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**Never regret a day in your life ;  
Good days give happiness,  
Bad days give experience,  
Worst days give lessons, and  
Best days give memories...**


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Fructify - make something fruitful or productive  
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Reckon- to calculate something  
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**C** **Chandrika Gore** 19 hours ago  
1. Fructify: (verb) to produce a good or useful result; to make something ferti  
Synonyms: fertilize, multiply, procreate, reproduce, amend, improve  
Sentence: By this time it has fructified into reality.  
2. Reckon: (verb) to think or believe; to consider or have the opinion that som  
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Antonym-- failing, dying, shrinking...  
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VOCABULARY



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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship stabilises off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

1. Dither (Verb) : घबराहट

Meaning: to be unable to make a decision about doing something; to be very nervous, excited, or confused

Synonyms: hesitate, falter, panic, fuss

Antonyms: calm, peace, sense, order

Sentence: The politician began to dither and stutter when asked about his stance.

## 2. Abstention (Noun)

**Meaning:** an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion; restraint in one's consumption

**Synonyms:** abnegation, eschewal, avoidance, reject

**Antonyms:** indulgence, unconstraint, decide

**Sentence:** I decided to settle on an abstention when the family voted on where we should eat, as personally, I didn't care where we went.

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### 3. Duress (Noun): दबाव

Meaning: **threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will**

Synonyms: **pressure, constraint, compulsion, intimidation, coercion**

Antonyms: **freedom, independence, liberation, persuasion**

Sentence: **I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.**



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### 4. Diffident (Adjective): संकोचशील

Meaning: **modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence**

Synonyms: **shy, bashful, sheepish, introverted**

Antonyms: **confident, extroverted, immodest, bold**

Sentence: **Although he graduated in the top ten percent of his class, Jules is still diffident about his own intelligence.**

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(+) 5. **Ebullient** (Adjective): जोश

Meaning: **cheerful and full of energy**

(+) Synonyms: **exuberant, buoyant, cheerful**

Antonyms: **indolent, lazy, sluggish**

Sentence: **Jack always felt ebullient after drinking his morning coffee.**

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6. Exculpate (Verb) : निर्दोष सिद्ध करना

Meaning: show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing

Synonyms: absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate

Antonyms: accuse, arraign, imprison

Sentence: He exculpates himself from stealing the money.



7. Veneer (Noun): दिखावा

Meaning: a deceptively attractive external appearance

Synonyms: facade, gloss

Sentence: Marcia wears a veneer of friendliness while trying to backstab everyone in the office.

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### 8. Relegate (Verb)

Meaning: **consign or dismiss to an inferior rank or position**

Synonyms: **downgrade, lower in rank, put down**

Antonyms: **ascent, rise, upswing**

Sentence: **In spite of her strong commitment to her job, she vowed she would never relegate her maternal duties to a nanny.**

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9. Vaunt (Verb) : बड़ाई करना

Meaning: **boast** about or **praise** (something),  
**especially excessively**

Synonyms: **boast, brag, pride**

Antonyms: **belittle, underrate**

Sentence: Even the noblest of fellows have been known to vaunt a bit.



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10. Hale and Hearty (Adjective): ~~चौकण्ड~~

Meaning: (of a person, especially an elderly one)  
strong and healthy

Synonyms: healthy, well, fit

Antonyms: ill, feeble, sick

Sentence: She was still hale and hearty in her nineties.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **HARMONIOUS**

1. sonorous
2. discordant
3. concordant
4. balanced

Meaning: harmonious means friendly, peaceful and without any disagreement and discordant means not in agreement

Solution: 2. discordant



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ACCELERATE**

1. **delay**
2. quicken
3. diminish
4. descent

Meaning: accelerate is to happen faster or earlier than expected so delay is the opposite.

**Solution: 1. delay**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BOLD**

1. timid
2. nervous
3. coy
4. fearful

Meaning: bold is brave or courageous,  
timid means shy and nervous.

Solution: 1. timid (e) her how  
2. nervous

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **TRAITOR**

1. migrant
2. member
3. patriot
4. officer

Meaning: a patriot is a person who loves their country  
,traitor one who betrays; back-stabber

**Solution: 3. patriot**

# Find the correct one?

Antonym of **EXAGGERATE**

1. extravagant
2. understate
3. abundance
4. excerpt

Meaning: exaggerate is to make something seem more important than it really is while understate is to seem less important than it really is.

Solution: 2. understate



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PERSUADE**

1. cheat
2. assure
3. convince
4. opinionated

Meaning: persuade means to cause (someone) to believe something, especially after a sustained effort; convince

Solution: 3. convince



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **FASTIDIOUS**

1. dormant
2. faint
3. delicious
4. attentive

Meaning: fastidious, you pay great attention to details

**Solution: 4. attentive**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PHENOMENAL**

1. **Extraordinary**
2. incidental
3. natural
4. eventful

Meaning: remarkable or exceptionally good

**Solution: 1. extraordinary**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **FASCINATE**

1. impulsive
2. captivate
3. fashionable
4. irritating

Meaning: Fascinate refers to attract the strong attention and interest of someone or captivate.

Solution: 2. captivate

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **RIGMAROLE**

1. happy responsibility
2. short-cut
3. unnecessary burden
4. lengthy procedure

Meaning: A rigmarole is a lengthy and complicated procedure which you do not like

Solution: 4. lengthy procedure



## To keep the ball rolling

1. Maintain good terms with seniors
2. Maintain good terms with enemies
3. Maintain the momentum of an activity
4. To get poor marks in a test

Solution: 3. Maintain the momentum of an activity





## To make bricks without straw

1. To perform a task without proper materials
2. To do some important task
3. To demolish a brick wall
4. A secret admirer

Solution: 1. To perform a task without proper materials



## Stir up a hornets' nest

1. To assume things that are not true
2. To relinquish someone in danger
3. Destroy someone's house
4. Cause trouble

Solution: 4. Cause trouble

## Scrape the barrel

1. To clean a barrel
2. To purify one's soul
3. Using something you do not want to but you've no option
4. Spoil the mood of a person

Solution: 3. Using something you do not want to but you've no option



# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. One who is bad in spelling–  
**Cacographist**
2. To die without having made a will–  
**Intestate**
3. A large number of insects, birds etc. moving about–  
**Swarm**
4. Bitter and violent attack in words– hurl  
**Diatribes**

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Not neutral: On India's stand on Ukraine at the U.N.

India cannot be seen as dithering on issues of any nation's sovereignty



Nearly one year to the date of Russian President Vladimir Putin's launch of attacks on Ukraine (February 24, 2022), the UN General Assembly's vote on the latest resolution to criticise Russia resulted in 141 votes in favour, seven against (it includes Russia) and 32 abstentions (it includes India and China). The resolution, or a call for a "just and lasting peace", that was eventually sponsored by more than 70 countries, demanded an immediate cessation of hostilities, and appealed for accountability at international courts for rights violations and war crimes. Significantly, the sponsors, led by the U.S., its allies, and European Union countries, did not call for peace talks — something Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy does not favour at present, given the status quo advantage that lies with Russian forces having laid claim to about one-fifth of Ukrainian territory.

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Two amendments suggested by Russia's ally Belarus, to replace the term "invasion" with what Russia calls "Special Military Operations", and to call for dialogue immediately, were rejected. As a result, although there is a military stalemate in Ukraine, casualties continue to rise, and western sanctions have not found favour with much of the world, Ukraine and NATO countries called the vote a major victory — much like they had in a similar vote, on March 2, 2022.

In spite of several attempts by the U.S. and the European countries, India abstained, which it has consistently done since last year on any resolution at key UN bodies that has been critical of Russia. In explanations by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at international fora — some of which were reiterated by India's UN envoy on Thursday — the Modi government has asserted its strategic autonomy, citing its traditional relationship with Moscow, its initial concerns of becoming a party to the conflict while Indian students were caught in the middle, stressing that "diplomacy and dialogue" are the only way forward, and claiming that it is required to maintain a "neutrality" of sorts to leave space for mediation.

While its decision to reject unilateral western sanctions on Russia and increase trade in fuel and fertilizers with Moscow can be explained by its desire for independent decision making, it is becoming increasingly hard for New Delhi to hold that abstaining from voting at the multilateral stage is a principled stand. It has become very clear that this is indeed a Russian invasion of its smaller, sovereign neighbour, one that has not been halted despite Russia gaining its initially announced strategic goals. Prime Minister Modi's celebrated statement that "this era is not of war" has not been heeded by President Putin, and it is unclear if Ukraine sees India as an unbiased mediator. India has proven over decades that it will not vote under duress, yet the global and regional leadership that New Delhi claims cannot come from appearing diffident over basic principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.



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