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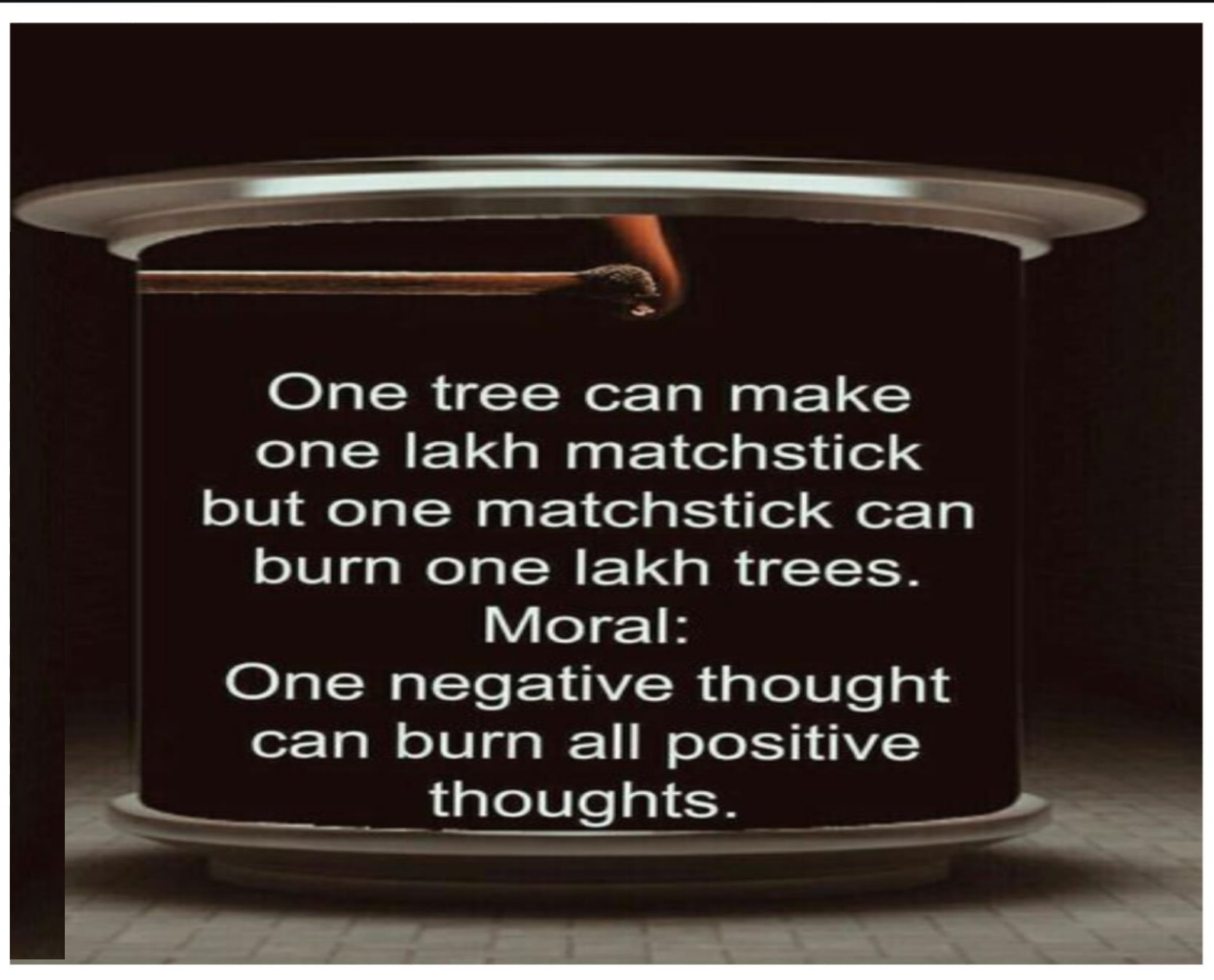
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY





livanshi gautam 13 hours ago

1. Temerity : confident behaviour that shows lack of confidence
Antonyms : modesty, shyness, gentility
Synonyms : audacity, recklessness, rashness
2. Esoteric : likely to be understood or enjoyed by only a few people

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Chandrika Gore 14 hours ago

1. Temerity: (noun) a willingness to do Or say something without regard for consequences
Synonyms: audacity, nerve, gall, brass, recklessness
Antonyms: carefulness, caution, humility, cowardice
Sentence: I did it with a certain amount of temerity

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Riya Mandaokar 1 hour ago

Temerity= excessive confidence or boldness; audacity
Syno= effrontery, presumption
Anto= shyness
Esoteric= adjective...

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Surbhi Sinha 5 hours ago

Temerity= a willingness to do or say something that shows a lack of regard for the feelings of others
Esoteric- known or understood by only a small no of people with special knowledge



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shreya patel 11 hours ago

Esoteric- to be understood by only a few people's special knowledge



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yash kumar 13 hours ago

Temerity- excessive confidence or boldness.
Synonym: audacity, impudence.
Antonym-shyness, bashfulness.
Sentence- He had the temerity to call her a liar....

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VOCABULARY



Mahendra's



1. Marquee (Noun): शामियाना

Meaning: a large tent used for eating and drinking in at events held mainly outside that involve a lot of people ; leading; pre-eminent

Synonyms: shelter, tent, canopy, greatest, leading, foremost

Antonyms: unknown, undistinguished, inferior

Sentence: The studio chiefs wanted a marquee name in the lead role, not some unknown.

2. Apportion (Verb): बांटना

Meaning: to give or share out something, especially blame or money, among several people or things

Synonyms: allocate, allot, assign, distribute, divide

Sentence: When we know how much is profit, then we can apportion the money among/between us.

3. Embellish (Verb): सजाना / सुशोभित

Meaning: to make something more beautiful by adding something to it; make (a statement or story) more interesting by adding extra details that are often untrue

Synonyms: decorate, adorn, ornament, elaborate, exaggerate

Antonyms: reasonable, realistic, simplify

Sentence: These ornaments are made in silver, and precious and semi-precious gems are used to embellish them.

4. Scoff (Verb): उपहास

Meaning: **speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way**

Synonyms: mock, taunt, ridicule, deride

Antonyms: **admire, approve, compliment, flatter, honor, praise**

Sentence: **The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to scoff at the poor children at her school.**

(+) 5. Munificence (Noun): उदारता

Meaning: **the quality or action of being lavishly generous; great generosity**

(+) Synonyms: **generosity, bountifulness, magnanimity**

(-) Antonyms: **mercilessness, pitilessness, ruthlessness**

Sentence: **The munificent woman is a well-known philanthropist who funds many university scholarships**

6. Balk (Verb): बाधा डालना

Meaning: **to prevent from achieving a goal**

Synonyms: **block, hinder, thwart**

Antonyms: **facilitate, assist, encourage**

Sentence: **Monica knew that her husband would balk at going shopping for new clothes, so she told him they were going to see the new action movie.**

7. Scuffling (Verb): हाथापाई करना

Meaning: **engage in a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters**

Synonyms: **fight, struggle, tussle**

Sentence: **The teacher noticed two students scuffling in the corridor.**

8. Indigent (Adjective): दरिद्र

Meaning: **poor; needy**

Synonyms: **poor, impecunious, destitute**

Antonyms: **prosperous, opulent, rich**

Sentence: **Because he was indigent, the court-appointed a lawyer to represent him.**

9. Aver (Verb): दढ़ता से कहना

Meaning: **state or assert to be the case**

Synonyms: **declare, assert, state**

Antonyms: **deny, gainsay**

Sentence: **I aver that I have spoken the truth.**

10. Anomalous (Adjective): नियमविरुद्ध

Meaning: **deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected**

Synonyms: **abnormal, atypical, nontypical**

Antonyms: **natural, normal, regular**

Sentence: **There was an anomalous storm hanging over the city that no one could explain, as it had seemingly appeared out of nowhere on a sunny day.**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BELITTLE**

1. plain
2. detract
3. magnify ✓
4. torment

Meaning: to belittle means to make seem little or less; to magnify means to enlarge

Solution: 3. magnify ✓

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **TEDIOUS**

1. unwavering
2. frightening
3. horrible
4. pleasurable



Meaning: tedious means boring; pleasurable means enjoyable or Delightful

Solution: 4. pleasurable

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **LICENSE**

1. restriction ✓
2. allow
3. join
4. gather

Meaning: one meaning of a license is permission; restriction means limitation

Solution: 1. restriction

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **FRIVOLOUS**

1. pious
2. Inexpensive
3. serious ✓
4. contemptuous

Meaning: frivolous means lacking seriousness,
therefore serious is the most dissimilar

Solution: 3. serious

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PLAIN**

1. meadow
2. ugly
3. lovely ✓
4. unadorned

Meaning: plain means lacking in beauty; lovely means beautiful

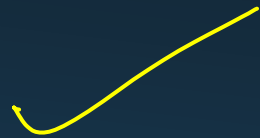
Solution: 3. lovely

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **REFORM**

- 1. punish
- 2. destroy
- 3. display
- 4. correct



Meaning: to reform means to change for the better, or to correct

Solution: 4. correct

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **METHODICAL**

1. rhythmic
2. poetic
3. systematic ✓
4. disrespectful

Meaning: methodical means proceeding according to an order or system, or systematic

Solution: 3. systematic

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SPITE**

1. joy
2. beverage
3. wonder
4. malice ✓

Meaning: spite means petty, ill will or hatred, or malice

Solution: 4. malice

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SMUDGE**

1. gloat
2. residue
3. blur
4. celebrate

Meaning: a smudge is a blurry spot or streak

Solution: 3. blur

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **DRIZZLE**

1. curly
2. sprinkle ✓
3. spill
4. drench

Meaning: one meaning of drizzle is to rain in very small drops, or to sprinkle

Solution: 2. sprinkle

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Head in the clouds

1. To act conceited
2. To be too tall
3. To be dizzy
4. to not know the facts of a situation

Solution: **4. to not know the facts of a situation**

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Small cog in a large wheel

1. To be an impediment
- ✓ 2. To have a small role in a large organization
3. To interfere in a conversation
4. To obstruct someone's plan

Solution: 2. To have a small role in a large organization



IDIOMS & PHRASES



The other side of the coin

1. The new form of something
2. To change only the appearance of something
3. The other point of view ✓
4. The other side of the same situation ✓

Solution: 3,4 The other point of view
The other side of the same situation

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Cool your heels

1. To not get agitated
2. To cool one's temper
3. Wait for something, especially when it's annoying
4. To say two different things at the same time

Solution: **3. Wait for something, especially when it's annoying**

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. One who journeys from place to place –

Itinerant

2. One who breaks the law–

Transgressor

3. State of anxiety or dismay causing mental confusion–

Consternation

4. A disease that is spread by direct contact -

Contagious

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Not a pipe dream: On marquee schemes of the central government

Functional tap water is a basic necessity that must be provided to all households

Among the marquee schemes that the government hopes to showcase ahead of the general election next year is the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The aim here is to provide piped water to every rural household by 2024. In the Budget address, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman apportioned ₹69,684 crore, a 27% increase, from the ₹54,808 crore from the revised estimates of financial year 2022. However, the outlay reflects the extent of the work that remains. Of the targeted 19.3 crore rural households, only 3.2 crore had piped water in August 2019. The JJM dashboard on the Jal Shakti Ministry website says that as of February 2023, over 11 crore households, or about 57% of the targeted, now have tap water.

While that is an impressive jump in percentage points for three years, it will be difficult with only 12 months to go to ensure that the remaining 47% are connected. So far, only the States of Goa, Gujarat, Haryana and Telangana have reported 100% coverage of eligible households with piped water, with Punjab and Himachal Pradesh nearly there at over 97%. Excluding these, only 10 other States or Union Territories have reported over 60% coverage. Large, populous States such as Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have reported only 30% coverage, and Madhya Pradesh, around 47%.

A fully functional tap water connection is defined as a household getting at least 55 litres of potable water per capita per day all through the year; however, local reports suggest that despite having a tap connection, several village households revert to their local groundwater resources as the quality of supplied tap water is inadequate. Few independent assessments of the scheme exist. A sample survey of around 3,00,000 eligible households that was commissioned by the Ministry of Water Resources to assess the functioning of the scheme found only three-fourths of them reported water seven days a week, and, on average, households were getting water for only three hours a day.

While over 90% of institutions such as anganwadis and schools reported access to tap water, several of them reported high levels of chlorine as well as problems with bacterial contamination.

Moreover, the current numbers on the adoption in households are based on self-reporting by villages and are not certified by a third party. Some States such as Bihar have stated that most of their connections were provided for under State funds and not under the JJM. Functional, permanent tap water is a basic necessity and rather than aim to reach just a numerical target, the government should try to evaluate the extent of quality, consistent adoption of tap water in rural India. While planned as a bottom-up scheme, the Centre must ensure that States with the lowest adoption and largest population be assisted with improving numbers, rather than only facilitating States that are close to the finishing line.



1. LITIGATE

2. RETALIATION

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