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50 WORDS DAILY

MOST IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

LIVE  **7:30 AM**

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**A dream doesn't become reality
through magic;
it takes sweat, determination,
and hard work.**

Your tango

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- **CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**

a) synonyms

b) antonyms

c) idioms ✓✓ (Story - 2nd part)

- **VOCABULARY FROM ARTICLE + ANALYSIS** ✓✓

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

ARE
YOU
READY??





Time for **SYNONYMS** (81-85)

VOCABULARY

Q1. Choose the synonym of 'expedient'. — advantageous

- a) Lucrative
- b) Distorting
- c) Thoughtless
- d) Dominant

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VOCABULARY

Red rag to a bull

Q2. Choose the synonym of

(incendiary). → cause fire.

a) Neutral ✓

~~b) Provocative~~

c) Invoking

d) Supplicating - extra / Supplement

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VOCABULARY

Q3. Choose the synonym of
'bolster'.

Support

a) Fortify

b) Incapacitate

c) Enervate

→ drained out of energy.

d) Bolshie

↳ uncooperative.

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VOCABULARY

Q4. Choose the synonym of

Q4 'sagacious'.

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- a) Serene
- b) Wise
- c) Selfless
- d) Sarcastic

VOCABULARY

Q5. Choose the synonym of
'repel'.

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- a) ~~Parry~~ → *avert / avoid*
- b) Pally → *friendly*
- c) Delight
- d) Diminish

He is my pal

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Time for ANTONYMS

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Q6. Choose the antonym of

'Illicit' — illegal

a) Unsanctioned

b) Felonious

c) **Legit** — lawful

d) Illusive

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VOCABULARY

Q7. Choose the antonym of **'insurgent'**. — *revolt*

- a) Revolutionary
- b) Insufficient
- c) Loyalist
- d) Terrorist

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VOCABULARY

Q8. Choose the antonym of 'profound'.

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~~Synonyms~~

- a) Earnest
- b) Earmark
- c) Extreme
- d) Superficial

apparent -

over the surface
(without much
depth)

VOCABULARY

Q9. Choose the antonym of 'retaliate'.

- a) Reciprocate
- b) Harmonize
- c) Reject
- d) Repeal

Synonyms

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VOCABULARY

Q10. Choose the antonym of 'render'.

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- a) Relinquish
- b) Revisit
- c) Revive
- d) Withhold

✓
4 (booking)

~~Payment~~



Time for IDIOMS and PHRASES

(based on a story)

The more he pondered the idea the more he came to realize that he wasn't able to see the forest for the trees. Certainly, he never questioned the powers that be, but he did wonder if things might be a bit more interesting if he gave living by the seat of his pants a go.

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Bob was very careful not to let on what he was thinking to anyone until he got all his ducks in a row.

- 1) **see the forest for the trees-** someone who is too involved in the details of a problem to look at the situation as a whole
- 2) **living by the seat of his pants a go-** you're acting on instinct
- 3) **got all his ducks in a row-** to do all the necessary preparations in order to do something (to arrange)



He knew that such a decision couldn't be made on the spur of a moment. Things could go terribly wrong in the twinkling of an eye. "No," he thought to himself "I need a plan." It was then he remembered his grandfather Bill. Bill was salt of the earth. He never cared too much for the "finer things in life", as he liked to call them. Bill repeatedly told Bob that tagging along with everyone else would eventually get boring. Bill made his living as a jack-of-all-trades.

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- 4) the spur of a moment- **instantly** (without delay)
- 5) twinkling of an eye- **instantly, immediately** (at the very moment)
- 6) salt of the earth- **very respectful persons (doing essential work)**
~~to do all the necessary preparations in order to do something~~
- 7) jack-of-all-trades- **a person who can do many different types of work.**



Sure, he never had money to burn, but he managed to get by. More importantly, Bill was content, and never worried about what others were saying or who he had to impress to get promoted. In any case, these memories of Bill came flooding back as Bob began to to prepare to get a new lease on life.

8) money to burn- a large amount of money to spend

9) came flooding back- suddenly remember them very clearly

10) get a new lease on life- to develop a new attitude towards life

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Identify the idioms
& post your answers
in the public comment

Last para

HOMework – DAY 3

Finally, the big day arrived and Bob announced that he was stepping down as manager. His colleagues were incredulous: "How can you throw all you've worked for down the drain?" they commented. "He's lost his marbles" commented others. However, Bob was in the the prime of life and he was ready for adventure. He walked out the door and never looked back. Who knows where he is and what he's doing today, but my guess is that he's happy - if not wealthy.

SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

No clear winner

Germany looks set for a three-way coalition with Social Democrats most likely at the head — at the highest post.

The German elections are known to be a predictable exercise largely dominated by the Conservatives. But this time, even after the preliminary results are out, there is no clarity about which party would form the coalition and who would succeed Angela Merkel, who had announced her retirement well before the polls. There are now two wannabe Chancellors and two kingmakers, and coalition talks are expected to drag on.

idiom

Seem to be ready.

clear view

draw

alliance

at the highest post

anticipated

interested

continue

election

eminence

grey eminent

The centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) took a **narrow lead** with 25.7% of the vote, followed by the bloc led by Ms. Merkel's conservative Christian Democrats (CDU), with 24.1%, their lowest vote share. The Greens won 14.8%, their best performance in a national poll, while the liberal, pro-business Free Democrats (FDP) took 11.5%. Olaf Scholz, who put the trailing Socialists in the lead, has claimed victory and shown interest in working with the Greens. Armin Laschet, the Conservative leader, has also promised to put "every effort" to ensure a CDU-led government. That leaves the Greens and the Liberals as kingmakers. Since the Socialists and the Conservatives, currently coalition partners in the Merkel government, will not be together again, the next government is set to be a three-way coalition.

Undoubted

skill

Over the last 16 years, Ms. Merkel has been the undisputed face of the CDU and one of Germany's most popular leaders. Her decision to retire has left a vacuum both in the CDU leadership and in German politics. Under the uncharismatic conservative Armin Laschet, the CDU, which ruled 52 of the 72 post-war years of Germany, looked like a pale shadow of itself, while Mr. Scholz, who belongs to the pro-business sections of the Social Democrats, led a campaign focused on social justice, by promising to increase the minimum wage, build affordable houses and raise taxes on the rich. This campaign allowed the Social Democrats to eat into the traditional vote base of the Conservatives.

to leave an empty space

less impressive

Damage something by eroding.



The growing awareness of climate politics led to the rapid and visible rise of the Greens. Mr. Scholz will now seek to bring together the Social Democrats, Greens and Liberals, the so-called 'traffic light' coalition that will have 416 seats, well beyond the 368 needed for majority. But a lot would depend on coalition talks and reaching common ground, as the CDU has also thrown its hat into the ring. When Ms. Merkel took over the reins of Germany in 2005, Europe's largest economy was stalled with high unemployment. She overcame crises, strengthening Germany's economic prowess and transforming its role in Europe.



But she also saw German politics getting fragmented and the rise of the neo-Nazi AfD, which got a 10.3% vote share in Sunday's poll. Whoever succeeds Ms. Merkel has their task cut out to offer stable governance, address growing social disquiet and strengthen the EU. And a bigger challenge is to take up this ambitious agenda while leading a three-way coalition.



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VOCABULARY

1) looks set (idioms)

– To seem like one is ready or about to do something

2) coalition (noun)

– alliance, union, partnership, association, confederacy

3) at the head (idiom)

– at the top of (a ranking)

top class

4) predictable (adj)

– ~~anticipated~~, ~~probable~~, ~~likely~~, ~~foreseen~~



5) wannabe (noun)

-a person who wants or aspires to be someone or something

6) kingmakers (verb)

-magnate, prime mover, leading light, eminence

7) drag on (verb)

-persist, continue, go on, carry on, extend, run on

8) narrow lead (noun)

-a little progress

9) undisputed (adj)

- undoubted, uncontested, unchallenged, unquestioned

10) left a vacuum (phrase)

- to leave an empty space

11) uncharismatic (adj)

- dull, stodgy

12) pale shadow (noun)

- less impressive or not as good as before or when compared

13) eat into (phrasal verb)

- damage something by eroding or corroding it.

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