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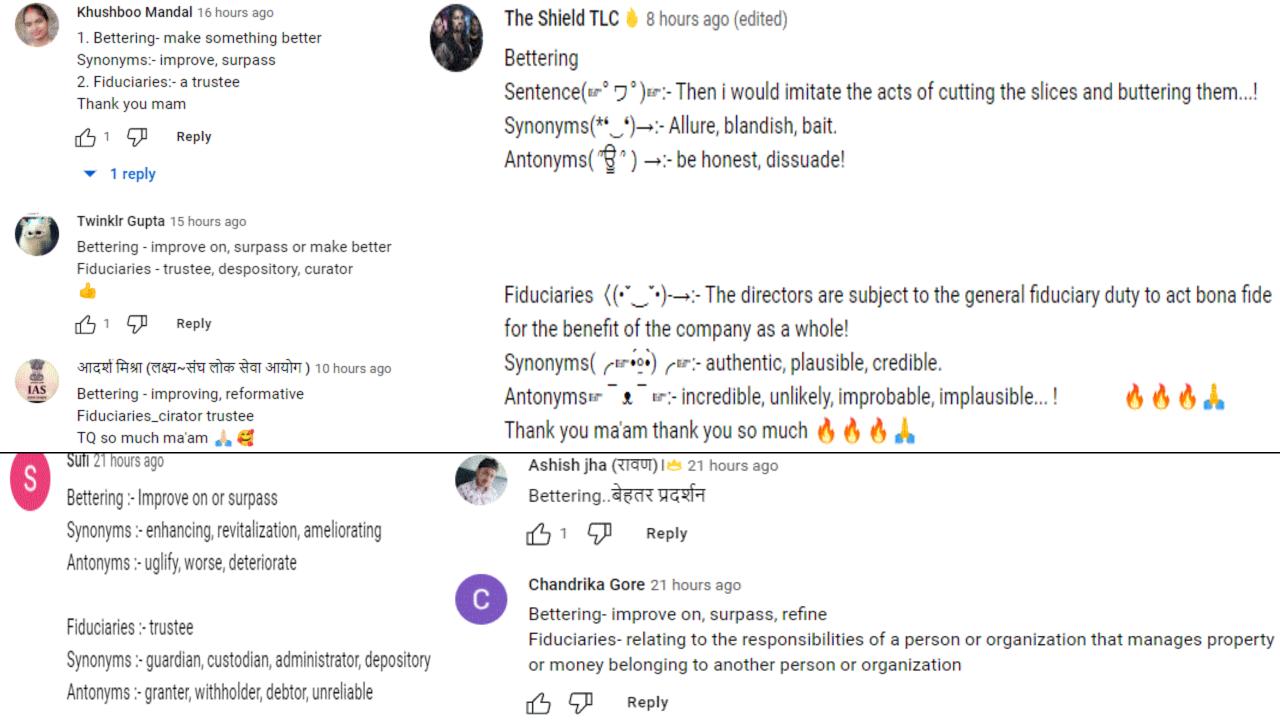
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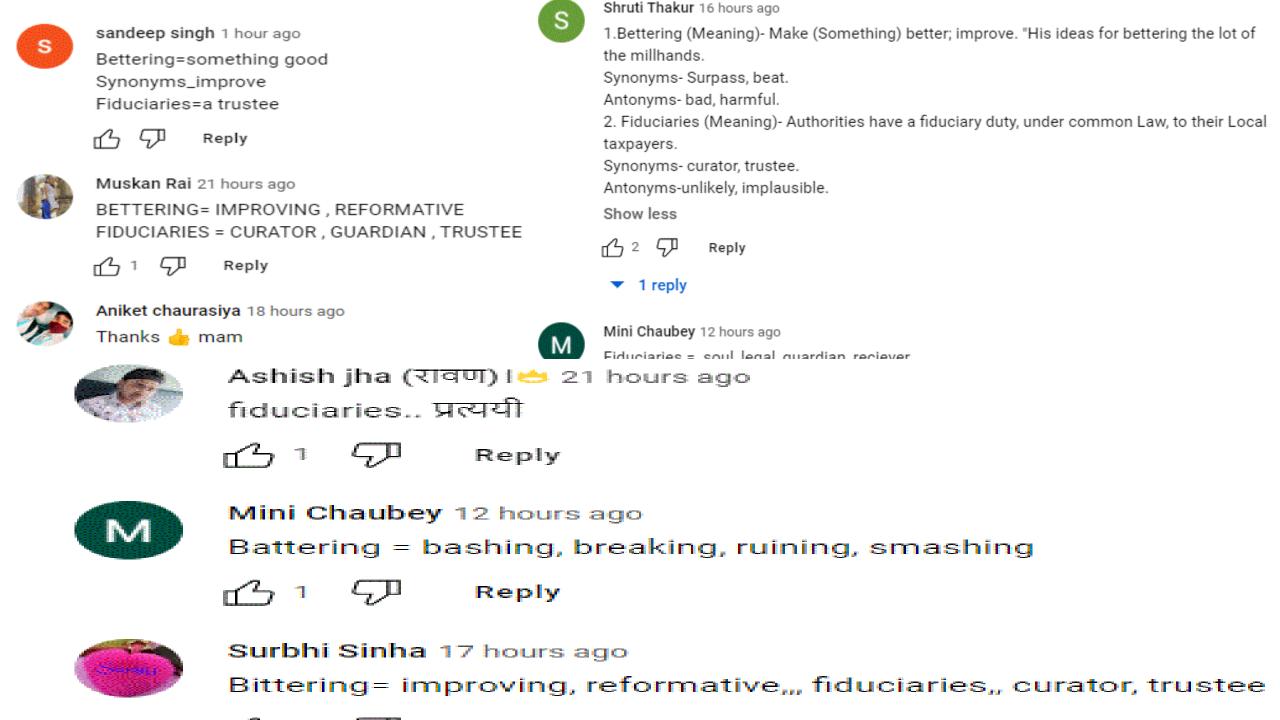
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TODAY'S QUOTE

Rise up, start fresh, see the bright opportunity in each day.







BETTERING(Verb): Better oneself, to improve one's social standing, financial position, or education

FIDUCIARIES(Noun): a person bound to act for another's benefit, as a trustee

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Demit(Verb): पदत्याग करना

Meaning: To resign (a job, public office, etc.)

Synonyms: Abdicate, Handover

Sentence: He can demit (resign) if he so desires but

only if he is in good standing and his dues paid.



Whimsy(Noun): सनकीपन

Meaning: Unusual, funny, and pleasant ideas or

qualities

Synonyms: Waggery, Fancifulness

Antonyms: Boring, Serious

Sentence: His speech was full of whimsy.



Envisages(Verb): परिकल्पना करना

Meaning: To imagine or expect something in the future

Synonyms: Foresee, Predict

Antonyms: Clueless, Ignorant

Sentence: These ambitious projects envisage intelligent

agents with a wide variety of skills.



Severity: सख़्ती

Meaning: Seriousness

Synonyms: Intensity, Austerity

Antonyms: Leniency, Kindness

Sentence: The criminal was punished with severity.



Lethality(Noun): घातकता

Meaning: Extremely dangerous

Synonyms: Disaster, Deadliness

Antonyms: Harmless, Healthy

Sentence: All these knives are absolutely lethal.



Comorbidity(Noun): साथ की बीमारियां

Meaning: More than one disease/condition is present in a person at the same time.

Sentence: Frequent comorbidity of crying and laughter suggests related brain mechanisms for the two acts.



Concomitant(Adj.): सहगामी

Meaning: Existing or occurring at the same time

Synonyms: Accompanying, Collateral

Antonyms: Unrelated

Sentence: Cultures that were better at trading saw a

concomitant increase in their wealth.



Recombinant(Noun): पुनर्योगज

Meaning: Produced by combining genetic material

from different places

Synonyms: Combine, Reunite

Antonyms: Isolate, Divide

Sentence: Researchers have launched a vaccine trial,

using new formulas created with recombinant DNA

technology



Spike(Noun): प्रवाह में क्षणिक परिवर्तन

Meaning: To rise to a higher amount, price, or level

Synonyms: Fasten

Antonyms: Weaken, Reduce

Sentence: During the war, there was a small spike in

interest.



Vulnerable(Adj.): जो सहज में घायल हो सके

Meaning: Weak and easy to hurt physically or

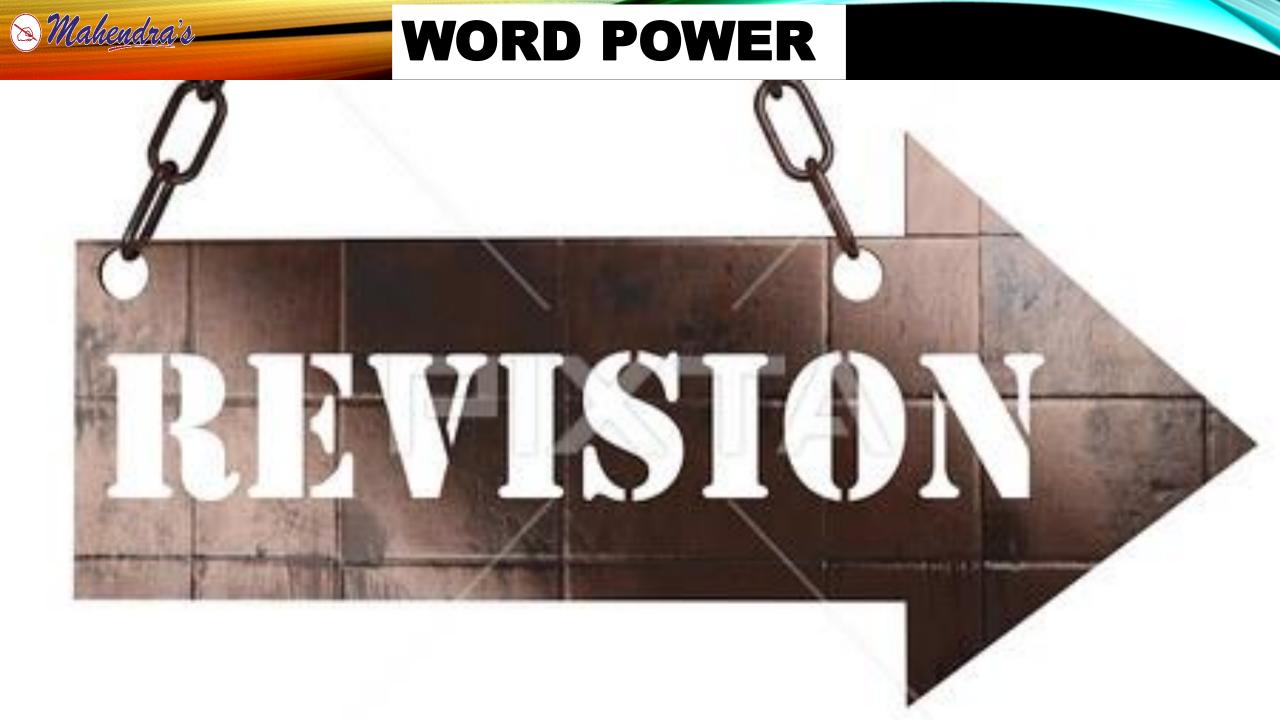
emotionally

Synonyms: Defenseless, Sensitive

Antonyms: Safe, Guarded

Sentence: She felt very vulnerable throughout her

teenage years because she was abused as a child





Cohesive(Adj.): जोड़नेवाला

Meaning: United and working together

effectively

Intervention(Noun): हस्तक्षेप

Meaning: The act of interrupting

somebody when they are speaking

in order to say something



Dire(Adj): भयानक

Meaning: Very serious or extreme

Gargantuan(Adj.) : विशाल

Meaning: Tremendous in size, volume, or

degree



Etched(Adj.): नक्काशी करना

Meaning: To cut a pattern, picture, etc.

into a smooth surface

Imminent(Adj.) : प्रायः अप्रिय बात

Meaning: (esp. of something unpleasant)

likely to happen very soon



Stigma(Noun): कलंक

Meaning: A mark of shame or discredit:

stain

Grim(Adj.): गंभीर, अप्रफुल्लित

Meaning: Unpleasant and causing

worry



Malaise(Noun) : बेचैनी , अस्वस्थता

Meaning: A feeling of general discomfort,

uneasiness or lack of wellbeing

Cascade(Noun): झरना

Meaning: To fall or hang down, especially

in large amounts or in stages



Time to ease norms: On COVID-19 restrictions





I just found out I'm a confirmed contact for COVID-19.

What do I do to protect my friends and family?



If you are a contact of a person who has COVID-19, or who has received a positive COVID-19 test result, remember that contracting the virus is no one's fault.

Anyone can contract **COVID-19 regardless of** race, gender, age, or income. Remember we are all in this together.



Place yourself in quarantine for by your national or local



Contact your local health that you are a contact of a



If you begin to feel symptoms of COVID-19 reach out to a health



Doing your part protects yourself and others. Your friends and family will thank you.



ARTICLE

Masks must remain mandatory only for the vulnerable and in health-care settings

As the third winter begins in India after the COVID-19 pandemic began in January 2020, fresh daily infections of the novel coronavirus — there was a small spike in July and August — have been dipping since the third wave peaked in late January 2022. Daily new cases nationally dropped below the 1,000-mark after November first week, and below 500 in the last four days. While the case decline may not be a true reflection of the actual level of infection in the population, given the low level of testing across the country, the test positivity rate and the number of hospitalisations due to moderate to severe COVID-19 disease are at a low level — a far cry from the peak of the second wave in 2021. COVID-19 deaths too have been very low, with many States not reporting any for days together; Kerala has been reporting some backlog deaths on certain days but nil fresh deaths on many days. Nationally, the case fatality rate was 1.19% as of November 22.



The situation in India is vastly different from what it is like in a few other countries where the daily infections are witnessing a sharp spike. Even the extremely high transmissive Omicron sublineages and recombinant lineages have only caused a small spike in fresh cases but no concomitant increase in hospitalisations or deaths in India.

Given the very low number of cases and hospitalisations, the situation in India is no longer cause for concern. Even with most businesses and educational institutions back to functioning as in the pre-pandemic days and large gatherings being seen even in poorly ventilated places with almost no voluntary mask wearing, there has been no spike in cases since the peak of the third wave. This makes a strong case to ease any mandatory COVIDappropriate behaviour, masks included.



A week ago, India made mask wearing optional for air passengers precisely because of the improved ground situation. It is only in hospitals and health-care settings that mask wearing should remain mandatory. The low level of infection notwithstanding, it is advisable that the vulnerable population including the elderly and those with comorbidities at least wear a mask to reduce the risk of infection. Long COVID is real and poses a risk even to otherwise healthy people. The virus is evolving, and the emerging variants of concern will, by default, be even more highly transmissive. Their lethality cannot be predicted as transmission happens prior to disease onset and so the selection pressure is for higher transmission and not disease severity.

