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Synonyms: emphasize, underscore, highlight, underline, stre:  
Antonyms: mask, conceal, obscure, cover

2. Eternal: (adj) lasting forever or for a very long time  
Synonyms: endless, abiding, continued, boundless, enduring  
indestructible, unceasing, perpetual  
Antonyms: bounded, ceasing, changeable, concluding, destr  
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Surbhi Sinha 13 hours ago

Accentuate= make noticeable or prominent,, eternal =lasting

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shreya patel 1 day ago

Accentuate- highlight something  
Syn- underline, eemphasis , noticeable  
Pm Modi accentuated the details of the summit.  
eternal- lasting long time, immortal  
It is her eternal behaviour that attracts us.

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yash kumar 1 day ago

Accentuate- make more noticeable or prominent.  
Synonym-accent, spotlight.  
Antonym- mask divert from attention.  
Sentence- The lights accentuate the decoration....

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Chandrika Gore 1 day ago

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Antonyms: mask, conceal, obscure, cover  
Sentence: While the virtues of country life were still stre

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ASHISH RANJAN 1 day ago

Accentuate  
Syno- highlight, emphasize  
Anto- recede, lighten.

Eternal  
Syno- lasting forever, immortal  
Anto- short time, mortal.

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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. Lose steam (Phrase)

Meaning: **to suddenly lose the energy or interest to continue doing what you are doing**

Synonyms: **abate, curb, curtail, decelerate**

Sentence: **Both teams seemed to lose steam in the second half.**

2. Dustup (Noun): झगडा

Meaning: a physical dispute between opposing individuals or groups

Synonyms: clash, battle, fight

Antonyms: truce

Sentence: He came home with a black eye from the dustup at the bar.



3. Defiance (Noun): अवज्ञा

Meaning: **open resistance; bold disobedience**

Synonyms: **resistance, opposition, confrontation**

Antonyms: **compliance, obedience, submission**

Sentence: **The demonstration was held in defiance of official warnings.**



4. Gargantuan (Adjective): विशाल

Meaning: **unusually large**

Synonyms: **enormous, massive, giant**

Antonyms: **little, mini, petite**

Sentence: **Of all her mistakes, this was the most gargantuan.**

5. Confabulate (Verb): बातचीत करना

Meaning: to exchange viewpoints or seek advice for the purpose of finding a solution to a problem

Synonyms: consult, confer, discuss

Sentence: I'd like to confabulate with my friends at weekends.



(—) 6. Fudge (Verb): ठगना

Meaning: to use dishonest methods to achieve a goal

(—) Synonyms: cheat, finagle, falsify

Sentence: She's been fudging on her taxes for years.

7. Staple (Noun): प्रमुख

Meaning: **the main or greater part of something as distinguished from its subordinate parts**

Synonyms: core, chief, major

Antonyms: **accessory, component, adjunct**

Sentence: **Vegetables are a staple part of a healthy diet if you want to stay fit.**



(-) 8. Pillory (Verb): निंदा करना

Meaning: to severely criticize someone, especially in a public way

(-) Synonyms: blame, criticize, scold, ridicule, denounce

(+) Antonyms: endorse, approve, commend, accolade, praise, esteem

Sentence: The press pilloried the judge for his decision.

## 9. Vacuous (Adjective)

Meaning: **having or showing a lack of thought or intelligence; mindless**

Synonyms: blank, vacant, expressionless

Antonyms: brainy, bright, brilliant

Sentence: **Bored with the vacuous chatter at the party, Mitchell went home and read a book.**



10. Arsenal (Noun) : शस्त्रागार

Meaning: a place where military arms are stored

Synonyms: armory, warehouse, depot

Sentence: They sent the ordinance officer to the arsenal for weapons.

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **HASTE**

1. delay ✓
2. frugal
3. give
4. sink

Meaning: haste means hurry; delay means postponement

**Solution: 1. delay**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **MALICE**

1. goodwill ✓
2. bitterness
3. coddle
4. distress

Meaning: malice is the desire to harm someone; ill will, goodwill means the desire to see another benefit

Solution: 1. goodwill



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PERMANENT**

1. loose
2. fierce
3. fleeting ✓
4. unhappy

Meaning: permanent means lasting; fleeting means passing quickly or temporary

**Solution: 3. fleeting**

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ATTAIN**

1. crave
2. lose ✓
3. harbor
4. credit

Meaning: to attain means to achieve or to gain,  
therefore to lose is the most dissimilar

**Solution: 2. lose**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of TAINT

1. cheer
2. worry
3. clear
4. purify ✓

Meaning: to taint means to contaminate or corrupt; to purify means to make pure

Solution: 4. purify

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SOLEMNITY**

1. lightheartedness
2. gravity ✓
3. diligence
4. sleepiness

Meaning: solemnity means formal or ceremonious observance, or seriousness; gravity means seriousness

Solution: 2. gravity



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **POMPOUS**

1. arrogant ✓
2. supportive
3. busy
4. gaudy

Meaning: pompous means self-important, or arrogant

Solution: 1. arrogant

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PREVALENT**

1. wind
2. servile
3. widespread ✓
4. rare

Meaning: . prevalent means **generally accepted**, or widespread

**Solution: 3. widespread**



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **SUPERFICIAL**

1. flinch
2. cheer
3. Shallow ✓
4. solitary

Meaning: superficial means to be concerned only with the surface or appearance, or shallow

**Solution: 3. shallow**

# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **TANGLE**

1. snarl ✓
2. growl
3. dance
4. shiver

Meaning: tangle is a twisted, knotted mass, or a snarl

Solution: 1. snarl





## Run around in circles

1. To waste one's time and energy in trivial, aimless, or futile activities.
2. To be indecisive
3. To run around in circular manner
4. To be stuck in a loop

Solution: 1. To waste one's time and energy in trivial, aimless, or futile activities.

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Against the clock

1. To work in a great hurry
2. To be old-fashioned
3. To turn time backwards
4. To work lazily

Solution: 1. To work in a great hurry





## Chicken and egg situation

1. Impossible to decide which of two things caused the other one
2. To have chicken and ~~egg~~ for dinner
3. In a dangerous situation
4. To be in trouble

Solution: 1. Impossible to decide which of two things caused the other one

# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Under a cloud

1. To be in confusion
2. To be in a complex situation
3. To be under suspicion or in trouble
4. To be framed for a crime

Solution: 3. To be under suspicion or in trouble



# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. One who walks in sleep–  
Somnambulist
2. One who talks in sleep –  
Somniloquist
3. One who grabs somebody's else property or title –  
Usurper *Usurp*
4. A small piece from something spoken or written -  
Snippet

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Cyclical troubles: On IMF bailout for  
Pakistan

Pakistan pins its hopes on another International  
Monetary Fund bailout to stave off the economic crisis



After 10 days of talks with the Pakistan government, an IMF delegation left Islamabad on February 9 without a concluding statement either on its review of an existing \$7 billion loan programme or on a fresh tranche of loans to help the distressed economy. The Shehbaz Sharif-led government insisted that this was standard process and that the country would expect a loan tranche after the IMF's completed its internal process were complete but the desperation was also evident in the government reportedly agreeing to fresh taxes, reducing subsidies and increasing levies on fuel consumption to meet the IMF's expectations.

Economic distress is deepening — power blackouts persist even in urban areas, annual inflation was at 27.5% in January (its highest since 1975), the Pakistani rupee has fallen to nearly 270 a dollar and forex reserves have fallen below \$3 billion, the lowest since February 2014, threatening a balance of payments crisis. The effect of last year's debilitating floods continues to weigh on the economy with thousands still homeless, agricultural land destroyed and many people without adequate food. The perilous state of the economy explains the desperation for yet another IMF bailout, which would be the sixth such facility the agency extended since 2000, and which seems inevitable as this would stave off the balance of payments issues, with complementary support from traditional allies in West Asia and also China.



**The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and the floods notwithstanding, the cyclical nature of the economic issues and the country's repeated reliance on IMF packages during crises point to a failure of governance. While import dependency, low export competitiveness and poor fiscal management are proximate reasons for the recurring crisis in a shock vulnerable economy, it must also be said that this is an indirect outcome of the absence of an unrestrained run of power for civilian democracy in a country where the military has a preponderant role.**

**With elections due later this year, little trust remaining between the key political parties and the military seeking to meddle in the political process, things do not forebode too well for the country. Unless the governance structures refocus themselves to addressing long-term structural weaknesses in the economy and find ways to improve relations with neighbours such as India, the cyclicity of the economic problems will remain. But for that to happen, the military establishment has to take a back seat: a bleak prospect in the medium term.**





1. TEMERITY

2. ESOTERIC

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