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**YOU HAVE TO
BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF WHEN
NO ONE ELSE
DOES - THAT
MAKES YOU A
WINNER RIGHT
THERE.**



Chandrika Gore 19 hours ago

1. Esoteric: (adj) very unusual and understood or liked by only a small number of people, e those with special knowledge

Synonyms: mysterious, obscure, abstruse, arcane, mystical

Antonyms: common, familiar, obvious, esoteric...

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Nikki Tripathi 20 hours ago

Esoteric (special knowledge) synonyms= abstruse, obscure,arcane, rarefied,recondite. Ant common, obvious,un mysterious. Sentence= some words are really too esoteric for this di Mellifluous (used about music, somebody's voice) synonyms= sweet sounding, sweet toned,dulcet,honeyed, mellow. Antonyms= cacophonous,unmusical,discordant,dissonant .

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Muskan Rai 20 hours ago

ESOTERIC=INTENDED FOR OR LIKELY TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

SYNONYMS=ARCANE, DEEP

ANTONYMS=COMMON ,FAMILIAR

SENTENCE=HE HAS AN ESOTERIC COLLECTION OF OLD TOYS AND GAMES....

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Mallika Jaiswal 15 hours ago

1.Mellifluous- pleasant to listen

syn-smooth,harmonious

ant-discordant,harsh

2.Esoteric- the quality of having an inner...

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MO ANAS CHAUDHARY 16 hours ago

Esoteric(Very unusual and understood or liked by only a small number of people, especially those with special knowledge.(ADJECTIVE)

Syno....Abstruse acroamatic cryptic deep.

Anto.....Common familior known obvious public unmysterious...

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AKSahu Vlogs 19 hours ago

ESOTERIC - intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest

MELLIFLOUS - (of a sound) pleasingly smooth and musical to hear

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Shruti Thakur 10 hours ago

1. Esoteric (Meaning) - the quality of having an inner or secret meaning.
Synonyms- abstruse, obscure.
Antonyms- simple, familiar.
2. Mellifluous (Meaning)- "her low mellifluous voice...."

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Simran Simmi 13 hours ago

Esoteric - enjoyed by only few people with a special knowledge or interest
Synonym - mysterious, obscure, abstruse, arcane
Antonyms - common, familiar, known

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Riya Mandaokar 13 hours ago (edited)

Thank you ma'am for the session ans 😊

Esoteric= intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with special knowledge or interest.

Synonyms= rarefied, perplexing, hidden, occult, mystic...

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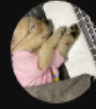
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Muskan Dubey 4 hours ago

Mellifluous (Adj.) Pleasingly, smooth and musical to hear..
Syn. =sweet -sounding, sweet-toned, dulcet..
Anty. =cacophonous, harsh, jarring..

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Muskan Dubey 4 hours ago

Esoteric (Adj.) Understand only by a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest..
Syn. =mystic, rarefied, little known..
Anty. =simple, familiar..

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Surbhi Sinha 6 hours ago

Esoteric= intended likely to introduce understood by small number of people with special knowledge and interest 😊 mellifluous = smooth and pleasant voice 😊

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Soni Yadav 10 hours ago

ESOTERIC = enigmatic, delphian, hidden mystical, abstruse
An= obvious, common, known, familiar
MELLIFLUOUS = mello, meek, honeyed, soft, dulcet liquid
An = harsh, strident, discordant, unmusical

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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship starts to rise off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

1. Imperative (Adjective): अनिवार्य

Meaning: **of vital importance; crucial**

Synonyms: **Essential, crucial, necessary, vital**

Antonyms: **optional, unimportant, unnecessary**

Sentence: **Self-discipline and persistence are two of the imperative qualities to have for anyone who is serious about being successful in life.**

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2. Pertinent (Adjective): उचित

Meaning: Relevant, applicable, or appropriate to a particular matter or situation

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Synonyms: related, suitable, fitting, to the point

Antonyms: Irrelevant, inappropriate, unsuitable, unrelated

Sentence: To ensure a prompt reply, please include all pertinent details in your email.

3. Diligent (Adjective): परिश्रम

Meaning: careful and using a lot of effort; showing care in one's work or duties

Synonyms: Hardworking, industrious, meticulous

Antonyms: Lazy, slothful, careless, negligent

Sentence: She is a diligent student who always completes her homework on time.

4. Parse (Verb)

Meaning: To analyze or examine, typically by breaking it down into its parts

Synonyms: Analyze, dissect, examine, scrutinize, study

Antonyms: Combine, merge, join, integrate, synthesize

Sentence: In order to fully understand the meaning of the sentence, you need to parse it.

5. Consolidation (Noun): संयुक्ति

Meaning: **the action or process of combining a number of things into a single, more effective or coherent whole.**

Synonyms: ^{to make it} **merger, amalgamation, integration, fusion**

Antonyms: **division, separation, disintegration, fragmentation**

Sentence: **The consolidation of the various departments into one streamlined unit improved efficiency and communication.**

6. Enumeration (Noun) : गणना

Meaning: the action of mentioning a number of things one by one

Synonyms: counting, listing, tabulation

Antonyms: generalization, estimation, approximation

Sentence: The survey involved the enumeration of all the species of birds found in the area.

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7. Contention (Adjective): विवाद

Meaning: the disagreement that results from opposing arguments

Synonyms: argument, dispute

Antonyms: agreement, harmony, peace, concord

Sentence: There's a lot of contention about that issue - for every person firmly in favor, there's someone fiercely against it.

8. Read the tea leaves (Idiom)

Meaning: : **Predict the future from small signs**

Sentence: **Everyone says things are going great for our company, but if you read the tea leaves you'll see trouble ahead.**

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **LUGUBRIOUS**

1. quick
2. cheerful
3. odd
4. dry

Meaning: lugubrious means mournful or dismal, therefore cheerful is the opposite

Solution: 2. cheerful

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **ECLAT**

1. apathy
2. dullness ✓
3. silence
4. disinterest

Meaning: eclat means a dazzling effect, or brilliance, therefore dullness is the opposite

Solution : 2. dullness

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **BEFOGGED**

1. Clear-headed
2. Reaction
3. Caprice
4. Familiar



Meaning: befogged means incapable of clear thought; confused

Solution: 1. Clear headed

Find the correct one?

Antonym of **VANQUISH**

1. vanish
2. clean
3. surrender
4. trample



Meaning: vanquish is to defeat somebody completely in a competition, war etc; surrender is to admit one's defeat.

Solution: 3. surrender



Find the correct one?

Synonym of **WILY**

1. wise
2. stupid
3. cunning
4. angry

Meaning: wily means cunning, clever

Solution: 3. cunning

Find the correct one?



Antonym of DOLEFUL

1. empty
2. rich
3. witty
4. vivacious

Meaning: doleful means full of grief or cheerless; vivacious means full of life and spirit

Solution: 4. vivacious

Find the correct one?



Synonym of **FETTER**

1. rancid
2. praise
3. hamper
4. persist

Meaning: to fetter means to hamper, or to restrain
Solution 3. hamper

Find the correct one?



Synonym of RAMBLE

1. knot
2. confuse
3. wander
4. wonder



Meaning : to ramble means to move aimlessly from place to place, or to wander

Solution :4. wander



Keep One's Head Above Water

1. To be successful in business
2. To be overwhelmed with work
3. To manage to survive financially
4. To be in good health



Solution: 3. To manage to survive financially



Go The Extra Mile

1. To do something in a mediocre way
2. To do more than what is expected
3. To give up easily
4. To take a shortcut



Solution: 2. To do more than what is expected



Get Cold Feet

1. To feel physically cold
2. To become too busy to continue with something
3. To lose confidence and back out of a plan
4. To take a break from a stressful situation



Solution: 3. To lose confidence and back out of a plan



Penny For Your Thoughts

1. A costly idea
2. A wise thought
3. An honest opinion
4. A request for someone's opinion



Solution: 4. A request for someone's opinion

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. A person who studies rocks, the earth's crust -
Geologist
2. A person who is obsessed with cleanliness -
Germaphobe
3. The study of the structure of the body and its parts -
Anatomy
4. The study of the relationships between living organisms and environment-
Ecology

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

The caste imperative: On the subject of an updated caste census

Caste census, even if morally flawed, can help in targeting of quota benefits

With the Congress party joining the chorus for an updated caste census, there seems to be an emerging consensus among the political opposition on the need for this exercise. While the parties committed to reservations in the northern belt — the Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Janata Dal in particular — have made this demand as a reaction to the expansion of reservation benefits to economically weaker sections among “forward” castes using income criteria, the Congress’s pivot towards supporting this stems from the party’s new political emphasis on expanding its support base. With the Mandal Commission report of 1980, that was based on caste census data of 1931, still remaining the basis of identifying backwardness and determining the extent of reservation to the Other Backward Classes, the need for a comprehensive census that provides data to support, or evaluate existing reservation quotas, or to assess demands for them remains pertinent.

Such a diligent exercise would also serve a legal imperative allowing the government to answer the Supreme Court's call for quantifiable data. But counting castes is not easy. An inherent weakness is evident in how the government described the Socio-Economic and Caste Census in 2011: as being riddled with infirmities that made the data collected unusable. Data here recorded 46 lakh different castes, sub-castes, caste/clan surnames, which required adequate parsing before being used for proper enumeration. The survey's hurried conduct, without utilising the Census Commissioners and the Office of the Registrar General properly, also rendered it problematic.

A more thoroughgoing exercise would entail an adequate consolidation of caste/sub-caste names into social groups based on synonymity and equivalence of the self-identified group names revealed by respondents in the census. Marking these groups against the OBC/Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes lists for each State would build a useful database, which can be utilised in the decennial Census. The data obtained this way can be used to parse aggregated socioeconomic information for these groups. But with the government having postponed the long-delayed 2021 Census and not acquiescing to the demand of including caste counts, questions remain whether an effective caste census is possible.

There is of course the risk of reification of caste identities even as the constitutional order seeks to build a casteless society. But with caste-based identification still predominant, such a census seems politically imperative, even if morally flawed, for the purpose of addressing socioeconomic inequities through facile reservation quotas that confer income benefits and a degree of social justice without actually advancing the cause of a truly casteless society.



1. Paradigm

2. Enigma

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