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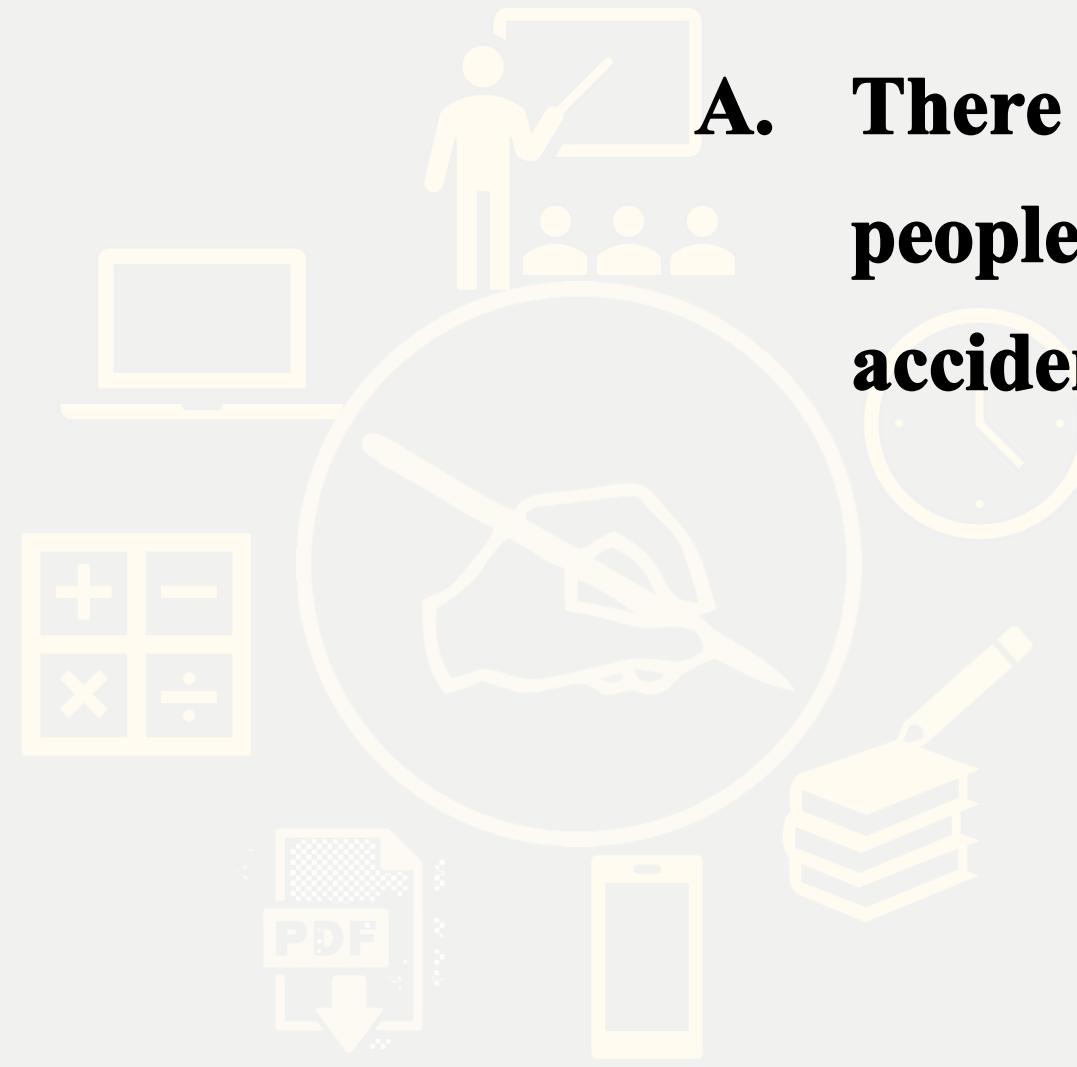
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GRAMMAR SKILLS

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

The adverbial phrase 'No less than' should be used with uncountable nouns whereas 'No fewer than' is used with countable nouns.



A. There were no less than forty people who were killed in the accident.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

'That' should not be used before a sentence in Direct Speech and before Interrogative Adverbs and Pronouns in the Indirect Speech.



(a) He said that, "I shall go there."

(b) He asked me that who I was.



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

Indian government prohibits export of wheat with immediate effect



ARTICLE

Citing a **threat** to food security, the Union government has “**prohibited**” the **export** of wheat with **immediate effect**. The decision was announced in view of the “sudden **spike** in the global prices of wheat arising out of many factors”, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said.

Significantly, the order came two days after the government decided to send **trade delegations** to a number of countries to **explore** possibilities for its export. The global agriculture market has been **destabilized** by the Russian **invasion** of Ukraine, a major wheat-producing nation and a major supplier to the European market. **Apart from** national requirements, the order cited the requirement of India’s wheat among its neighbours in the region.

ARTICLE

Addressing presspersons, Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, Department of Food and Consumer Affairs, referred to several countries such as Russia, Kazakhstan, Argentina, Bulgaria, Turkey and Hungary, which have taken measures to restrict the export of wheat, and **indicated** that it was natural for India to **follow suit**. The officials, however, had to **face a barrage of questions** about the sudden “U-turn” regarding the export of wheat as the latest order came two days after the Centre announced that trade delegations would be sent to Morocco, Tunisia, Indonesia, Turkey and other countries to explore possibilities for wheat export. They **denied** that the rapid changes in the policy on the export of wheat were because of a lack of **coordination**.

ARTICLE

Addressing the issue, Commerce Secretary B.V.R. Subrahmanyam said that there is no shortage of wheat in the **domestic** market adding, “Apart from the food security of India, the government is committed to ensuring food security of neighbours and **vulnerable** countries.” However, officials **revealed** that there was a **decline** in the “opening stock” compared with last fiscal's. “This year, our opening stock of wheat was 190 lakh tonnes, which was a little less than last year’s opening balance of 273 lakh tonnes,” Mr. Pandey said. Both officials **emphasised** that the prohibition was “not a ban”, and was also aimed at controlling the sudden rise in the price of wheat and atta in India.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

The Hindu Vocabulary

HERCULEAN (ADJECTIVE):

(अत्यंत कठिन): arduous

Synonyms: grueling , laborious

Antonyms: easy

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PATRONIZE (VERB): (नीचा करना):

look down on

Synonyms: talk down to, put down

Antonyms: friendly

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GALL (VERB): (खिजाना): irritate

Synonyms: annoy, vex

Antonyms: mollify

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FIERY (ADJECTIVE): (उत्साही):

passionate

Synonyms: impassioned, ardent

Antonyms: bland



LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

1. I have a bone to pick with you in this matter.

A. Am in agreement

B. Am angry

C. Am indebted

D. Will join hands



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Answer: Option B

2. The new C.M stuck his neck out today and promised 10kgs. free wheat a month for all rural families.

- A. took an oath
- B. took a risk
- C. extended help
- D. caused embarrassment



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Answer: Option B

3. Harassed by repeated acts of injustice.

he decided to put his foot down.

A. not to yield

B. resign

C. to accept the proposal

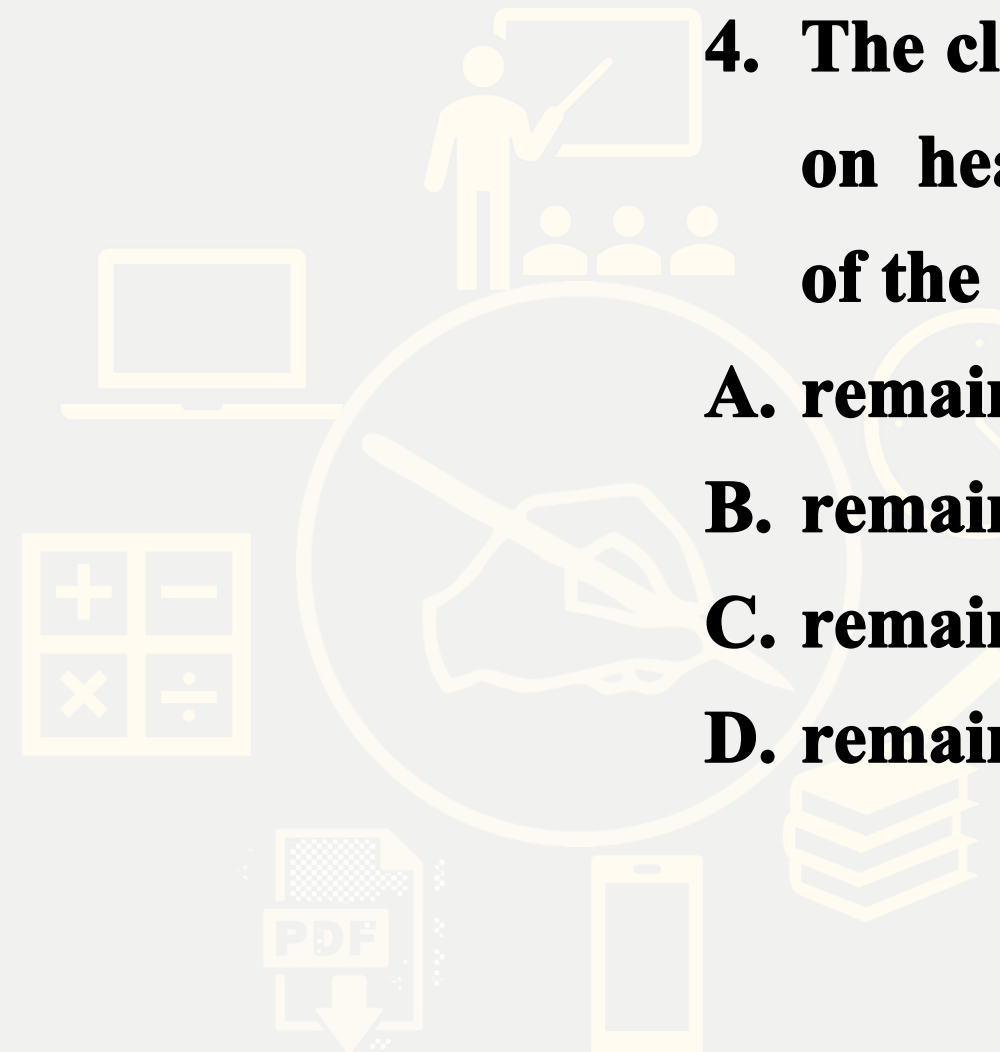
unconditionally

D. withdraw

Answer: Option A



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4. The class could not **keep a straight face on hearing the strange pronunciation of the new teacher.**

A. remain silent

B. remain serious

C. remain mute

D. remain disturbed

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Answer: Option B

5. It did not **bring to light** any facts.

- A. Prove
- B. Probe
- C. Highlight
- D. Disclose



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Answer: Option D

6. His speech **went down well with the majority of the audience.**

A. found acceptance with

B. was attentively listened to by

C. was appreciated by

D. was criticized by



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Answer: Option C

7. Rohit has **bitten off more than he chew.**

A. Is trying to do much

B. Is very greedy

C. Is always hungry

D. Has little regard for others



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Answer: Option A



Time for SYNONYMS

8. Find the synonym of

ABUNDANT

- A. Ripe**
- B. Cheap**
- C. Plenty**
- D. Absent**



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Answer: Option C

9. Find the synonym of **ENTIRE**

- A. **Part**
- B. **Quarter**
- C. **Whole**
- D. **Half**



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Answer: Option C

**10. Find the synonym of
DESTITUTION**

- A. Humility**
- B. Moderation**
- C. Poverty**
- D. Beggary**

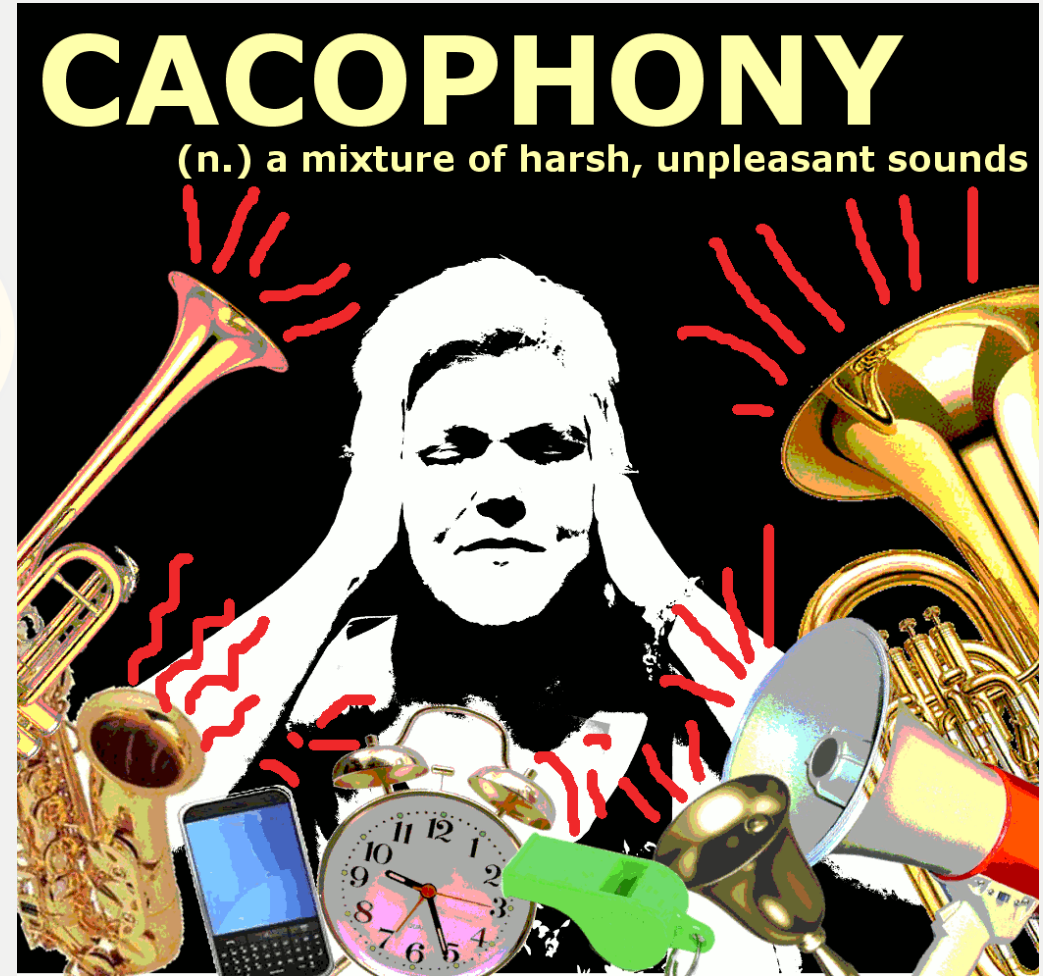


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Answer: Option C

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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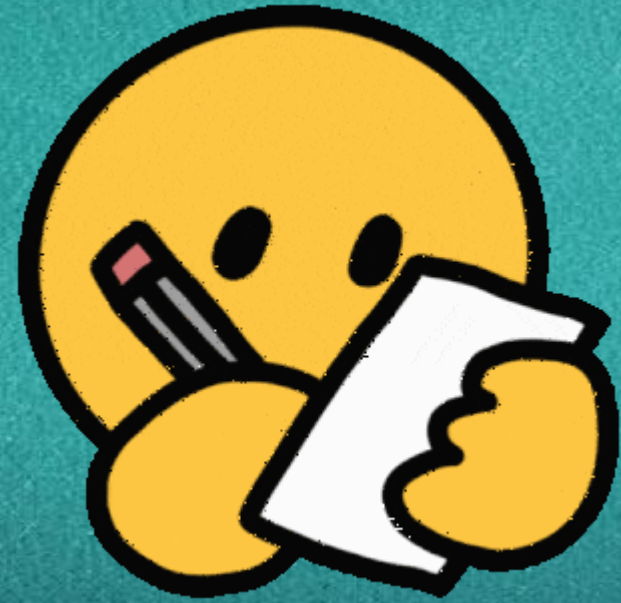
Fetid



(adj.) smelling extremely unpleasant



Homework





Home Work

Find the synonym of WRETCHED

- A. Poor**
- B. Foolish**
- C. Insane**
- D. Strained**



Home Work Answer

**Find the synonym of
CANDID**

- A. Apparent**
- B. Explicit**
- C. Frank**
- D. Bright**

