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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Never give up,
Today is hard,
tomorrow will be worse,
but the day after tomorrow
will be sunshine.



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Abhisek Kumar 15 hours ago (edited)

1. Dearth means अकाल

Syno -defectiveness , inefficiency,absence , scarcity

Anto - presence of something

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yash kumar 13 hours ago

Dearth-a scarcity or lack of something.

Synonym- scarcenss.

Antonym- abundance, surfeit.

Sentence- There is a dearth of water in the desert.

Nonchalant- feeling or appearing casually.

Synonym- calm, cool.

Antonym- anxious, concerned.

Sentence- she handles works in a nonchalant manner.

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**Pulkit Yadav** 13 hours ago

Dearth:- a lack of something; not enough of something

Synonyms:- shortage, want, insufficiency

Antonyms:- Abundance

Uses:- At present there is a regrettable dearth of information.



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Chandrika Gore 15 hours ago

1. Dearth: (noun) an amount or supply that is not large enough; a situ

Synonyms: insufficiency, scarcity, lack, absence, paucity, deficiency, in

Antonyms: abundance, adequacy, enough, plenty, sufficiency, advanta

Sentence: Contemporaries and historians alike have noted the correl

2. Nonchalant: (adj) behaving in a calm manner, often in a way that s

Synonyms: easygoing, laid back, aloof, apathetic, casual, detached, d

unflappable

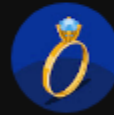
Antonyms: biased, interested, deliberate, enthusiastic, nervous, respo

Sentence: We are not nonchalant about the tourist industry.

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**Surbhi Sinha** 15 hours ago

Dearth= lack of something,,, nonchalant= showing lack of excitement



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Vandana Chhatri 3 hours ago

DEARTH= a lack of something; not enough of sor

NONCHALANT=not feeling or showing interest or



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VOCABULARY



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1. Resilient (Adjective): लचीला

Meaning: able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions; able to quickly return to its usual shape after being bent, stretched, or pressed

Synonyms: adaptable, stretchable, flexible, stretch, elastic

Antonyms: rigid, inflexible, stiff, weak

Sentence: 1. She's a resilient girl - she won't be unhappy for long.
2. This rubber ball is very resilient and immediately springs back into shape.

2. **Rebound** (Noun): प्रतिक्षेप

Meaning: **to bounce back after hitting a hard surface;**
to rise in price after a fall

Synonyms: **recover, revive, making a comeback, bounce**

Sentence: **Cotton rebounded from declines early in the day to**
end at a higher price.

3. Tandem (Noun): मिलकर

Meaning: **two people or pieces of equipment that work together to achieve a result or a team of two people or animals; a bicycle with seats and pedals for two riders, one behind the other.**

[-] 4. Doom and Gloom: निराशमय

Meaning: a feeling or attitude that things are only getting worse;
(A situation) characterized by negativity or futility.

(-) Synonyms: ominous, threatening, menacing, sinister, inauspicious

(+) Antonyms: positive attitude, cheer, and positiveness

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5. Amiable (Adjective) : स्नेही

Meaning: **having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner**

Synonyms: warm-hearted, likable, cordial

Antonyms: **unfriendly, disagreeable**

Sentence: **Behind that amiable facade, he's a deeply unpleasant man.**

6. Uptick (Noun) : तेजी

Meaning: a small increase or slight upward trend

Synonyms: increase, boost, gain

Antonyms: reduction, falloff

Sentence: People didn't notice the uptick in temperature from yesterday to today since it went from 32 to 34 degrees.

7. Volatile (Adjective) : अस्थिर

Meaning: liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse

Synonyms: inconsistent, eruptive

Antonyms: stable, constant

Sentence: Because Mary and Frank have a volatile relationship, they often argue.

8. Falter (Verb) : हिचक

Meaning: **lose strength or momentum; speak hesitantly**

Synonyms: **waver, vacillate, halt, stagger**

Antonyms: **decide, budge, plunge**

Sentence: **His voice began to falter at the mention of his sufferings in the old days.**

(+) 9. Comply (Verb) : पालन करना

Meaning: **act in accordance with a wish or command**

(+) Synonyms: **consent, defer, accede**

(-) Antonyms: **disagree, differ, dissent, conflict**

Sentence: **The man was arrested because he refused to comply with the airline's no smoking policy.**

10. Contemplate (Verb) : सोचना

Meaning: **think deeply and at length**

Synonyms: **ponder, consider, entertain, debate, study**

Antonyms: **dismiss, ignore, scorn, disregard, reject**

Sentence: **When the accountant was asked to contemplate the current budget, he discovered many ways the company could save money.**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?



Antonym of MENDACIOUS

1. bashful
2. capacious
3. veracious ✓
4. quiet

Meaning: mendacious means dishonest; veracious means truthful or honest

Solution: 3. veracious

Find the correct one?

Antonym of **FORCED**

1. quick
2. solid
3. trusting
4. natural ✓

Meaning: forced means produced with effort; natural means uncultivated or spontaneous

Solution: 4. natural



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **EXPANSIVE**

1. generous
2. honest
3. narrow ✓
4. troublesome

Meaning: expansive means sizeable or extensive; narrow means restricted

Solution: 3. narrow

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **AMPLE**

1. complete
2. insufficient ✓
3. quiet
4. supple

Meaning: ample means more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity, or sufficient, therefore, insufficient is the most dissimilar

Solution: 2. insufficient

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ABOLISH**

1. vote
2. punish
3. avoid
4. Establish ✓

Meaning: to abolish means to do away with entirely, to establish means to bring into existence

Solution: 4. establish

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **EXULTANT**

1. afraid
2. jubilant ✓
3. expectant
4. demanding

Meaning: exultant means filled with or expressing great joy, or jubilant

Solution: 2. jubilant

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PERNICIOUS**

1. Noxious ✓
2. forthright
3. traitor
4. urgent

Meaning: pernicious means highly injurious or deadly, or noxious

Solution: 1. Noxious

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **GLARE**

1. scowl ✓
2. hide
3. display
4. summon

Meaning: to glare means to stare angrily; to scowl means to have an angry expression

Solution: 1. scowl

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **ERRATIC**

1. enticing
2. frequent
3. difficult
4. irregular ✓

Meaning: erratic means lacking regularity, or irregular

Solution: 4. irregular

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **PEER**

1. apple
2. connote
3. fellow ✓
4. replace

Meaning: a peer is a person belonging to the same group; a fellow is an equal in rank, or a member of the same group

Solution: 3. fellow



Die in harness

1. Die while bound in chains
2. Die while in service
3. Die while trying to escape
4. Die a sudden and mysterious death

Solution: 2. Die while in service

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Take a leaf out of one's book

1. Take out an old leaf from a book
2. Take out the pages of a book
3. Burn a book
4. Imitate someone in a particular way



Solution: 4. Imitate someone in a particular way



A man of straw

1. In a very difficult situation
2. In a strict manner
3. Clear headed
4. someone who has a weak character



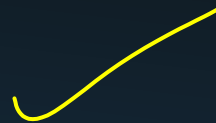
Solution: 1. In a very difficult situation

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Harp on the same string

1. Dwell on the same subject
2. Use all available means
3. Play guitar
4. In a very long time



Solution: 1. Dwell on the same subject

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. A written declaration of government or a political party—
Manifesto
2. Release of a prisoner from jail on certain terms and conditions—
Parole
3. One who is greedy —
Voracious
4. The production of raw silk-
Sericulture

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Shuffling feet: On foreign trade and policy responses

Navigating this year's foreign trade dynamics needs sharper policy responses

India's goods exports, a key driver of its growth impulses and a major job creator, got off to a disappointing start in 2023. Merchandise shipments fell 6.6% year-on-year to \$32.91 billion in January. While this is the second month of contracting exports, the dip is more than double the 3% drop in December 2022 and marks a sharp 13.6% sequential decline. Along with an anticipated post-Christmas cooling off in demand, order books probably took a hit as much from actual slowing of economic activity as buyers' wary assessments about consumer confidence levels, with the new year kicking off amid a pall of gloom and doom on the global economic outlook.

Engineering exports fell 10%; pharma products lost momentum as did 14 other products out of India's top 30 export items, including jewellery and textiles. The silver lining is that imports dipped too, bringing the goods trade deficit to a 12-month low of just \$17.75 billion, a far cry from the \$25-odd billion averaged in each of the previous six months and the record \$29.23 billion gap of September 2022. If this trend holds, India's current account deficit for 2022-23 may end up lower than the uncomfortable 3%-plus levels of GDP projected by most agencies.

Yet, the drop in imports during January suggests domestic demand growth is fading. While the year-on-year drop was just 3.6%, the \$50.66 billion import bill for January is the smallest in 18 months and 15.8% lower than December's revised \$60.2 billion figure. Only a part of this stepdown can be ascribed to lower commodity prices as non-oil, non-gold imports have fallen by a sharper 6.7% from January 2022 levels. The Commerce Ministry has argued that India's weaker trade balance this financial year has been driven by the "two-way effect" of a slowing world economy hurting exports and resilient domestic demand shoring up imports.

That effect no longer seems to be at work. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has rightly flagged concerns about Indian exporters' prospects this year amid global slowdown fears. Her prescription that exporters keep closer tabs on developments in different markets to avoid being "demotivated" is also spot on. Amid the overall headwinds, trends are diverging in key markets. U.S. retail sales rebounded to grow faster than expected in January while Japan's trade deficit hit a record; more U.K.-based trading businesses now expect an uptick in turnover this March compared to those that expect a fall, as per a survey by its Statistics office. Industry bodies and the government must work in tandem to tap shrinking opportunities better and help exporters move across this river of uncertainty by feeling the pebbles along the way.



1. SCEPTIC

2. AMPLE

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