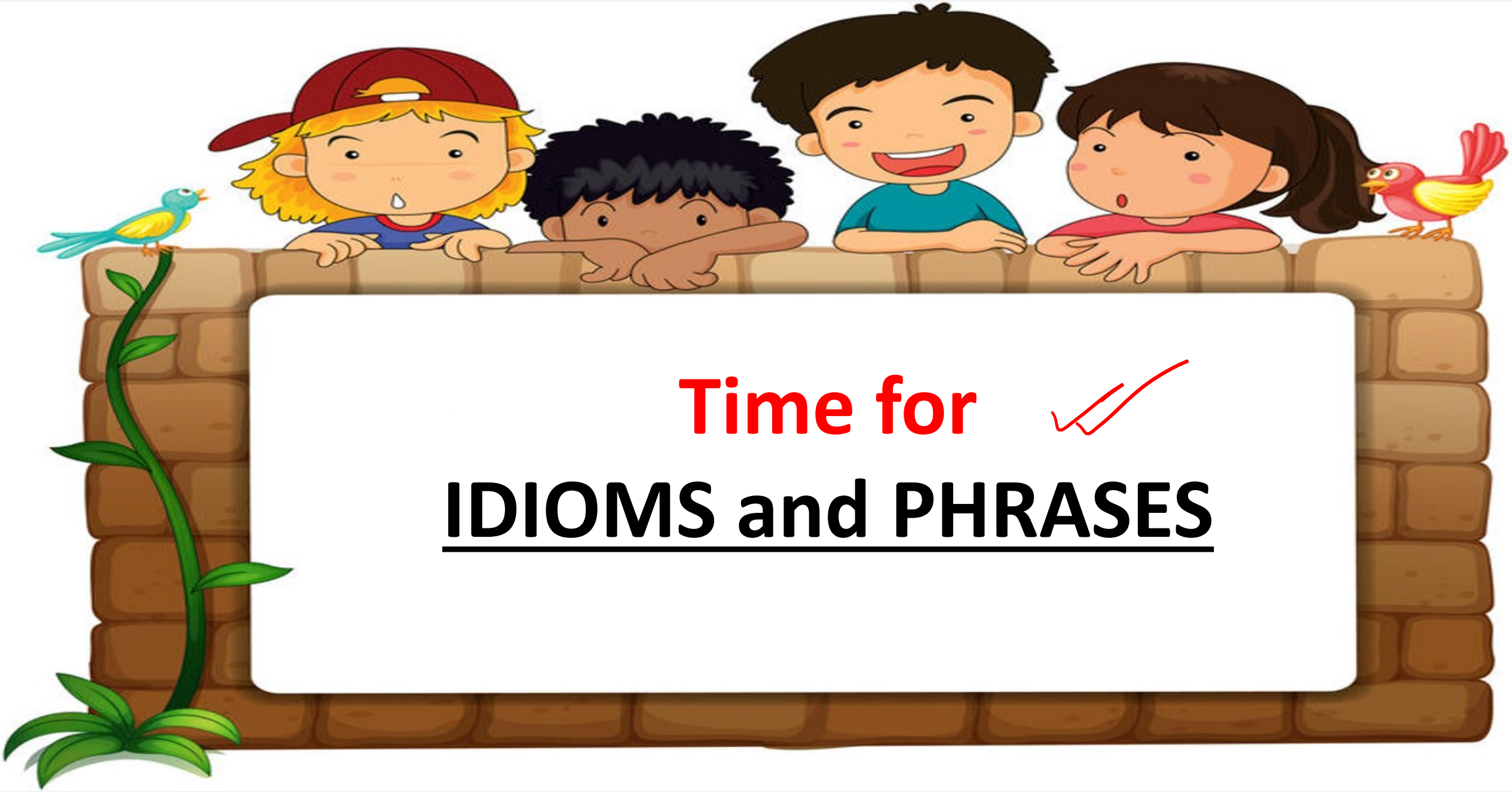

Time for

IDIOMS and PHRASES

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Q16 They have **latched on to** tourism as a way of boosting the local economy.

(1) promoted
(2) discovered
(3) exposed
(4) explored

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Q17. When he asked me the way to the cafeteria, I told him to **follow his nose**.

(1) to find it by himself
(2) to ask someone else
(3) to follow me
(4) to go straight ahead

VOCABULARY

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Q18. Winning the competition was quite **a feather in my cap**.

(1) rewarding
(2) an exciting moment
(3) an achievement
(4) a joy for my parents

VOCABULARY

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Q19. My father's dealings are open and **above board**.

(1) to everyone's liking
(2) mandatory
(3) without any secret
(4) very clear

VOCABULARY 0:20

Q20. After the public meeting, the crowd went **haywire**.

(1) were in jubilation
(2) protested
(3) became out of control
(4) left the venue

SO IT'S TIME

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ARTICLE

A flicker of hope

Expansion of vaccination must be accompanied by efforts to track virus variants

India's count of active COVID-19 cases has hit a six-month low with the number dropping to 3,00,162, according to a Friday bulletin from the Health Ministry. Helped by the nearly 56 crore tests done so far, positivity rates — or the percentage of those tested who turn out positive — have also been showing **encouraging trends**. The weekly positivity rate has been less than 3% for the last 91 days and the daily positivity rate has been around 2% for the last 25 days. But this is no time to be **complacent**.

climax

bring encourage ment

Last September, active cases in India appeared to have **peaked** at a little over 10 lakh after which there was a steady decline. Around December 20 it had gently **descended** to a little around 3,00,000 or the levels seen today. Around the same time, the first reports of the clinical trial successes of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccine **brought cheer**. Even India's home-grown vaccines seemed to be **around the corner**, and all of these **triggered** an optimism that India may have passed the worst.

come down

activate

positive thinking

nearby

The lack of alacrity in hunting for new mutations, underlying dangerous new variants, meant that the insidious emergence of the Delta variant, which caused the catastrophic peak in April-May, was only understood in hindsight. The nature of the virus, its propensity to evade antibodies and the inevitable socialisation that normal life entails means that there is no absolute nadir in a country's pandemic trajectory at which it can be sure that a fresh threatening wave will not rise again. The 3,00,000 active cases last December, saw around 300 deaths being reported every day.

Even today, those numbers are fairly similar. While the spread of infection can be controlled in limited ways, the availability of vaccines and the fact that many large countries now are getting closer to having half their population inoculated with at least one dose means that the biggest threat associated with the pandemic — severe disease and death — is much more tractable than last year. Because crores of Indians have been vaccinated, and Government officials have optimistic projections that most adults will be vaccinated with at least a single dose by the year end, there is again an air of optimism.

This time, however, the Government messaging is more cautious with warnings that the second wave was yet to abate, and recommendations of continued behavioural caution. This is also accompanied by projections that say, at its worst, a possible third wave cannot be as catastrophic as the second wave peak, even accounting for significantly more infectious and lethal variants suddenly emerging. Thus, to expand vaccination and track new variants are the only real ways forward.

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VOCABULARY

1) Flicker (verb)
–flutter, quiver, vibrate, tremble, wobble, shiver

2) encouraging trends (phrase) –
The increase in the number or figure

3) Complacent (phrasal verb)
–gloating, triumphant, proud, pleased, gratified, satisfied, contented

4) Peaked (verb)
– climax, culminate, reach the zenith

5) descended (verb)

-go down, come down, drop, fall, sink, subside, dive, plummet, plunge

6) brought cheer (phrase)

–to comfort, encourage or bring joy

7) around the corner (idiom)

-close by, nearby

8) triggered (verb)

-activate, set off

9) erstwhile (adjective)
– former, old, past

10) unrelenting (adjective)
– constant, continuous

11) prone (adj)
– susceptible, vulnerable, liable, inclined, given, subject, disposed

12) clamour (noun)
-din, racket, uproar

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1)Petrol prices in the country are not coming down (a)/ as the states do (b)/not want to bring fuel under (c)/ the ambit of the GST, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said (d)/.

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2) This benefit was (a)/ earlier available with (b)/ all recognised (c)/ educational institutions owned by the government (d)/.

Opt. b

Wrad Passive

3) Abdullah has nabbed from Deoband (a)/where he was illegally staying without (b)/any valid visa and was found in the possession of fake voter ID, (c)/ Aadhar Card, ID card, PAN card and SIM at the time of his arrest(d)

4) Incorrect date and venue of second vaccine (a)/ dose in a COVID vaccination certificate (b)/ prompts the Kerala High Court on Thursday to order an (c)/ enquiry to ascertain whether it was a genuine mistake or some mischief(d).

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