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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab


Spoken English

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A wide-angle photograph of a vast, clear blue lake or sea. In the background, a range of low, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The water transitions from a deep blue in the distance to a vibrant turquoise near the shore. In the foreground, several people are swimming and sunbathing on a rocky outcrop. One person is sitting on the rocks, while others are floating on their backs in the shallow water. A small boat is visible in the middle ground on the left side.

Don't let your dreams
be dreams.

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
YOU
READY??

GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

When need or dare is followed by not, it turns into modal auxiliary. In that situation it takes Bare Infinitive 'and we cannot use needs not or dares not



(a) He needs not do it.

**(b) He daren't to hurt his
brother.**



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Each is used in speaking of two or more things, every is used only in speaking of more than two.





A. Every of the two boys will get a prize.



B. Each of boys were present.



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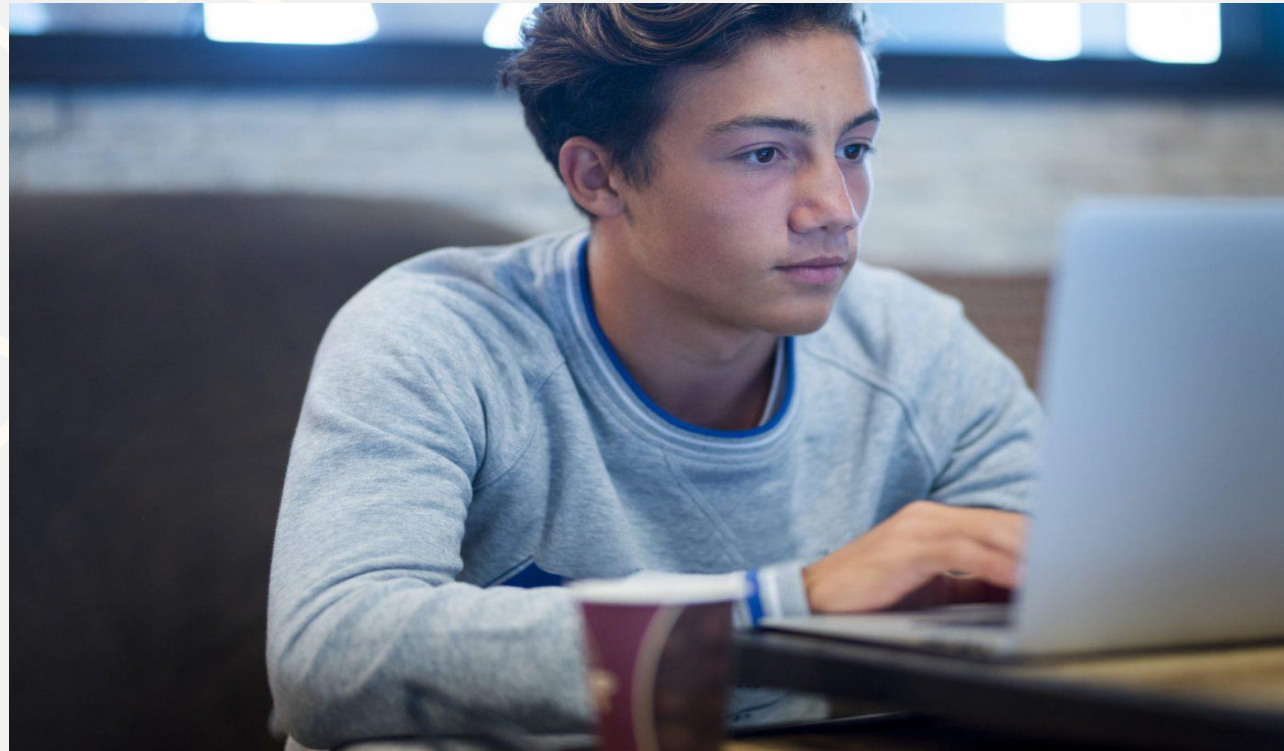
Let's start



ARTICLE

State of adolescent learning

ASER highlights the dismal picture of online education



ARTICLE

Over the last few decades in India, there has been a **massive** government **drive** to push for universal enrolment, **extending** to secondary as well as primary school children. **Successive** Annual Status of Education Reports (ASER) have shown that this drive has been largely successful for both age groups, with high enrolment rates even during the pandemic. Despite two years of COVID-related school closures, the increase in unenrolled 11–14-year-olds has been **marginal**, while the number of out-of-school 15–16-year-olds has actually fallen, for both boys and girls. This **indicates** that schools have been able to retain children beyond primary school. This is remarkable, because children are now enrolled beyond the age of compulsory education, and enrolment rates show almost no gender **disparity**. But enrolment is only one piece of the **puzzle**.

ARTICLE

Although efforts have been made by parents, teachers and governments, learning at home through online education during the pandemic has been **far from successful** for these children. ASER 2020 and 2021 brought to light a **dismal** picture of access to technology-based learning resources. Even though over 70% of children in Classes IX to XII had a smartphone at home, only about 35% of them could use it for studies at all times, while 17% could not use it at all. In the absence of **formal** schooling, family members often assumed the task of teaching. The ASER reports show **adolescents** did not fare well — older children received less learning support as compared to younger ones. Additionally, some children — especially older girls — faced competing demands due to **financial stress** and increased requirement of care work at home.

ARTICLE

Even in 2017, ASER had reported that almost 90% of female youth aged 14-18 did housework on a daily basis, compared to three-fourth of male youth. According to the Building Back Better report by UNICEF, school closures **exacerbated** girls' and women's unpaid care work, limiting the time available to learn at home. During COVID-19, girls might have had to replace the work done by the missing caregiver, or simply because of gendered **expectations**. ASER 2021 data hints at the same. When asked if any child in the household above 12 years of age had started helping out more with household **chores** since the lockdown, almost two thirds of the **respondents** reported in the affirmative. In all age categories, girls were more likely than boys to be taking on this additional burden.



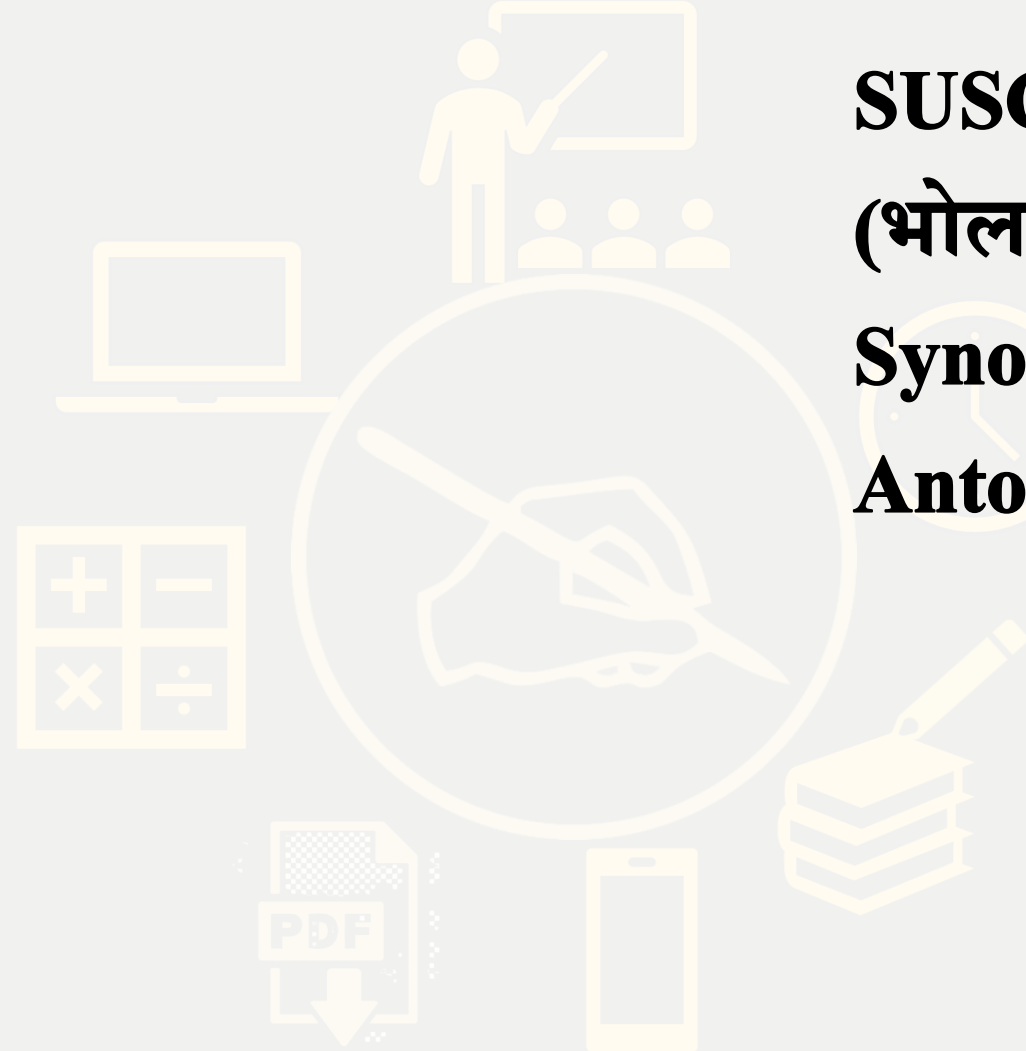
THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

SUSCEPTIBLE (ADJECTIVE):

(भोला): impressionable

Synonyms: credulous, gullible

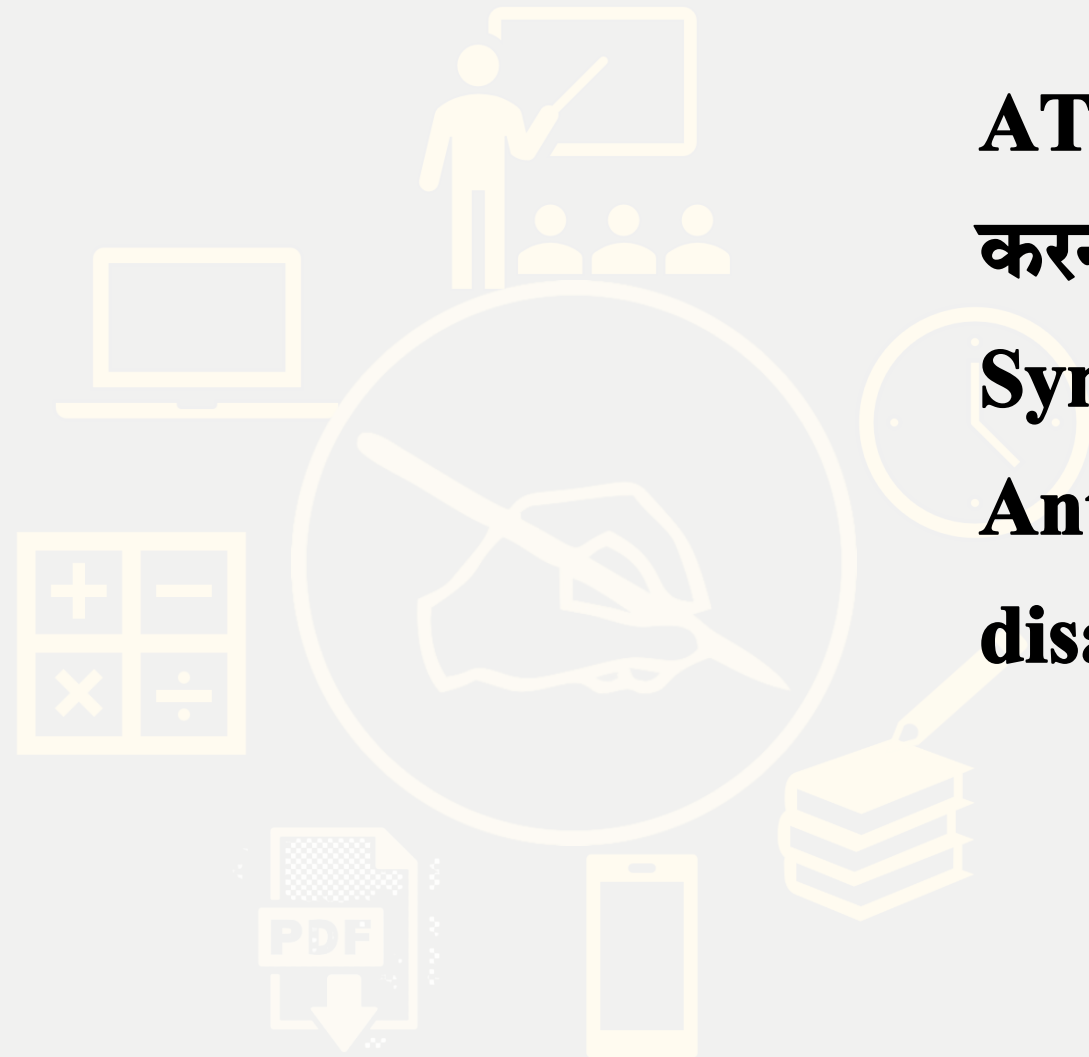
Antonyms: sceptical



ATTUNE (VERB): (लय में करना): accommodate

Synonyms: accustom, adapt

**Antonyms: disarrange,
disagree**



CREDENCE**(NOUN):****(स्वीकृति):****acceptance****Synonyms: assurance, certainty****Antonyms: denial, disbelief**



BELITTLE (VERB): (छोटा करना):

disparage

Synonyms: denigrate, run down

Antonyms: praise



LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE
YOU
READY??

Lumber



Definition Walk awkwardly because of excessive weight & size



Tightfisted



**Tight Fisted
Miser**

Definition Unwilling to part with money



Inimical



Definition Harmful in effect

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

ARE
YOU
READY??



Time for Synonyms



1. Find the synonym of **Genuine**

A. Good

B. Real

C. Attractive

D. Lovable



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B. Real

2. Find the synonym of **Amicable**

A. Poisonous

B. Friendly

C. Satisfying

D. Heartening



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B. Friendly

3. Find the synonym of **Irreverence**

A. Disrespect

B. Cruelty

C. Unkindness

D. Invalidity



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B. Friendly

Time for Idioms & Phrases



4. Fly off the handle

- A. to be optimistic
- B. to be in hurry
- C. to lose one's temper
- D. to calm down



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C) to lose one's temper

5. Fabians policy

- A. policy of enjoying at work**
- B. policy of do work seriously**
- C. policy of quick decisions**
- D. policy of delaying decisions**



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Answer: Option D

6. Fly in the face of

A. coward

B. to defy

C. do acting

D. do not follow instructions



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B) to defy

7. Full tilt

- A. with maximum energy**
- B. eating maximum**
- C. thinking of eating**
- D. with no demand**



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A) with maximum energy

8. Gain ground

A. to get a shelter

B. to get a piece of land

C. to succeed slowly

D. to give excuses



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Answer: Option C

9. Giddy goat

A. to act bravely

B. to act slowly

C. to act foolishly

D. to act as advised



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Answer: Option C

10. Give up the ghost

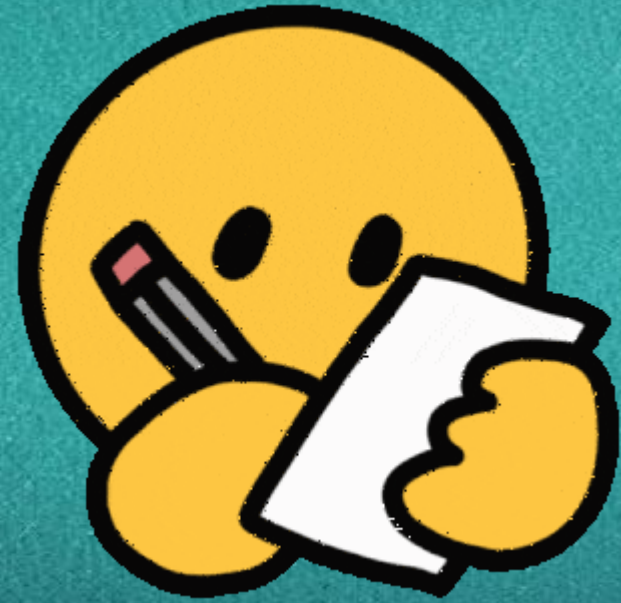
- A. give up a fear
- B. give up in the war
- C. to pass away
- D. to rest for some time



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Answer: Option C

Homework



Home Work Answer

**Choose the word most
opposite in meaning.**

Miniature

A. Large

B. Small

C. Heavy

D. Least

Home Work

Flash in the pan

- A. sudden success**
- B. sudden problem**
- C. sudden pain**
- D. sudden excitement**

