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“The happiest
people don't
have the *best*
of everything,
they just make
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1. Circumvent (Verb)

Meaning: to avoid something, especially cleverly or by deceiving

Synonyms: avoid, evade, escape, dodge

Antonyms: confront, face, meet, encounter, tackle

Sentence: The burglar tried to find a way to circumvent the alarm system.

2. Catapult (Verb)

Meaning: **to launch or propel something or someone**

Synonyms: **Launch, Fling, Propel**

Antonyms: **Stop, Halt, Hold, Keep**

Sentence: **The company plans to catapult its sales with a new marketing campaign.**

3. Laggard (Adjective)

Meaning: something that is slow or sluggish in movement or progress (slower than desired or expected)

Synonyms: slow, lagging, pokey, sluggish

Antonyms: prompt, swift, agile, active, rapid

Sentence: The company's laggard progress in implementing new technology put them at a disadvantage compared to their competitors.

4. Foment (Verb): भड़काना

Meaning: instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action)

(—) Synonyms: provoke, incite, trigger

Antonyms: calm, ~~cease~~, depress, constrain

Sentence: Despite popular beliefs, the police are here to keep people calm, not to foment violence.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?

Antonym of **EUPHORIA**

1. Melancholy
2. Enthusiasm
3. Nostalgia
4. Rapture

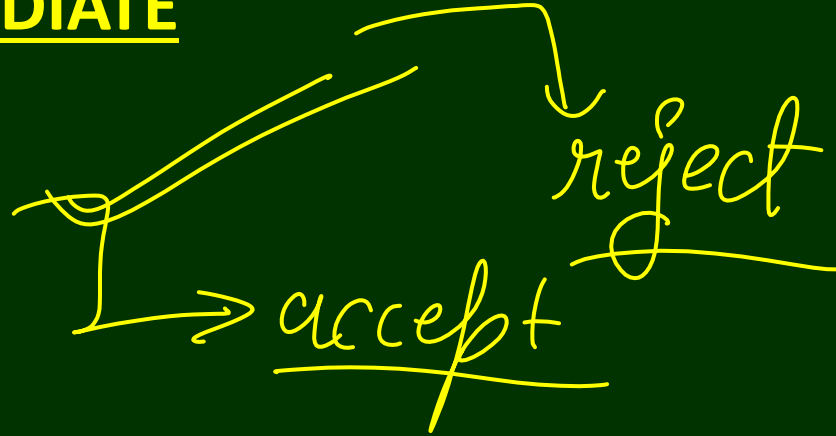
Meaning: Euphoria means a feeling of great happiness or excitement. The antonym of euphoria is melancholy, which means a feeling of sadness or depression.

Solution: 1. Melancholy

Find the correct one?

Antonym of **REPUDIATE**

1. Acknowledge
2. Optimistic
3. Crucial
4. Obscure



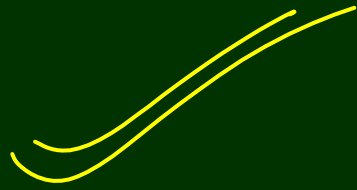
Meaning: Repudiate means to reject or disown something. The antonym of repudiate is acknowledge, which means to accept or recognize something.

Solution: 1. Acknowledge

Find the correct one?

Synonym of **ABSTRUSE**

1. Simple
2. Lucid
3. Cryptic
4. Obvious



Meaning: Abstruse means difficult to understand or comprehend. The synonym of abstruse is cryptic, which means having a meaning that is obscure or mysterious.

Solution: 3. Cryptic

Find the correct one?

Synonym of **SANGUINE**

1. Pessimistic
2. Optimistic
3. Melancholy
4. Cheerless



Meaning: Sanguine means optimistic or positive. The synonym of sanguine is optimistic, which means having a positive outlook or attitude toward things.

Solution: 2. Optimistic

Barking up the wrong tree

1. To start a fight unnecessarily
2. To blame someone for something they didn't do
3. To make a wrong assumption about something
4. To speak loudly and angrily



Solution: 3. To make a wrong assumption about something

IDIOMS & PHRASES

A Dime A Dozen

1. A lot of money
2. Something that is very rare
3. Something that is very cheap and common
4. Something that is valuable and hard to find



Solution: 3. Something that is very cheap and common

1. A Collection Of Poems -
Anthology
2. Fear Of Thunder And Lightening -
Astraphobia
3. A Film Or Book About Traveling To Or In A Particular Place-
Travelogue
4. One Who Cannot Be Corrected -
Incorrigible

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Old friends: On Russia-India bilateral ties
and the Ukraine issue

While strengthening ties with Russia, India must
make its stand against the war clear

Growing and balancing India-Russia trade ties dominated the agenda of Russian Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov's India visit and the Inter-governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation meet he chaired with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. They hailed the surge in bilateral trade (up by 2.6 times in the past year, and at about \$45 billion), surpassing the 2025 target. Both sides noted the problem of trade imbalance, calling for more market access and the use of "national currencies" to circumvent sanctions. Mr. Manturov suggested that Indian companies could increase exports in road construction and pharmaceuticals.

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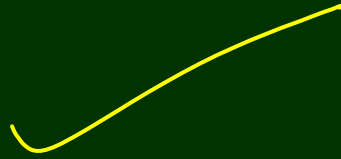
Mr. Jaishankar said that Indian businesses should guard against “over-compliance” when it comes to increasing trade with Russia, due to concerns over western sanctions. They also referred to progress in negotiations for an FTA between India and the Eurasian Economic Union, that was launched in 2017. Its signing could catapult trade, which has been the laggard in bilateral ties dominated by defence, nuclear and space cooperation

While the impetus in trade and the effort to balance imports and exports with an important partner (Russia) are welcome, it is hard to ignore the circumstances surrounding these developments. Since Russia's war in Ukraine began last year, and western sanctions drastically cut Russian exports, Moscow has turned increasingly to India and other countries including China that have not joined the sanctions to export resources. India's oil imports from Russia (a negligible 0.2%), have jumped since the war to a massive 28% of its total oil intake, contributing to trade as well as a growing deficit.

While the Ukraine Foreign Minister's accusation that India has "blood" on its hands by buying Russian oil is overstating the case, the impression that New Delhi is "benefitting from the war" is gaining traction in western countries, which must be noted, especially as Mr. Modi will soon visit Japan, Australia, the U.S. and France, and also welcome Mr. Putin for the SCO summit in Delhi in July. Mr. Jaishankar's contention that India-Russia ties are among the "steadiest of the major relationships of the world" is well-made, especially at a time of global turmoil and shifting alliances, and provides the basis for the warm welcome to Mr. Manturov. What is harder to explain is that no public comment was made by any Indian leader during any of Mr. Manturov's meetings in Delhi, about the original reason for the current turmoil and its global economic impact: Moscow's decision to launch attacks on its



1. Flog



2. Demise



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