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# **THE HINDU**

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## **Editorial Analysis**

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**Grammar**

**Reading Skills**

**Vocab**

**Spoken English**

**BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS**

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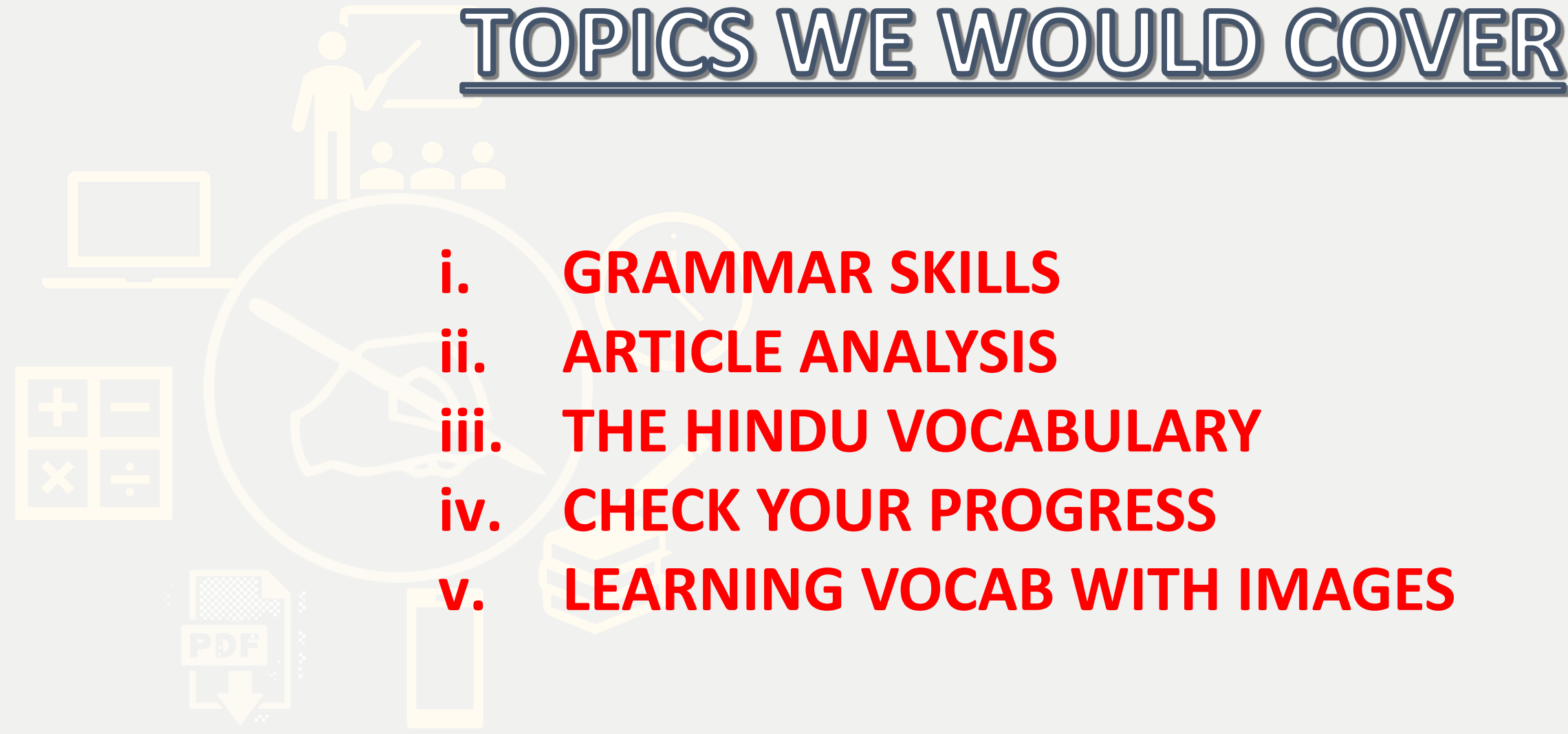
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In “**SUCCESS**”  
**ALL DEPENDS**  
on the **SECOND**  
**LETTER**



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# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

# GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE  
YOU  
READY??

## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

**Both since and from are used before time denoting some point of time. However, while since is preceded by a verb in the perfect tense, from is used with the non-perfect tense.**


**(a) India has been playing Test cricket from 1932.**

**(b) I am going to start my job since tomorrow.**



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**Beside means by the side of while  
besides means in additions to.**



**A. He sat besides the chair.**

**B. Beside a car he has a bike.**





# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## Fuel to fire

The focus must be on Russia ending the war and not on expanding NATO



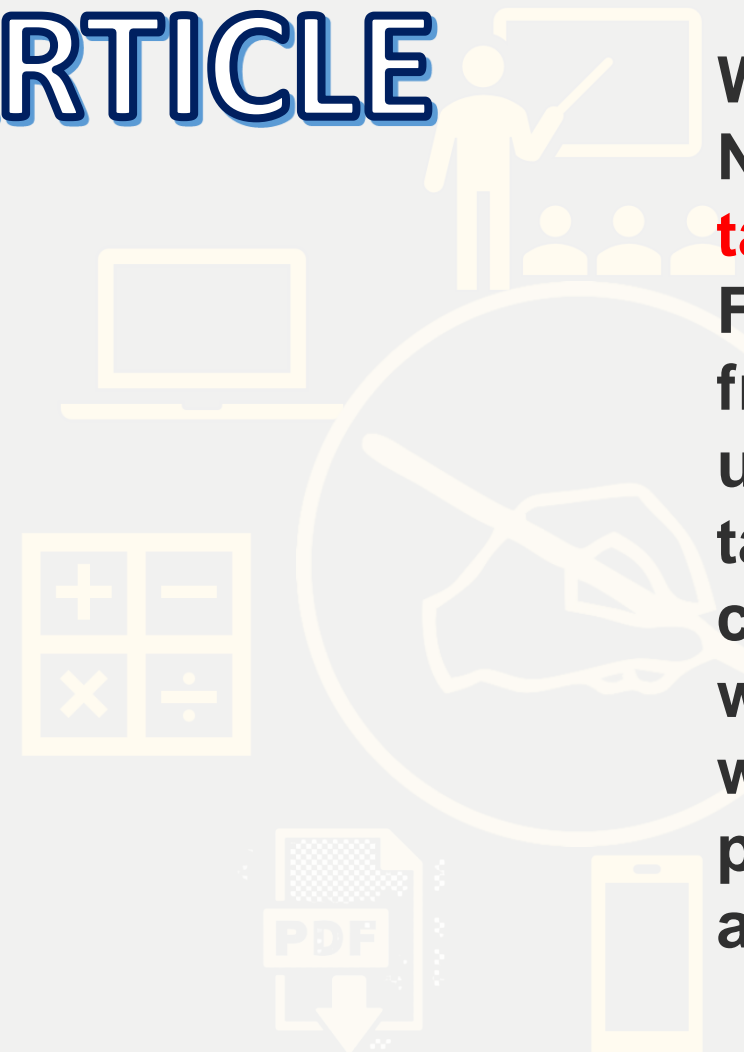
# ARTICLE

Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24 **apparently** to stop NATO's further **expansion** into its neighbourhood. But in less than three months, the same invasion has **pushed** two countries in that neighbourhood to consider NATO membership. Last week, the Prime Minister and President of Finland, which has stayed neutral since the end of the Second World War, said they hoped their country would apply for NATO membership "without delay". Sweden, which has stayed out of **military alliances** for 200 years, stated that NATO membership would strengthen its national security and **stability** in the Baltic and Nordic regions. If these two countries now **formally** apply for membership, it would be the biggest **strategic setback** for Russian President Vladimir Putin whose most important foreign policy focus has been on weakening NATO.

# ARTICLE

Particularly **alarming** for Russia is the case of Finland, with which it has a **hostile** past. Stalin invaded Finland in 1939 demanding more **territories**. Though the Red Army struggled in the initial phase of the war, it forced Finland to sign the Moscow **Peace Treaty**, **ceding** some 9% of its territory. But a year later, the Finns, in an **alliance** with the German Nazis, attacked the Soviet troops. Peace was **established** along the 1,340-km Finnish-Russian border after the Nazis were defeated in the Second World War. Now, Ukraine appears to have **deepened** the security **concerns** of Finland and Sweden. It is still not clear whether these countries would be **inducted** into NATO any time soon. Within the alliance, decisions are taken **unanimously**. Turkey has already expressed its opposition to taking the Nordic countries in.

# ARTICLE



While the U.S. and the U.K. are pushing for NATO's expansion, Germany and France have **taken a more cautious line**. Normatively speaking, Finland and Sweden are **sovereign** countries and free to take decisions on joining any alliance. It is up to NATO to decide whether they should be taken in or not. But a bigger question these countries as well as Europe as a whole face is whether another round of expansion of NATO would help bring in peace and stability in Europe, particularly at a time when the **continent** is facing a pre-First World War-type security competition.



**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

# The Hindu Vocabulary

**MALAISE (NOUN): (अप्रसन्नता):**

**unhappiness**

**Synonyms:**

**restlessness,**

**uneasiness**

**Antonyms: comfort**

# The Hindu Vocabulary

**VAUNT (VERB): (प्रशंसा करना):**

**acclaim**

**Synonyms: esteem, revere**

**Antonyms: criticize**



# The Hindu Vocabulary

**AMELIORATE (VERB):**

**(सुधरना): improve**

**Synonyms: better, enhance**

**Antonyms: worsen**

# The Hindu Vocabulary

**BOUNTY (NOUN): (उदारता):**

**generosity**

**Synonyms: magnanimity, munificence**

**Antonyms: meanness**

# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

ARE  
YOU  
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# Time for SYNONYMS

**1. Find the synonym of  
INTIMIDATE**

- A. To hint**
- B. Frighten**
- C. Bluff**
- D. Harass**



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**Answer: Option B**

2. Find the synonym of  
**CANTANKEROUS**

- A. Quarrelsome**
- B. Rash**
- C. Disrespectful**
- D. Noisy**

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**Answer: Option A**

3. Find the synonym of **ZANY**

A. Clown

B. Pet

C. Thief

D. Magician



**0:20**

**Answer: Option A**

**4. Find the synonym of KEN**

**A. Ignorance**

**B. Witness**

**C. Trial**

**D. Knowledge**



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**Answer: Option D**





# Time for IDIOMS

5. The detective left no stone unturned to trace the culprit.

A. took no pains

B. did very irrelevant things

C. resorted to illegitimate practices

D. used all available means



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Answer: Option D

6. The authorities took him to task for his negligence.

- A. gave him additional work
- B. suspended his assignment
- C. reprimanded him
- D. forced him to resign



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**Answer: Option C**

7. Their business is now on its last legs.

- A. About to fructify
- B. About to perish
- C. About to produce results
- D. About to take off

**Answer: Option B**

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8. He **went back on** his promise to vote for me.

- A. withdrew
- B. forgot
- C. reinforced
- D. supported



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**Answer: Option A**

9. The old beggar **ran amuck** and began to throw stones at the passerby.

- A. became desperate
- B. ran about wildly
- C. become annoyed
- D. felt disgusted

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**Answer: Option B**

10. I cannot **conceive** of a time when  
I was without a refrigerator

- A. **Imagine**
- B. **Give birth**
- C. **Understand**
- D. **Depend**



**0:20**

**Answer: Option A**

# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE  
YOU  
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पस्त

थक कर चूर होना

**SYNONYMS**

Hankered,

bickered

knocked

**ANTONYMS**

Fresh, fixed

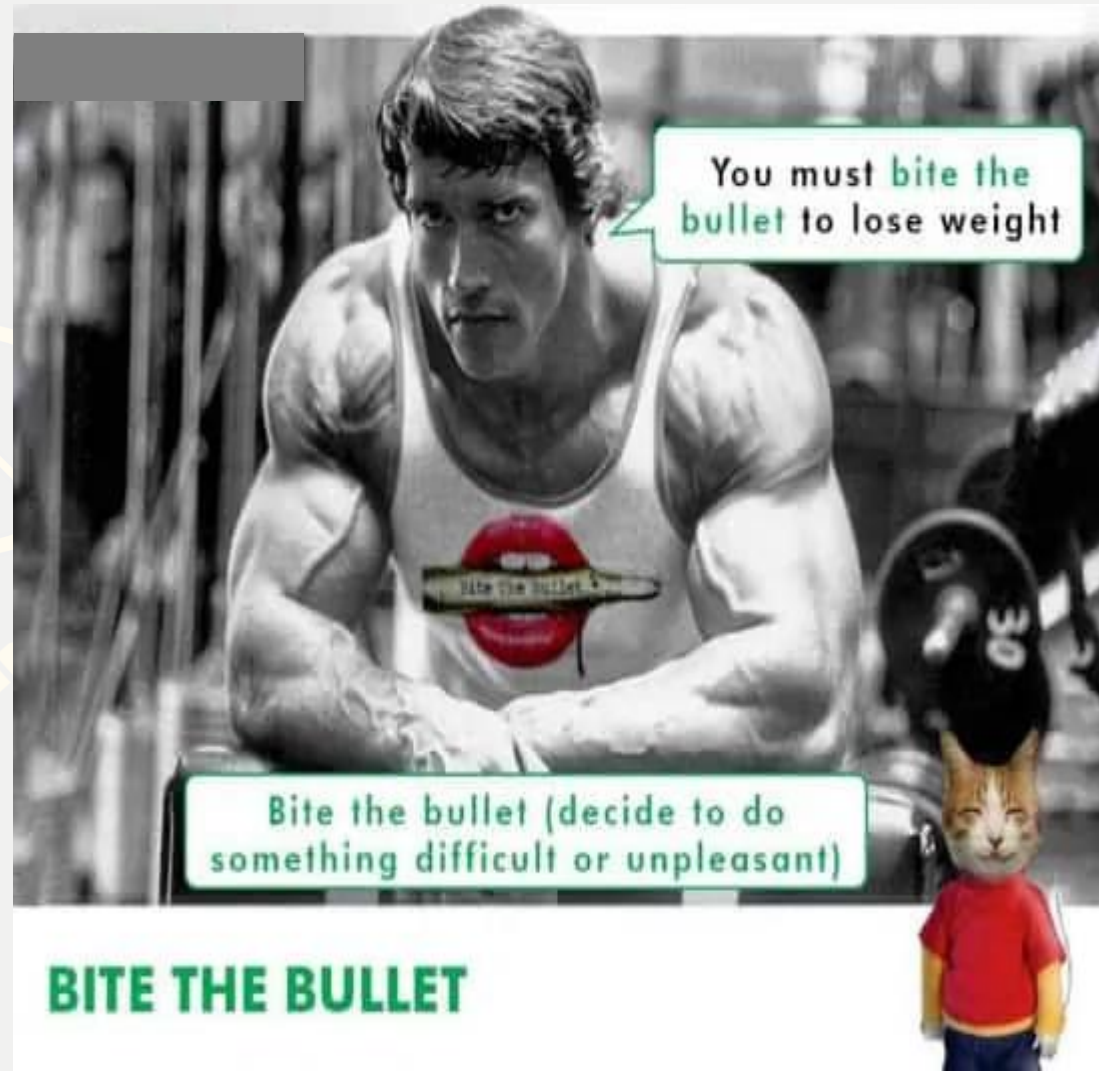
SHE WAS **KNACKERED** AFTER WORK



**KNACKERED**



**Decide to do  
something  
difficult**



clever

**SYNONYMS**

Clever, cunning

**ANTONYMS**

Dull , fool



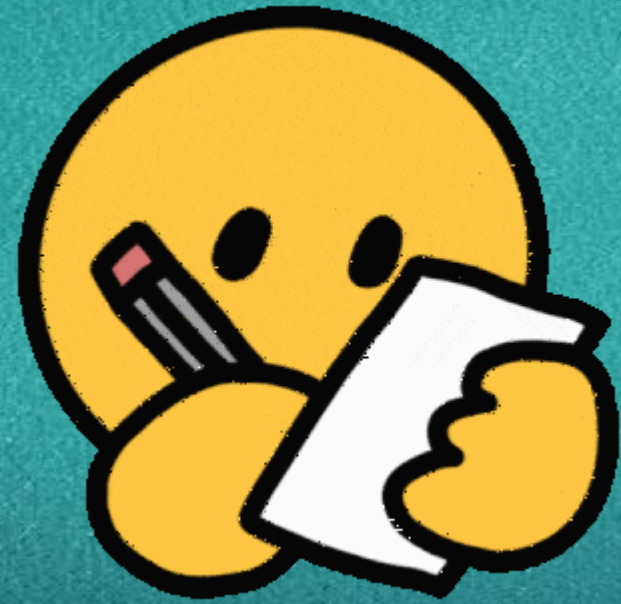
I am company's top saleswomen who is as **sly** as a fox

**Sly** (showing or having a cunning and deceitful nature, शातिर)

**SLY**



# Homework





# Home Work

## Answer

**Find the synonym of WRETCHED**

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



# Home Work

**Find the synonym of WARY**

- A. Sad**
- B. vigilant**
- C. Distorted**
- D. Tired**



