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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

Spoken English

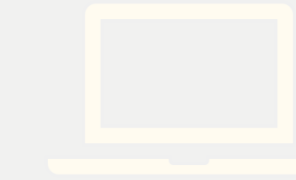
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The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
YOU
READY??



GRAMMAR SKILL - 1 (Fixed Prepositions)

Abide by (मानना) We should abide by their decision.

Accused of (अपराध लगाया) You have been accused of murder.

Absorbed in (डूबा) He was seen absorbed in studies.

Absent from (अनुपस्थित) He was absent from the class yesterday.

Accede to (सहमत होना) He acceded to

GRAMMAR SKILL - 1 (Fixed Prepositions)

According to (अनुसार) He works according to my advice.

Accustomed to (अभ्यस्त) I am accustomed to talking to a foreigner.

Act upon (के अनुसार कार्य करना) We should act upon his advice.

Addicted to (बुरी आदत में पड़ना) He is addicted to wine.

Afraid of (डरना , भयभीत) He is not afraid of difficulties.

GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

'Either ... or', 'neither

nor:

'bothand', 'not only
.....but also'

should be followed by the
same parts of speech.

- A. He not only lost his ticket, but also his luggage.**
- B. Not only dams save water but also produce electricity.**





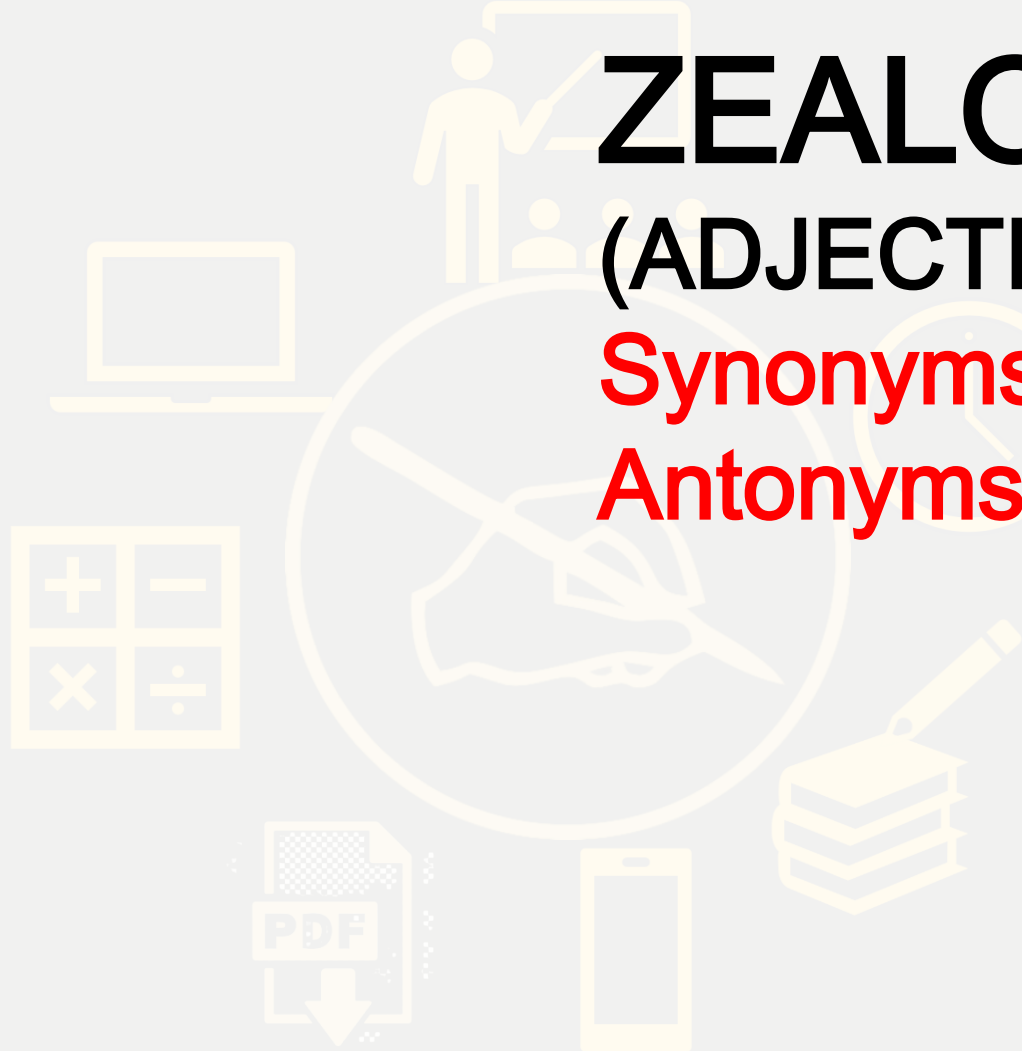
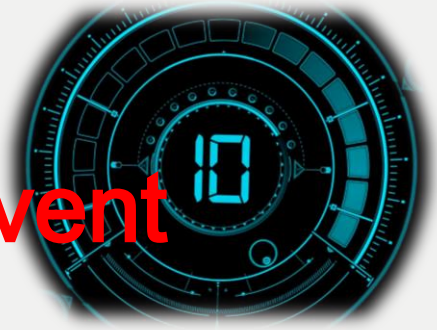
THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

ZEALOUS

(ADJECTIVE) (उत्साही): Fervent

Synonyms: Ardent, Fervid

Antonyms: Apathetic

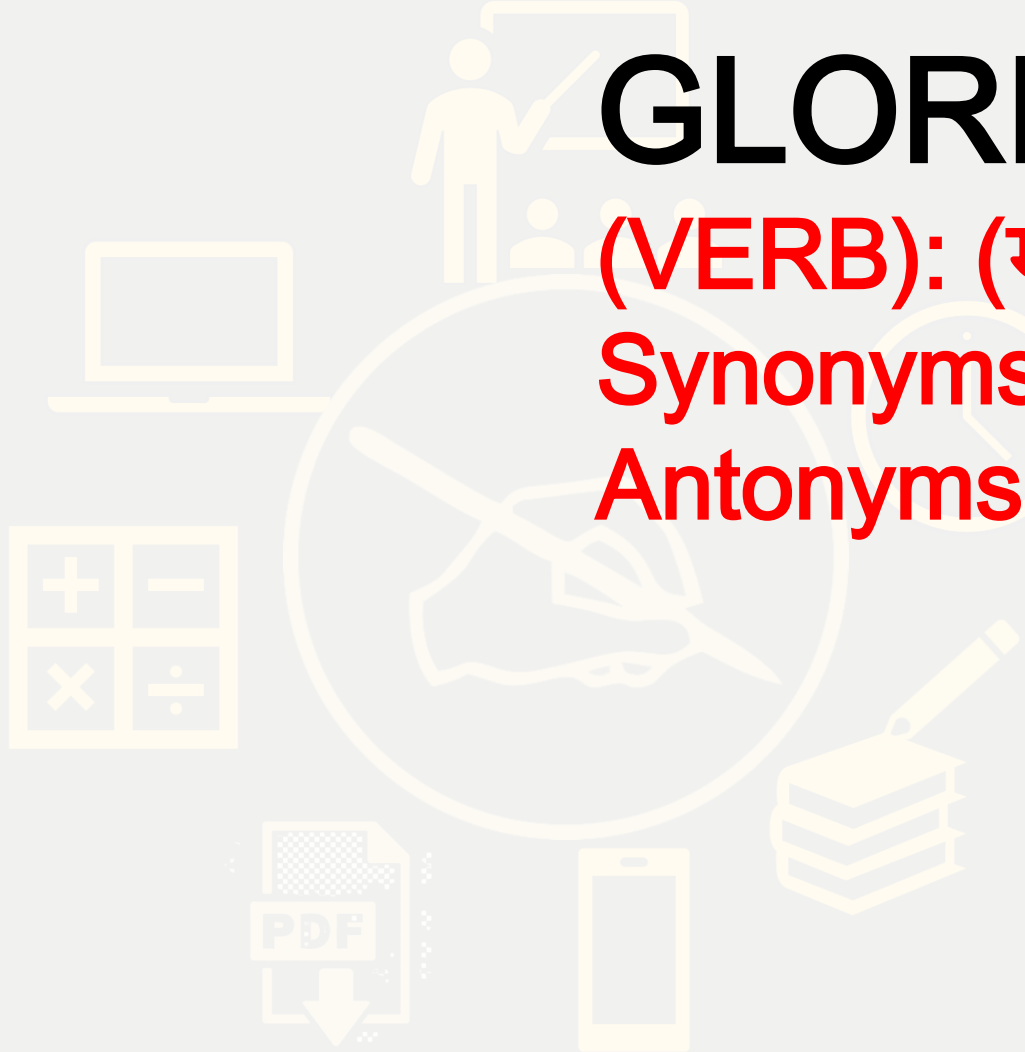


GLORIFY

(VERB): (महिमामंडन करना): Ennoble

Synonyms: Exalt, Elevate

Antonyms: Dishonor

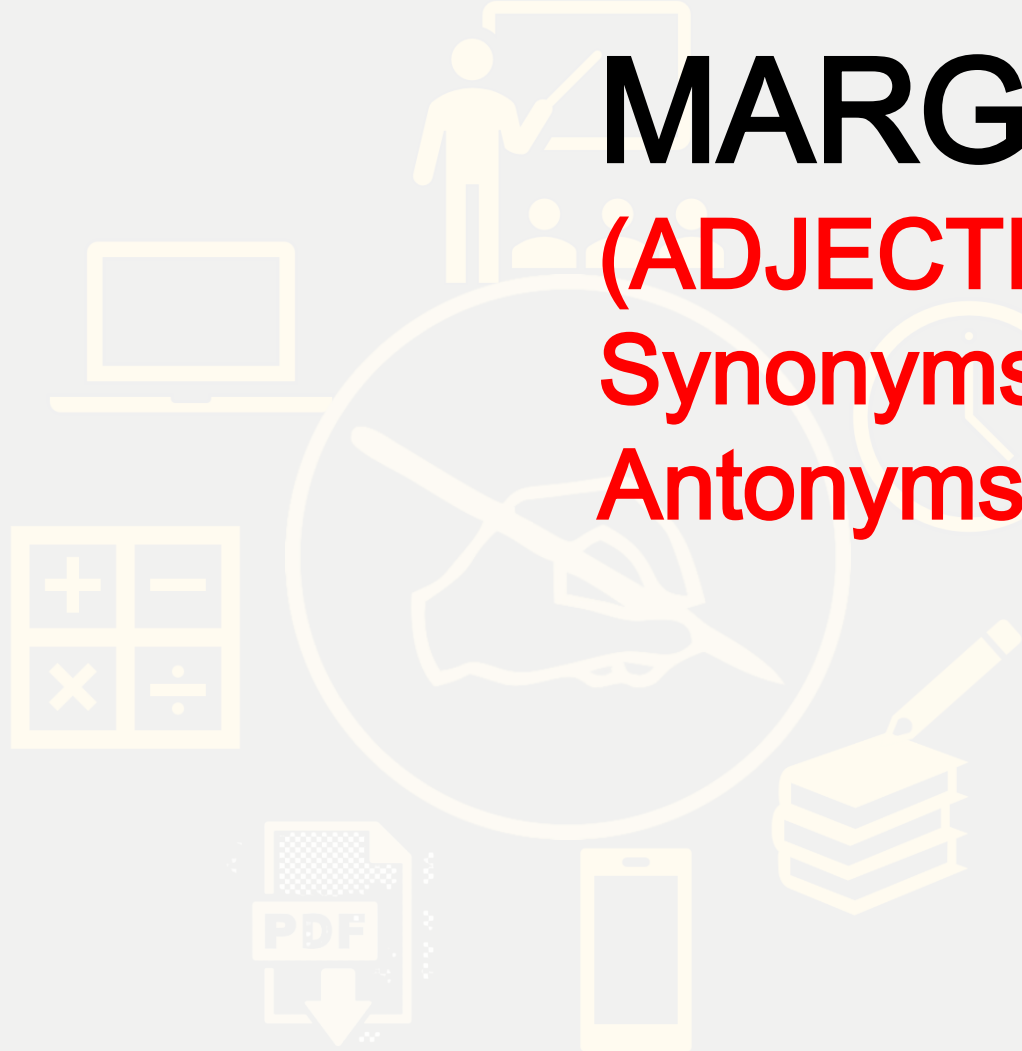


MARGINAL

(ADJECTIVE): (थोड़ा): Slight

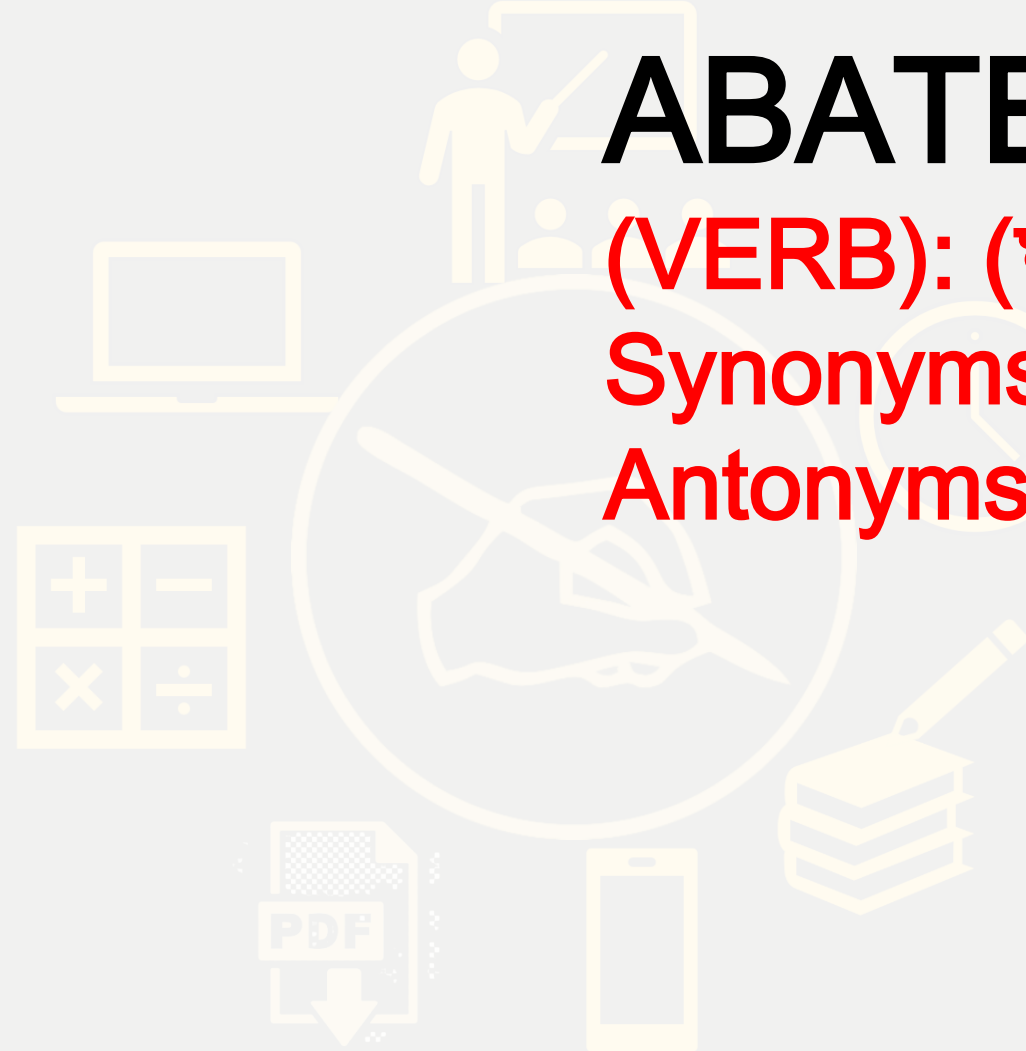
Synonyms: Small, Tiny

Antonyms: Vast



ABATE

(VERB): (घटना): Subside
Synonyms: Lessen, Let up
Antonyms: Intensify



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

Recognising the 'compulsory' woman worker

There is an urgent need for widespread surveys of poor rural women and how they spend their time



ARTICLE

The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) reported that the labour **participation** rate of rural women was 9.92% in March 2022 compared to 67.24% for men. This is a cause for **concern**. According to CMIE, millions who left the labour market stopped **looking for** employment “possibly [because they were] too **disappointed** with their failure to get a job and under the belief that there were no jobs available”. In countries like the U.S., Canada and Australia, such workers who are willing to work but give up searching for work for various reasons are called ‘discouraged workers’ and they are included in the unemployed category. This **phenomenon**, not captured in India by any official labour force surveys, is wrongly described as women “dropping out” or “leaving the labour market” giving the impression that this was a choice made by them, whereas, actually, women are **pushed out** of employment.

ARTICLE

The CMIE provides **valuable** inputs for urgently required government **intervention** in rural India. Ground level realities are **worse** than what the CMIE suggests and what the government **denies**. Women who belong to landless households or with **meagre** landholdings cannot **afford** the luxury of being “**discouraged**.” These are the “**compulsory**” workers. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) sites are probably the best places to understand the **compulsions** of millions of women to work. One particular project in Kalaburagi district focuses on creating more than 200 **percolation ponds**, which are designed to address the **declining** levels of ground water and to help recharge wells. This project provides a few workdays to an **estimated** 300 workers from four villages. The soil is hard and dry and the project **stretches over** several kilometers.

ARTICLE

The women, who **outnumber** the men, work in women only pairs. They **dig** and lift the mud. In the **searing heat**, they have to dig a 10X10X1 tank in a day. An assistant to the officer incharge estimated that because the soil is hard and stony, this would mean digging and lifting about 3,000 kg of mud a day. Since most of these women are unable to complete this task, they do not get the piece rate of ₹309; they get only ₹280 to ₹285. There was no **crèche** at the site. There was no water, so women took turns to walk a kilometre to a water source to fill their two litre bottles. They said their **limbs ached**. Many said they **felt dizzy**. But despite the difficult conditions, every worker on the site complained about getting only about 40 days of work in a year.

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Castle in the



A daydream, a hope, especially for one's life, that's unlikely to come true.

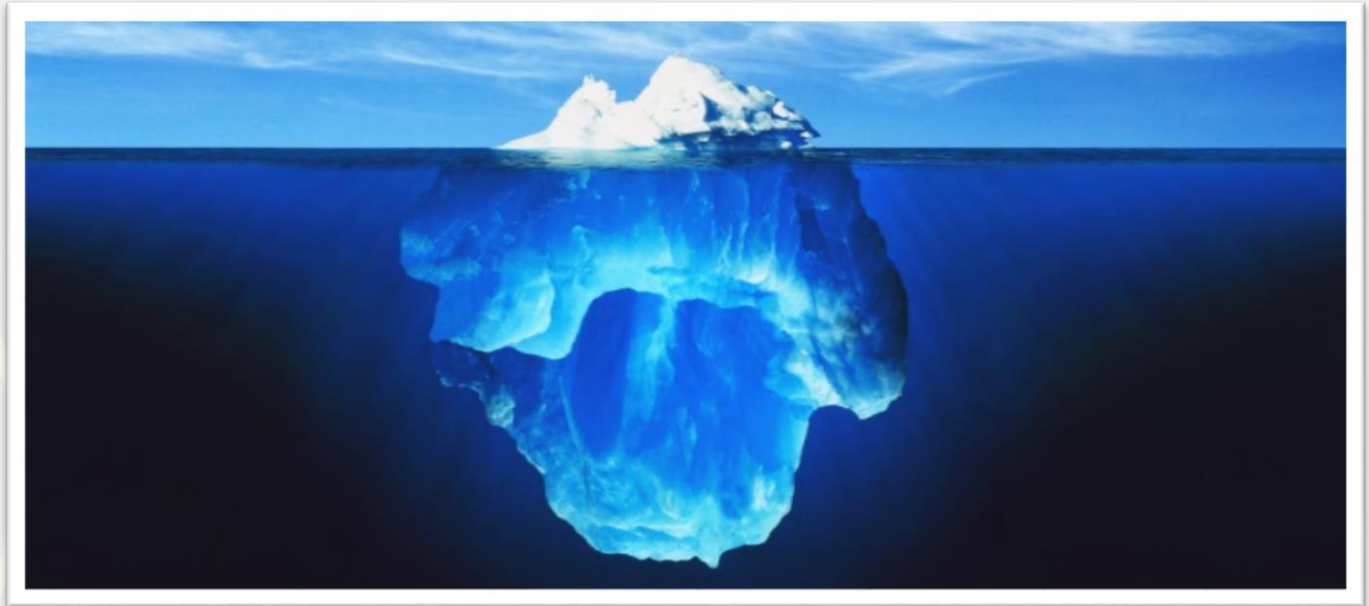
“World traveling used to be a castle in the sky for most people a few decades ago, but with cheap flight tickets and the global use of English, many youngsters are living that dream.”

Down to



**To be practical and sensible.
“It’s a stereotype, but Dutch people
are known for being down to earth.”**

The tip of the iceberg



**Just a small part of something much bigger.
“Exceptionally long drought periods are just
the tip of the ice berg when it comes to the
global impact of climate change.”**



LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

1. **With one voice**

A. by one community

B. unanimously

C. in disharmony

D. by one man



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B. unanimously

2. To give the devil his due

- A. To give credit to even a notorious person**
- B. To stand in the way of the devil**
- C. To punish the wrong person**
- D. To let the enemy learn the lesson on his own**

Answer: (a)



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3. Leave no stone unturned

A. Do a futile task

B. Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something

C. Search for the hidden treasure

D. Be known for achieving a tremendous feat

Answer: (b)

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4. **Learn by heart**

- A. Love something terribly
- B. Learn to control or hide your true feelings
- C. To memorize something
- D. Learn a lesson by making a mistake

Answer: (c)

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5. dressing-down

- A. wear an expensive gown
- B. give a scolding
- C. pretend
- D. apply bandage



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Answer: (b) dressing-down (N.) :
an occasion when somebody
speaks angrily to a person
because they have done
something wrong.

6. **straw in the wind**

A. a lucky charm

B. a game that kids play

C. an indication of what might happen

D. a light-weight object



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Answer: (c) straw in the wind : a small sign of what might happen in the near future.

7. every inch a gentleman

- A. partly
- B. entirely
- C. calculatively
- D. somewhat



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Answer: (b)

**every inch a gentleman :
completely; entirely.**

8. **for keeps**

A. away

B. forever

C. hide

D. himself



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Answer: (b) for keeps : for ever

Look at the sentence : Is it yours for keeps or does he want it back ?

9. Smell a rat

- A. Smell a burned rat
- B. Smell a rotten rat
- C. Smell something right
- D. Suspect something wrong



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Answer: (d) Suspect something wrong

Smell a rat = begin to suspect trickery or deception.

10. **pull a long face**

A. to look sad

B. to irritate
someone

C. to pull someone's
face

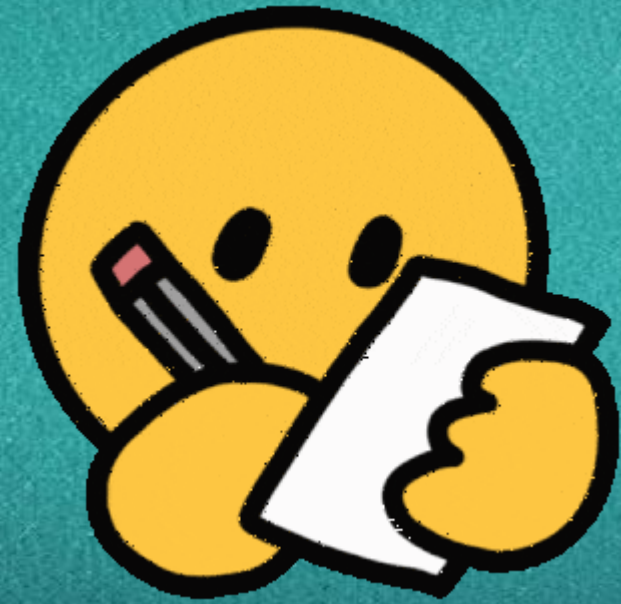
D. to make fun

Answer: (a)

**pull a long face : to have an
unhappy or disappointed
expression.**

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Homework



Home Work

Choose the mis-spelt word?

- (A) Coupious
- (B) Capricious
- (C) Captious
- (D) Cautious

Home Work Answer

NONCHALANT

(A) neutral

(B) formal

(C) imaginary

(D) casual

