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# THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Be grateful for the people in your life who not only tell you they care, but show you they do.



**yash kumar** 1 day ago

**Foment- instigate or stir up.**  
**Synonym- incite, provoke.**  
**Antonym- calm, dampen.**  
**They began to foment violence. ...**

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**Surbhi Sinha** 1 day ago

**Foment= to cause trouble or violence and make people**

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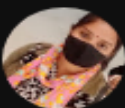


**Chandrika Gore** 1 day ago

**1. Foment: (verb) to cause trouble to develop**  
**Synonyms: instigate, provoke, abet, arouse, brew, inc**  
**Antonyms: deter, discourage, condemn, depress, cal**  
**Sentence: It is not a good thing to have a vested inte**

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**Priyanka Kumari** 1 day ago

**Foment - an undesirable or violent sentiment...**  
**To promote the growth or development.**

**Dilemma - a situation in which a difficult choice has**



**Riya Mandaokar** 1 hour ago

**Dilemma= a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two**  
**equally undesirable.**  
**Syno= predicament, difficulty, problem, puzzle**

...

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**Khushboo Mandal** 1 day ago

**Foment- to cause trouble or violence and make people fight each other or**  
**Synonyms- incite , inculcate, instigate**  
**Dilemma- a situation which you have to make a difficult choice between two**  
**Synonyms:-quandary, quantity ...**

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**shreya patel** 1 day ago

**Foment- to cause trouble and make people fight with each other**  
**Syn- incite, inculcate**  
**It is not good that you always foment each other you are siblings.**  
**Dilemma-confused or in a difficult situation...**

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VOCABULARY



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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship starts to rise off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

[->] 1. Altercation (Noun): विवाद

Meaning: a noisy argument or disagreement, especially in public

[->] Synonyms: dispute, quarrel, brawl, fight, skirmish

[+] Antonyms: agreement, calm, harmony, peace, accord, concord

Sentence: According to witnesses, the altercation between the two men started inside the restaurant.

2. Faction (Noun): गुट

**Meaning: a group within a larger group, especially one with slightly different ideas from the main group**

**Synonyms: party, sect, wing, side, coalition, team, bloc**

**Sentence: The candidate who wins the election will be the one who can get the most voters to join his faction.**

3. Cede (Verb): सौंपना

Meaning: give up (power or territory)

Synonyms: **relinquish, surrender, render**

Antonyms: **retain, keep, withhold**

Sentence: **Hong Kong was ceded to Britain after the Opium War.**



4. Touchstone (Noun): कसौटी

Meaning: **an established standard or principle by which something is judged**

Synonyms: **criterion, standard, benchmark, metric, measure, yardstick**

Sentence: **I used the essay that I received a perfect score on as a touchstone for the other essays I had to write later, so I could get a high score on them as well.**

5. Fickle (Adjective): अस्थिर

Meaning: **changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.**

Synonyms: **capricious, changeable, variable**

Antonyms: **constant, certain, unchanging** *stable*

Sentence: **The weather is so fickle at this time of year.**

(→) 6. Ruction (Noun): झगडा

Meaning: a rough and often noisy fight usually involving several people

(→) Synonyms: brawl, clash, ruckus

(+) Antonyms: peace, hush, tranquillity

Sentence: The ruction in the cafeteria started when one student threw a lunch tray at another student.



7. Peregrination (Noun): सफ़र

Meaning: a journey, especially a long or meandering one.

Synonyms: travel, voyages, journey

Sentence: He also did drawings of people he saw on his peregrinations.

8. Eleventh hour (Noun): अंतिम क्षण

Meaning: **the latest possible time**

Synonyms: **last minute, zero-hour, last moment**

Sentence: **He postponed his trip at the eleventh hour.**

(-) 9. Guile (Noun): छल

Meaning: **the inclination or practice of misleading others through lies or trickery**

(-) Synonyms: **deception, cunning, slyness**

(+) Antonyms: **sincerity, guilelessness, ingenuousness**

Sentence: **With a little guile he might get what he wanted.**



10. Virtuosity (Noun): कलाप्रवीण

Meaning: **great skill in music or another artistic pursuit**

Synonyms: **mastery, expertise, proficiency**

Antonyms: **incompetency, unfamiliarity**

Sentence: **At that time, his virtuosity on the trumpet had no parallel in jazz.**

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ASPERITY** (—)

1. moistness
2. amenity ✓ (+)
3. sour
4. generosity

Meaning: asperity means harshness of tone or manner;

amenity means pleasantness or smoothness of manner

Solution: 2. amenity



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **TRADUCE**

1. deduce
2. laud ✓
3. presuppose
4. converge

Meaning: . to traduce means to expose, to shame or blame; to laud means to praise or extol

Solution: 2. laud

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BRIDLE**

1. heckle
2. dissuade
3. vent ✓
4. persist

Meaning: to bridle means to restrain or keep under control; to vent means to relieve by means of an outlet

**Solution: 3. vent**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of SPARE

1. extra ✓
2. pacify
3. impolite
4. impose

Meaning: spare means additional to what is required for ordinary use, or extra

Solution: 1. extra



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of PROCLIVITY

1. calm
2. antipathy ✓
3. desire
4. dearth

Meaning: proclivity means inclination or predisposition;  
antipathy means settled aversion or dislike

Solution: 2. antipathy

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **CONCILIATE**

1. appease ✓
2. disagree
3. revive
4. separate

Meaning: to conciliate means to gain goodwill with  
pleasing acts, or to appease

Solution: 1. appease

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of EXULTANT

1. afraid
2. jubilant ✓
3. expectant
4. demanding

*glee*

Meaning: exultant means filled with or expressing great joy, or jubilant

Solution: 2. jubilant



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SURREPTITIOUS**

1. overbearing
2. clandestine ✓
3. indirect
4. impious

Meaning: surreptitious or clandestine means kept secret or done secretly, especially because it would not be approved of

**Solution: 2. clandestine**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **RECALCITRANT**

1. hesitant
2. subdued
3. unruly ✓
4. subtract

Meaning: recalcitrant means defiant of authority, or unruly

Solution: 3. unruly

# Find the correct one?

Synonym of **COTERIE**

1. various
2. flirtation
3. club ✓
4. socialize

Meaning: a coterie is an intimate or exclusive group or people who share a common interest or purpose; a club is an association of people for a common purpose

**Solution: 3. club**





## Play second fiddle

1. take a subordinate role
2. To act as a sycophant
3. Do an important task
4. To disclose a plan



Solution: 1. take a subordinate role

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Alpha and omega

1. The beginning and the end
2. The entire details
3. Fiercely and bravely
4. Be determined

Solution: 1. The beginning and the end





## A bone of contention

1. A blessing from an unknown person
2. A reason of quarrel
3. A matter to ponder upon
4. A decision made in haste

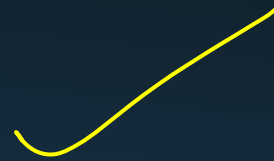
Solution: 2. A reason of quarrel

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Come hell or high water

1. To drown in water
2. To disclose a secret
3. In spite of any obstacle
4. To beat a criminal to death



Solution: 3. In spite of any obstacle

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. A post with little work but a high salary–  
**Sinecure**
2. Occurring at irregular intervals in time–  
**Sporadic**
3. A speaker's platform –  
**Podium**
4. A study of sounds is known as-  
**Phonetics**

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

The battle for the Sena: On the Election Commission ruling

The Thackerays are ceding ground to the Shinde faction

The faction of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has, at least for now, won the battle for the Shiv Sena legacy, with the Election Commission of India (ECI) allotting the party name and the bow and arrow symbol to it. The ECI overruled the plea by the other faction led by former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to withhold the decision until the Supreme Court of India decides on a set of interlinked questions related to the split in the party, that led to Mr. Thackeray losing the CM's chair to Mr. Shinde in June 2022.



**‘The ‘test of majority’ principle applied by the ECI went in favour of the Shinde group which has 40 MLAs and 13 MPs, compared to the 15 MLAs and five MPs on the Thackeray side. The Shinde group represented significantly more voters than the Thackeray faction, among those who voted for the party in the last elections, the ECI concluded. The ECI decided not to go into the ‘test of party constitution’, a second touchstone applicable in such situations, in an indictment of Mr. Thackeray, who made changes to the Sena constitution unilaterally and self-servingly. The ECI decision is a setback to Mr. Thackeray who is struggling hard to retain control of the party founded by his father in 1966.**

**The Court is scheduled to start hearing on petitions by both camps that claim to be the real Shiv Sena, from February 21 onwards. Whichever faction is accepted to be the real Shiv Sena would have the authority to coerce legislators through whips, as in provisions of the anti-defection law. The Shinde faction argues that the Chief Minister took control of the party following an internal rebellion, and as per majority desire; and nobody has defected, as is being accused by the Thackeray faction. The Court is also examining whether a presiding officer, whose legitimacy is itself under a cloud, could go on to determine the disqualification of legislators under the anti-defection law.**

Considering that these questions will be argued in the highest court in the coming week, the ECI could have waited. It is not likely that the ECI's decision on the name and the symbol will also be raised in court. This legal tussle apart, the real combat between the two factions is for the popular base. On this count too Mr. Thackeray appears to have ceded ground to Mr. Shinde who is expanding his hold over cadres and networks. Evidently, Mr. Shinde's political alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party is more palatable to party workers, who have been fed on high doses of religious extremism and regional fanaticism over the years, than Mr. Thackeray's opportunistic experiments with the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party.



1. LYNCH

2. ELITE

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