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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

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**THE ONLY WAY
TO SUCCEED
IS TO NOT
WORRY ABOUT
WHAT ANYONE
ELSE IS DOING**



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
- ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
- iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
- iv. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
- v. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**
- vi. ENGLISH SPEAKING TIPS**



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GRAMMAR SKILLS

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

The inverted form of Verb is used in the following cases

- 1) When the sentence is introduced by an adverb.
- 2) When the verb is meant to express a wish or prayer.



**(a) Hardly I had reached the station
when the train arrived.**

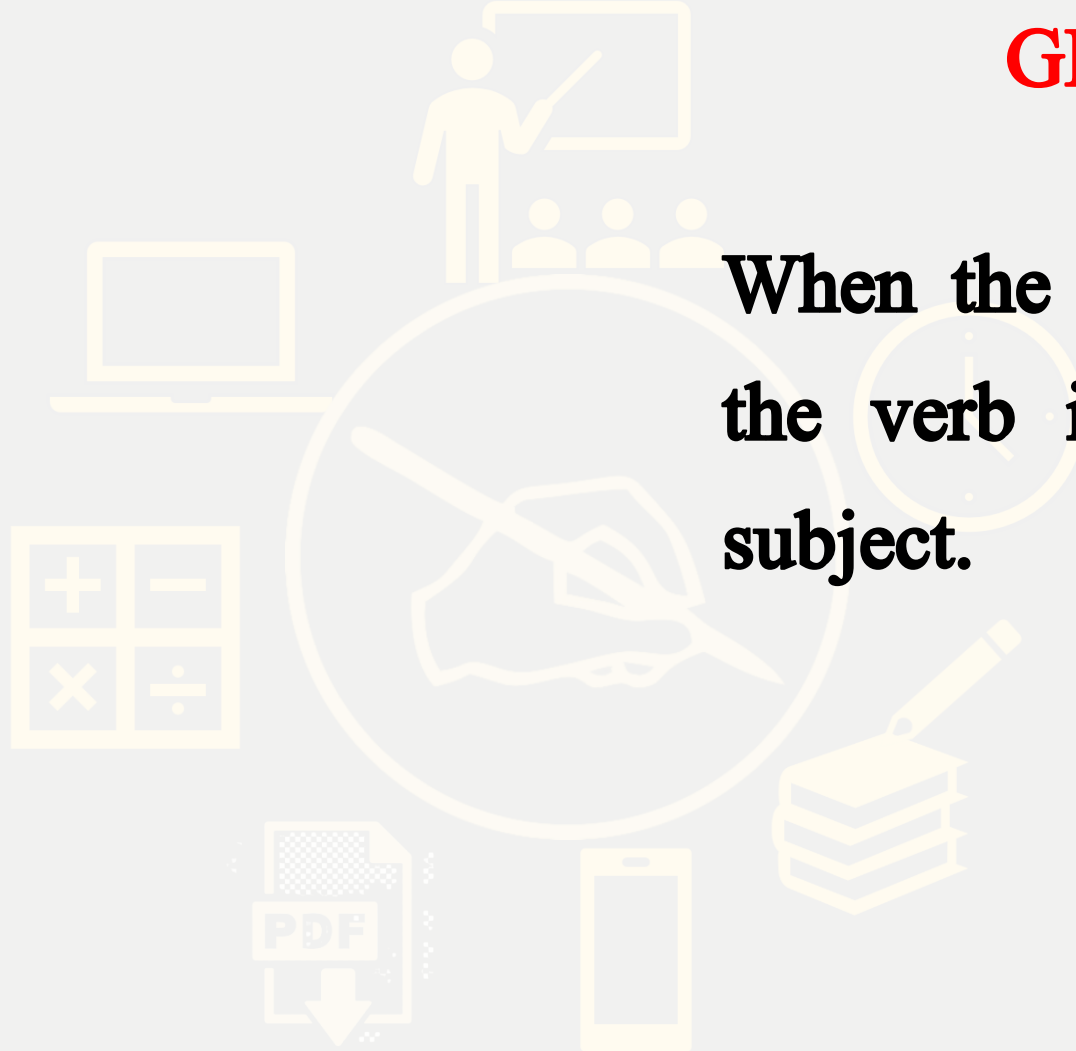
(b) You may get great success in life.





GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**When the sentence begins with 'it',
the verb is used according to the
subject.**





- A. It is I who is to attend the party.**
- B. It is the apple that are full of antioxidants.**





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SO IT'S TIME

Let's start

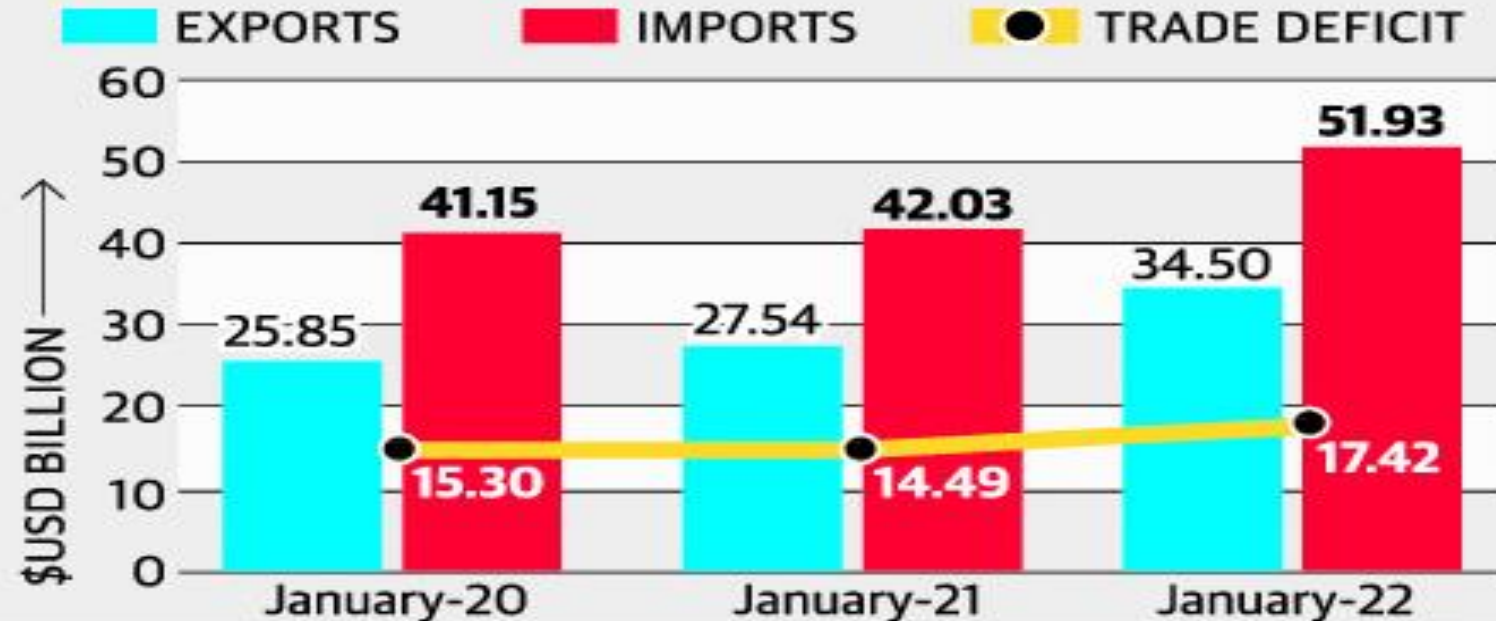


ARTICLE

Exports rise 25% to \$34.5 bn in Jan.

Gold imports fall sharply to just \$2.4 billion;
trade deficit reaches \$17.4 billion

Big leap | India's merchandise exports increased by 25.3% year-on-year to \$34.5 billion in January 2022. Merchandise imports are estimated to be \$51.9 billion, with the growth rate at 23.5%





ARTICLE

India's **merchandise exports** touched \$34.5 billion in January, 25.3% higher than a year ago, while imports grew at a **slightly slower pace**, taking the country's **trade deficit** to a five - month low of \$17.4 billion, say official **estimates** released. While January's goods exports are 8.75% lower than December's all-time record figure of \$37.81 billion, it takes India's exports near the \$400-billion target set for 2021-22, with the first 10 months of the year already clocking outbound shipments worth \$336 billion. This marks a nearly 47% increase from a year ago and a 27.1% increase over the preCOVID period of 2019-20. Gold imports fell sharply during January to just \$2.4 billion, 40.5% lower than that in the corresponding month in 2021 and almost half the \$4.72 billion imported in the previous month.

ARTICLE

Biggest factor The decline in the yellow metal's imports was the biggest factor behind India's import bill dropping to \$51.9 billion in January, 12.7% lower than in December 2021. **Consequently**, the trade deficit that had hit a record \$22.9 billion in November 2021, and had averaged 21.7 billion since September, also dropped. Exporters, however, said high imports remain a cause of concern with January's inbound shipments rising 23.5% year-on-year and staying above the \$50-billion mark.

"The surge in gold imports in 2021 was **driven by the pent-up demand** of 2020 and we expect them to moderate to \$30-35 billion in this calendar year," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating firm ICRA

ARTICLE



“The fall in **mobility** and the demand for gold with the **onset of** the third wave and the associated restrictions, helped to **pull back** the merchandise trade deficit to the lowest level in five months, at \$17.4 billion,” she noted.

The trade data released **revised** January’s exports slightly **upward** from the \$34.06 billion estimated earlier this month, while imports were similarly revised down from \$52.01 billion.

Exports of coffee and petroleum products almost doubled in January, while cotton yarn and handloom products rose 42.4%.



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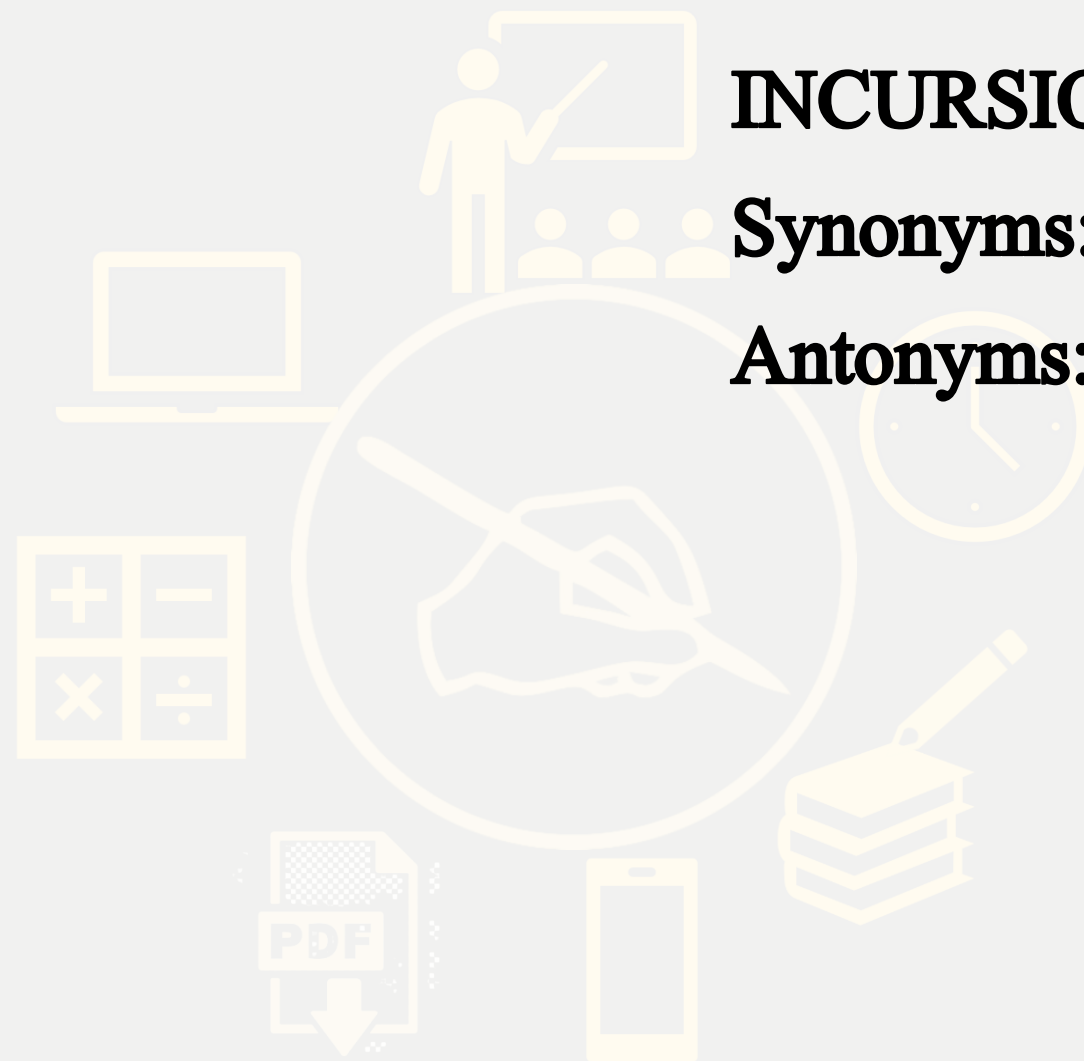
THE HINDU VOCABULARY



INCURSION (NOUN): (आक्रमण): attack on

Synonyms: assault on, raid on

Antonyms: retreat





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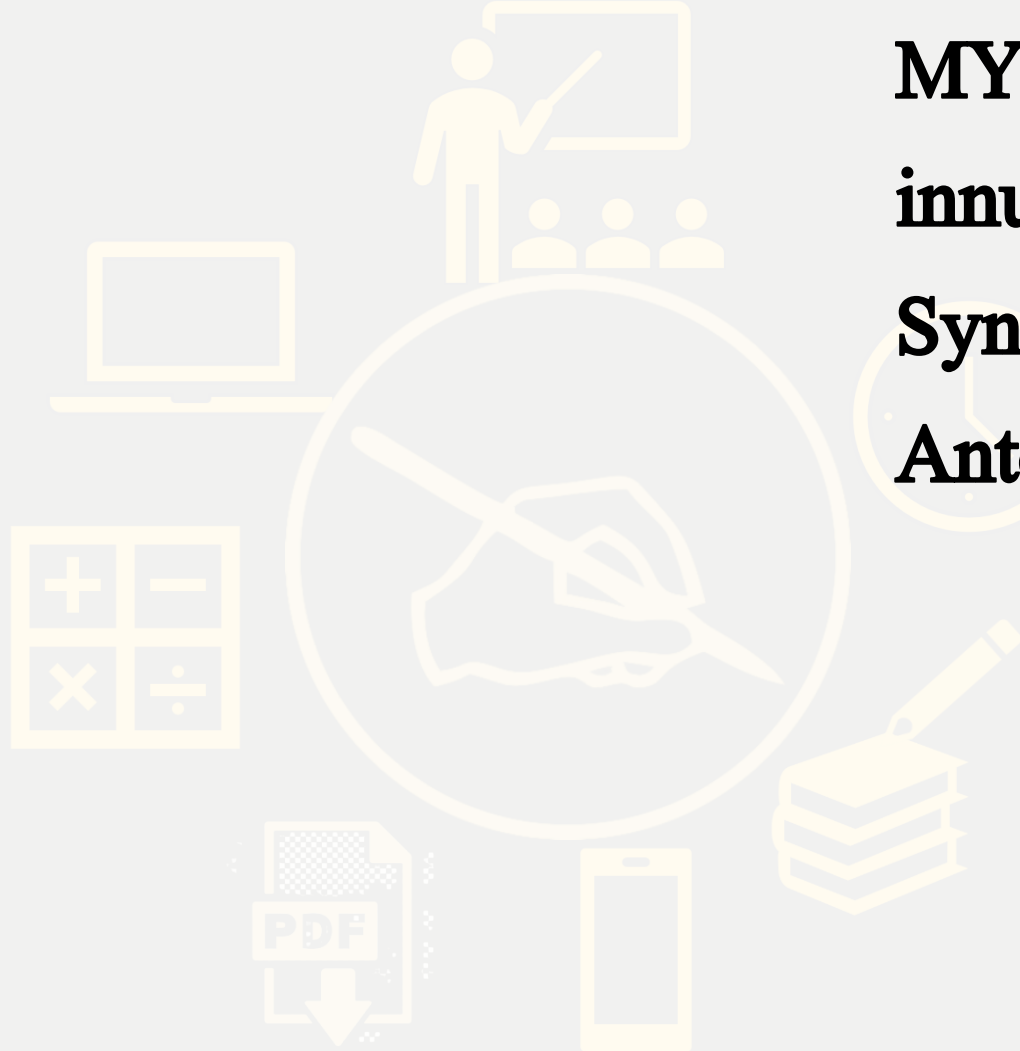
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MYRIAD (ADJECTIVE): (असंख्य):

innumerable

Synonyms: countless infinite

Antonyms: countable





EXORBITANT (ADJECTIVE):

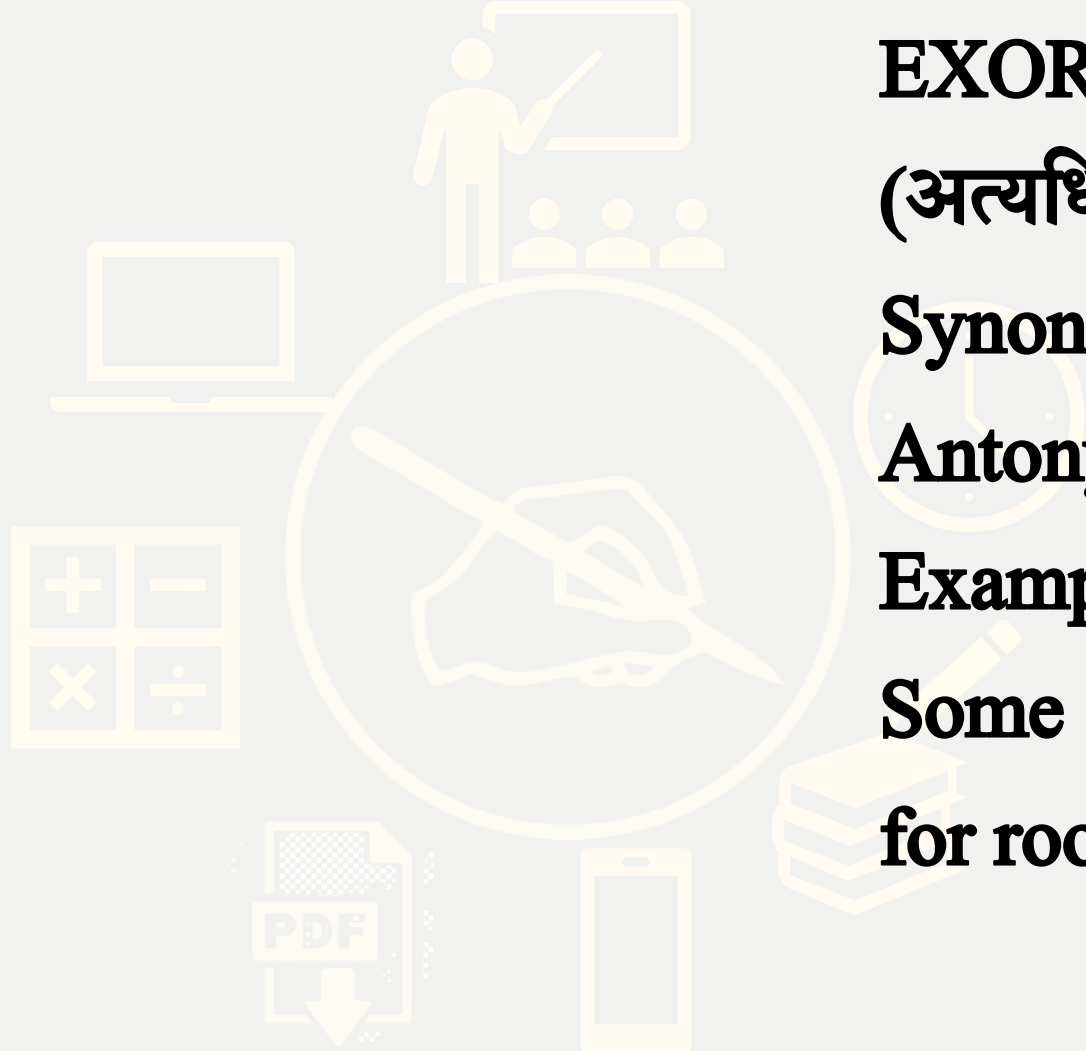
(अत्यधिक): extortionate

Synonyms: extremely, high

Antonyms: reasonable

Example Sentence:

**Some hotels charge exorbitant rates
for rooms.**





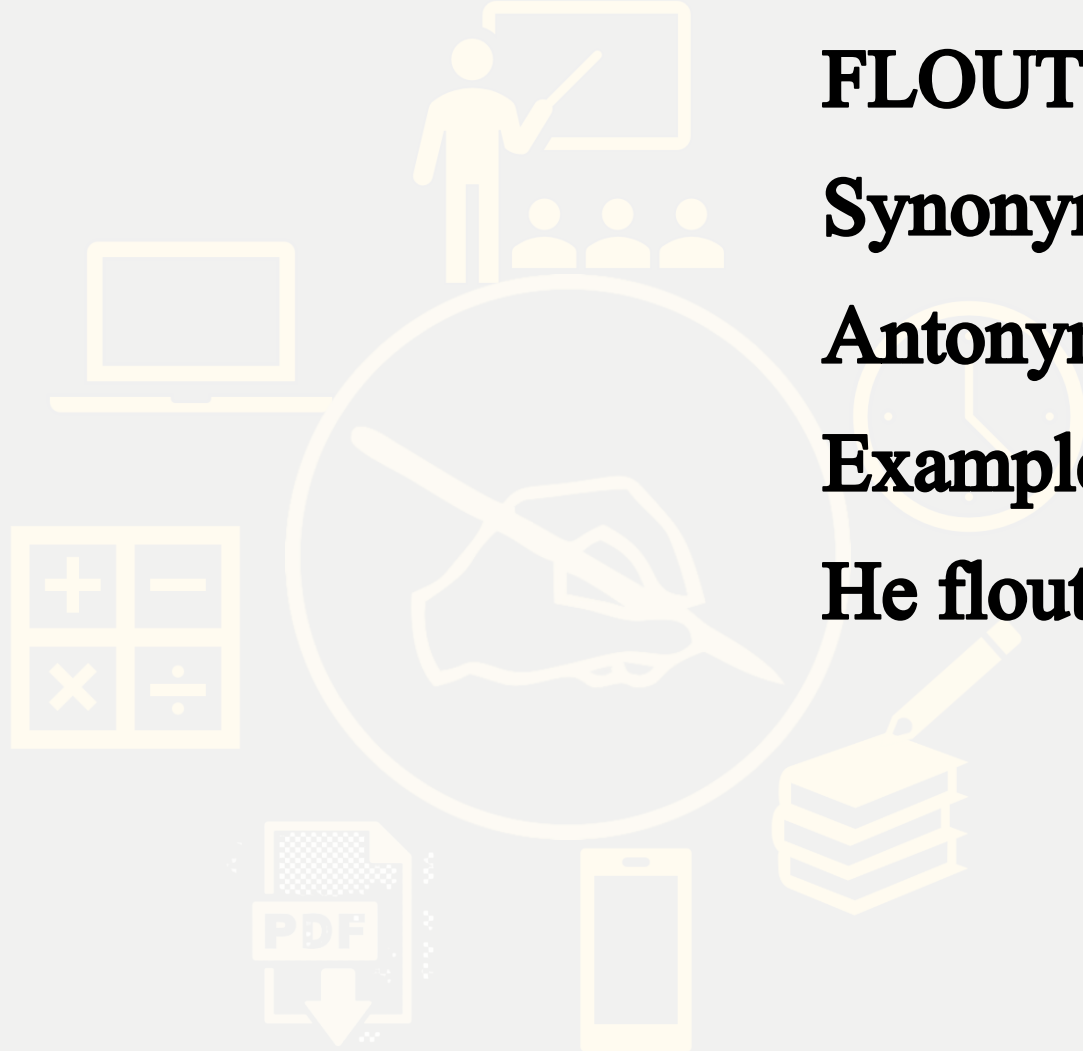
FLOUT (VERB): (अवज्ञा करना): defy

Synonyms: go against, scorn

Antonyms: observe, obey

Example Sentence:

He flouted all the rules and regulations.





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Time for Sentence Improvement



Q1. We sat on the floor to eat dinner and he
(**appreciate**) the fresh food my mother served.

- 1) had appreciated
- 2) appreciated
- 3) will appreciate
- 4) no improvement



Solution : 2

Use 'appreciated' in place of 'appreciate'.

Q2. We sat there (**enjoy**) the view.

- 1) enjoyed
- 2) enjoying
- 3) enjoys
- 4) no improvement



Solution : enjoying

use participle 'enjoying' instead of verb 'enjoy' to connect the sentence.

Example – There was a beautiful girl sitting next to him.

Q3. What seeds you (**has sow**) in the garden of your mind determine the quality of life you shall have.

- 1) sowing
- 2) sow
- 3) had sow
- 4) no improvement

Solution : sow

Explanation: – general / common / universal truth should be expressed in simple present tense.



Q4. My daughter (**comes running**) as fast as her little feet can take her while her eyes sparkle vivaciously.

- 1) comes run
- 2) come running
- 3) came run
- 4) no improvement



Solution : 4) no improvement

Q5. We (**is influenced**) by what we see, what we hear.

- 1) was influenced
- 2) are influence
- 3) are influenced
- 4) no improvement

Solution : are influenced



Q6. The trick is in (**keep**) the flavours simple and fresh.

- 1) keeping
- 2) keeps
- 3) to keep
- 4) no improvement

Solution : 1) keeping

Explanation – Preposition should be followed by 'V+ing' except 'to'. Use 'keeping' instead of 'keep'.



Q7. It is nothing less than magic which (**will transformed**) tiny teeny seeds into fruits of life.

- 1) transform
- 2) transforms
- 3) transforming
- 4) no improvement

Solution : 2) transforms

General statement / truth should be written in simple present tense.





Time for Synonyms



Q8. **Impoverished**

1. spendthrift
2. generous
3. wealthy
4. penniless



Solution: 4 Impoverished- reduced to poverty

Spendthrift- extravagant

Q9. Stoical

- 1.ruffled
- 2.apathetic
- 3.panicky
- 4.equivocal

**Solution: 2****Stoical - enduring pain and hardship****Ruffle – agitation , disturbance****Panicky - in a state of panic****Equivocal- an ambiguous term**

Q10. **STERN**

1. Mellow
2. Proud
3. Shrewd
4. Strict



Solution: 4

Stern - strict

Mellow - soft, tender

Shrewd - cunning, tricky



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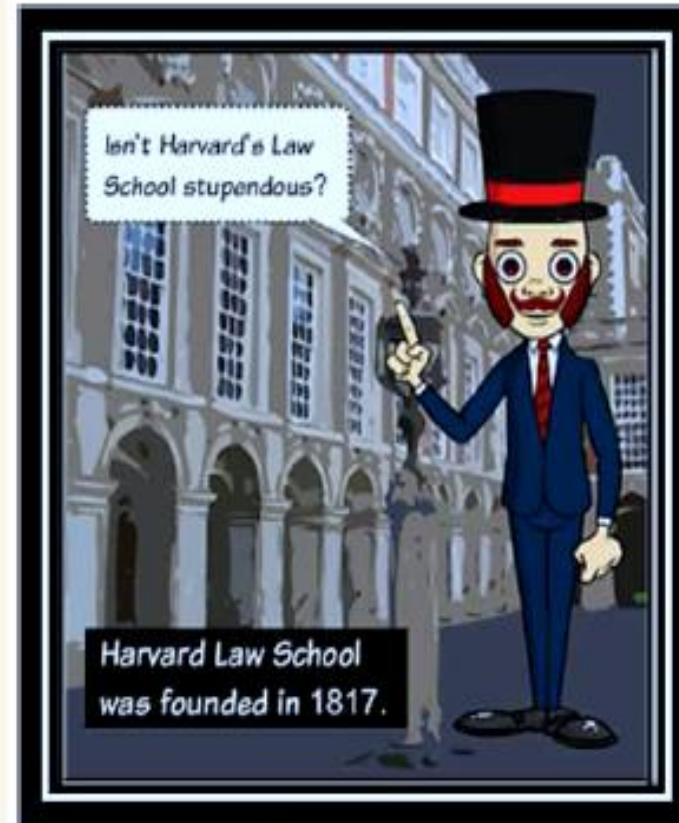
Meek



Definition quiet, gentle, and always ready to do what other people want without expressing your own opinion



Stupendous



Definition extremely large or impressive, especially greater or better than you expect



Contrast



Definition 1) something that is different from another thing
2) a difference between people or things that are being compared



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अंधों में काना सरदार |

A figure among cyphers.

आपकी बड़ी महरबानी होगी |

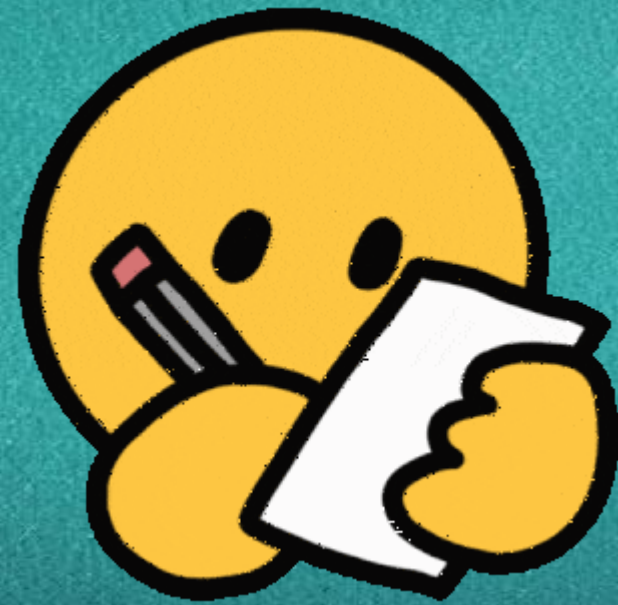
It would be so kind of you.

हो सके तो मुझे माफ कर देना |

If possible excuse me.



Homework





Home Work Answer

Neck and crop

- A. At starting**
- B. At ending**
- C. Completely**
- D. Partially**



Home Work

Find the correctly spelt words.

- A. Foreign**
- B. Foreine**
- C. Fariegn**
- D. Forein**

