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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

Spoken English

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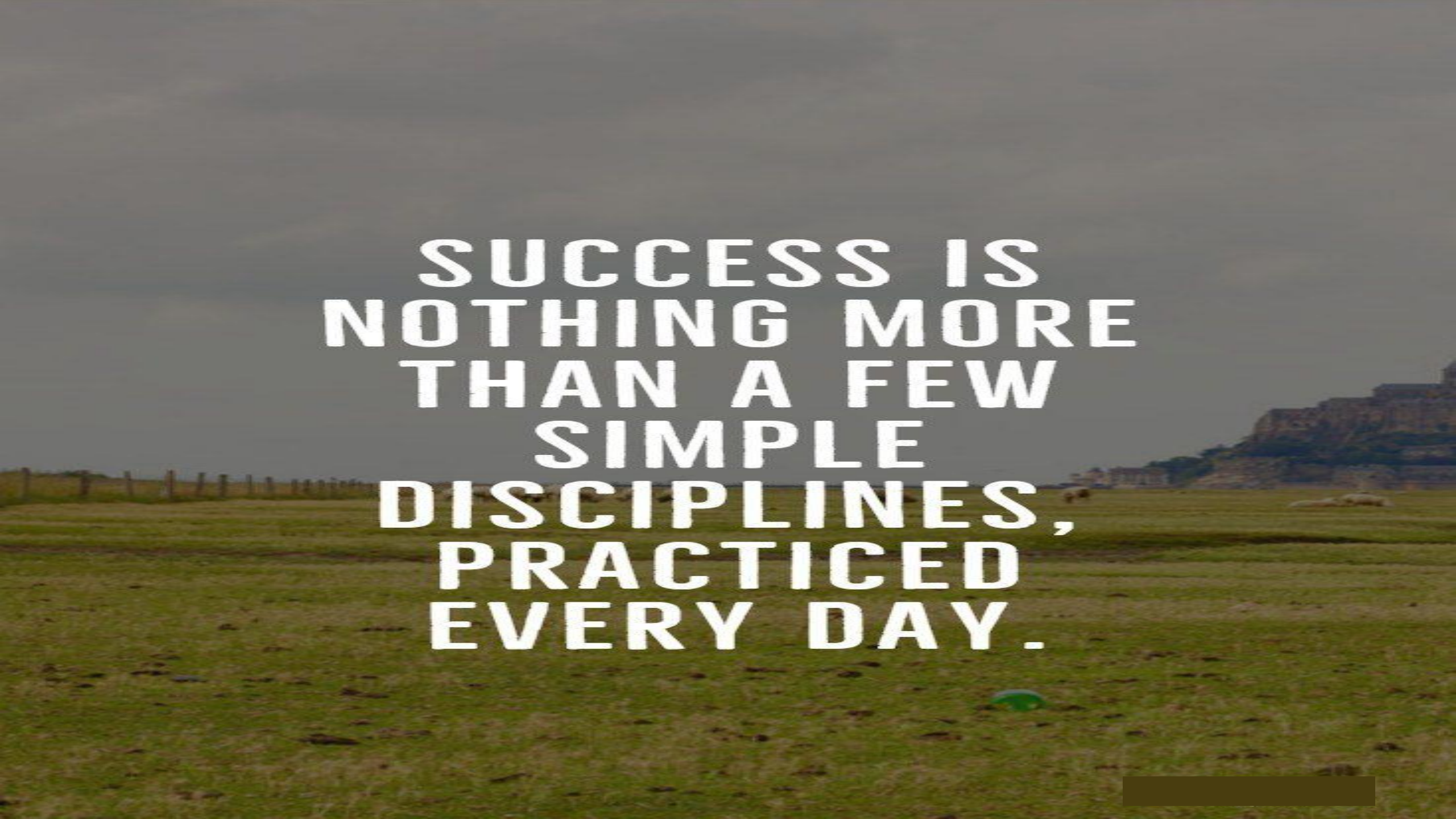
SUCCESS IS
NOTHING MORE
THAN A FEW
SIMPLE
DISCIPLINES,
PRACTICED
EVERY DAY.

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TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

i. GRAMMAR SKILLS
ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS
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iv. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS
v. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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GRAMMAR SKILLS

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Would rather, Rather than,Had better, had sooner etc. are followed by Bare Infinitive.

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(a) He had better to go now.

(b) I would rather to go home than party.

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Conjunction than is also followed by Bare Infinitive.

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A. He had better read than to write.

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SO IT'S TIME

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ARTICLE

Harm in the name of good

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ARTICLE

The UN General Assembly has proclaimed March 21 as the International Day of Forests to celebrate and raise awareness about the importance of forests. On this day, countries are encouraged to organise activities such as tree planting campaigns to help increase the green cover, conserve biodiversity, and fight climate change. For decades, the Indian government has been spending billions of rupees in its efforts to increase the green cover through tree planting. Recently, the Central government, through the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board, launched an ambitious ₹19,000 crore plan for an afforestation project to rejuvenate 13 major rivers. A press note from the government announced that "this project would increase 'forest' cover by 7,417.36 square kilometres in the vicinity of these rivers". Will such a project really increase forest cover? And can forests be created through afforestation?

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ARTICLE

Forests are complex ecosystems that are built over years due to the interplay of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, fungi, microorganisms, water, soil, environmental conditions, and other factors. Unless these players are part of the rebuilding process, trees will remain as green cover rather than the enchanting, natural, complex ecosystems that they are. It is argued that planting trees will help store carbon and reduce pollution. It is true that all trees native and non-native species store carbon, but the other benefits which are critical vary widely depending on the species planted and the location of plantation. If wrong areas are selected for plantation, the natural habitat may get altered, which will cause habitat specialist species to become extinct. This will make the local environment and ecosystem less resilient.

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ARTICLE

Though neem, peepal, banyan, and anjan may be native to India, they are non-native to many parts of the country. We tend to ignore this critical ecological criterion and take up planting of these species in all areas. Planting any kind of native tree species may probably help in urban settings but not in natural habitats. Overall, it is not a bad idea to plant trees. But the aim should not be to only plant trees; it should be to make tree-planting activities friendly to local biodiversity. If we want to restore forests, we need to first understand systematically the native vegetation and the biodiversity that play a critical role in forming these forests. If we plant a range of locally found indigenous species, biodiversity will make a comeback.

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PROMPT (ADJECTIVE): (शीघ्र): quick

Synonyms: swift, rapid

Antonyms: slow, late

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TYRANNY (NOUN): (अत्याचार): despotism

Synonyms: absolutism, autocracy

Antonyms: democracy

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SPARK (VERB): (कारण होना): give rise to

Synonyms: cause, set in motion

Antonyms: bring to an end

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DEFER (VERB): (मान जाना): yield

Synonyms: submit, give way

Antonyms: claim

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LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for Fillers

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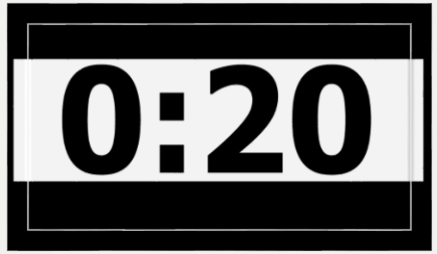
1. I _____ lunch one hour ago.

A. have had

B. had had

C. have

D. had



B. had had

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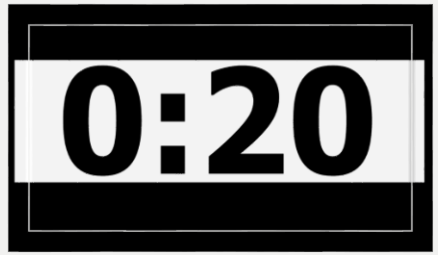
2. He thought that my car _____ for sale.

A. is

B. was

C. has been

D. will be



B. was

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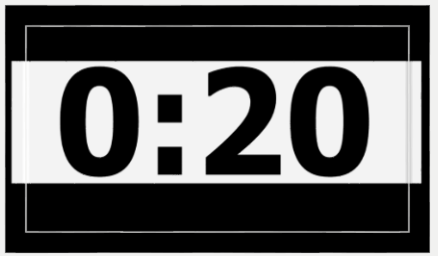
3. He tried to prevent me _____ doing my duty.

A. against

B. at

C. with

D. from



D. from

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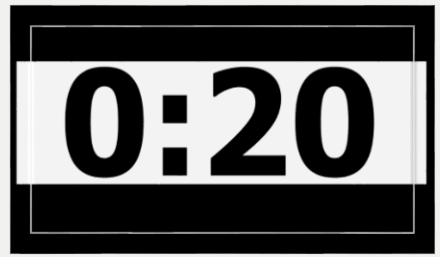
4. I would apologize if I ____ you.

A. am

B. was

C. have been

D. were



D. were

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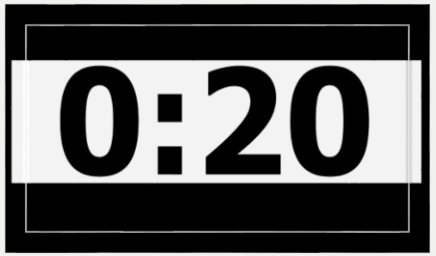
5. The boy is not _____ he is _____ and therefore should not be tried in court as an adult.

A. mature...juvenile

B. experienced...inveterate

C. young...fledgling

D. youthful...established



A. mature...juvenile

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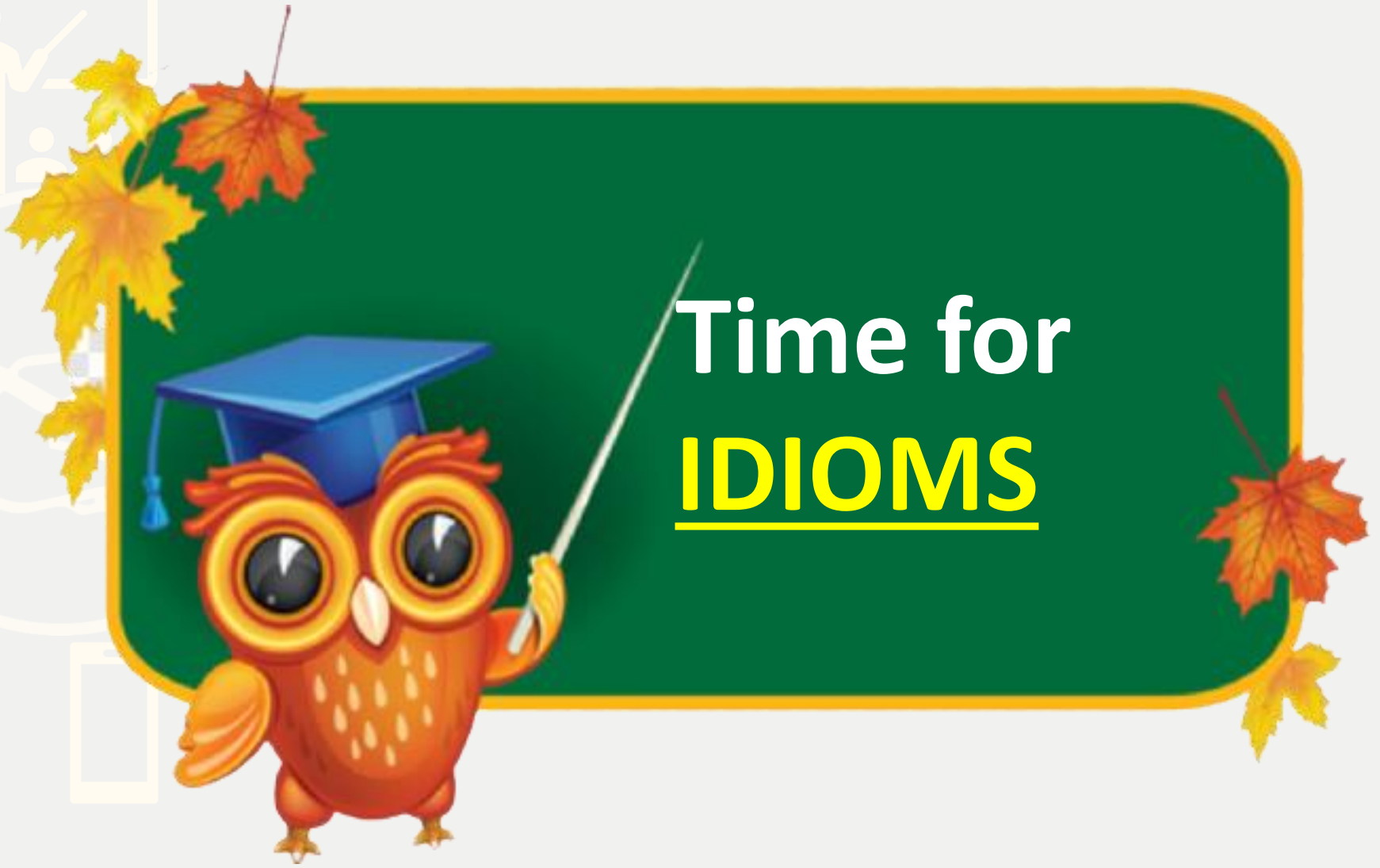

Time for IDIOMS

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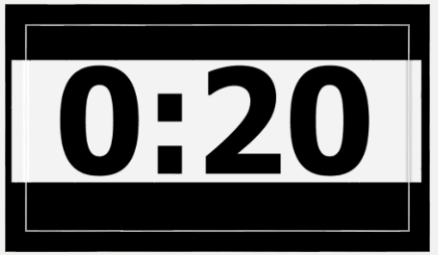
6. The party high command wanted to stave off an open battle.

A. postpone

B. wait and see

C. allow it to take its won course

D. prevent



A. postpone

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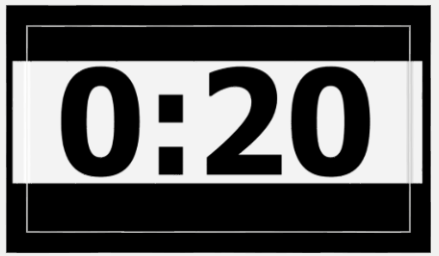
7. My neighbour had to pay through his nose for a brand new car.

A. pay huge loans

B. pay a reasonable price

C. pay an extremely high price

D. make a quick buck



C. pay an extremely high price

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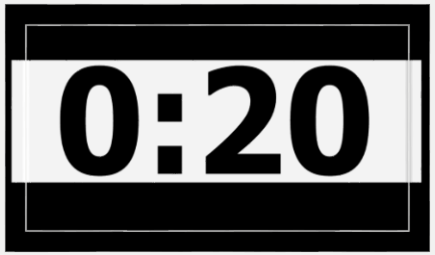
8. The young and the old sat cheek by jowl in the large audience.

A. very near

B. very far

C. tongue tied

D. irritated



A. very near

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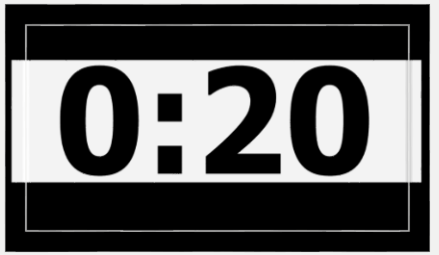
9. I can not put up with your misconduct.

A. excuse

B. refuse

C. accept

D. tolerate



D. tolerate

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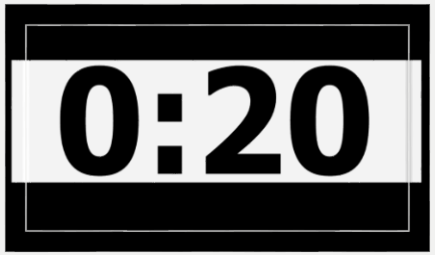
10. By opposing his proposal fell foul of him.

A. quarreled with

B. felt annoyed with

C. agreed with

D. did not agree with



B. felt annoyed with

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Offense

Definition 1) an illegal act

2) the act of upsetting or insulting someone

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Grave

Definition 1) very serious and important; giving you a reason to feel worried

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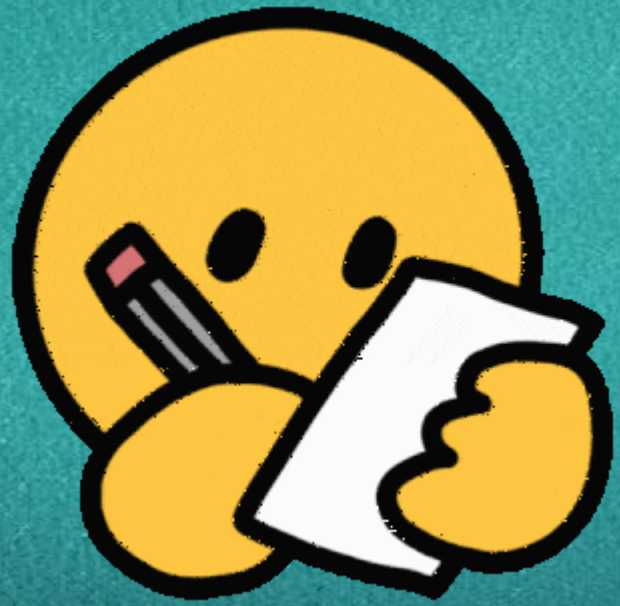
Malicious

Definition having or showing hatred and a desire to harm someone or hurt their feelings

Homework



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Home Work Answer

Find the synonym of CANDID

A. Apparent

B. Explicit

C. Frank

D. Bright

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Home Work

"Please don't go away" she said

A. She said to please her and not go away.

B. She told me not to go away.

C. She begged that I not go away.

D. She begged me not to go away.