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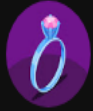
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**“I can’t change the direction
of the wind, but I can adjust
my sails to always reach my
destination.”**



Surbhi Sinha 1 day ago

Flog = to hit somebody with several times with rope stick 😊 demise 🎉 the. E something 😊 thanks ma'am 👍 😊

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MO ANAS CHAUDHARY 1 day ago

Flog (verb)

Syno....Beat lush whip.

Anto....Float cost glide.

Sentence.....They are flying to flog their house....

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Simran Simmi 1 day ago

Flog- to hit somebody hard several times with a stick or a long thin piece of punishment

Synonym - scourge ,whip, trounce,strap,cane,beat.

Antonyms - compliment,guard,lose,fail,taps ...

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Nikki Tripathi 1 day ago

1.Flog (to beat with or as if with a rod or whip) Synonyms= scourge, beat up, trounce, slash.

Antonyms= protect, guard, compliment. Sentence= He tried to flog her a broken TV set . 2. Demise (the end or failure of something) synonyms= collapse, dissolution, failure, downfall. Antonyms= Birth success, construction, Start, rise. Sentence= This loss led to the demise of the business. Thanku ...

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aone_fx 1 day ago

circumvent :- to avoid dodge something cleverly

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Mini Chaubey 1 day ago

Demis = decrease, diminish

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Mini Chaubey 1 day ago

Flog = whip, lash, punish

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Chandrika Gore 1 day ago

1. Flog: (verb) to beat someone very hard with a whip or a stick, as a punishment; to sell, especially quickly or cheaply; to sell something illegally

Synonyms: whip, lash, castigate, chastise, spank, punish

Antonyms: compliment, fail, guard, lose, protect, tap...

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RACE IN CHINA FOR SURVIVORS



Oil leak stops as sinking ship stabilises off Mumbai

Come to the dialogue table Mamata tells Maoists

Games: 'guilty will be punished'

THE HINDU VOCABULARY

1. Fillip (Noun) : प्रोत्साहन

Meaning: something that causes a sudden improvement

+ Synonyms: stimulus, impetus, spur, boost, encouragement

— Antonyms: curb, deaden, discourage

Sentence: The infrastructure projects unveiled yesterday were not unexpected, but will give a welcome fillip to the construction sector.

2. Ostensible (Adjective)

Meaning: **Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so**

Synonyms: **Apparent, Seeming, Supposed, Alleged, Perceived**

Antonyms: **Actual, Genuine, Real, Authentic, True**

Sentence: **His ostensible reason for being late was traffic, but in reality, he just overslept.**

3. Extant (Adjective): वर्तमान में मौजूद

Meaning: Still in existence; surviving

Synonyms: Existing, Surviving, Remaining, Enduring, Persistent

Antonyms: Extinct, Nonexistent, Lost, Defunct, Obsolete

Sentence: The manuscript is one of the few extant copies of the ancient text.

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4. Meagre (Adjective) : कम, थोड़ा

Meaning: Lacking in quantity or quality; inadequate; small in amount

Synonyms: Scanty, Sparse, Inadequate, Insufficient, Paltry

Antonyms: Abundant, Plentiful, Ample, Generous, Lavish

Sentence: Despite working hard, his salary remained meagre and he struggled to make ends meet.

few
little

5. Menace (Noun): खतरा

Meaning: a person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger.

Synonyms: danger, threat, peril, risk

Antonyms: safety, protection, security, shield.

Sentence: Drunk drivers are a menace to everyone.

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6. **Pickle** (Noun): कठिन स्थिति

Meaning: a difficult situation, a troublesome or awkward state of affairs.

Synonyms: predicament, dilemma, quandary

Antonyms: solution, ease, simplicity

Sentence: The student found himself in a pickle when he was caught cheating in the examination.

7. Susceptibility (Noun): अतिसंवेदनशीलता

Meaning: - the state or fact of being likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing

Synonyms: vulnerability, sensitivity, receptiveness

Antonyms: immunity, resistance, insusceptibility

Sentence: Some people have a higher susceptibility to colds and coughs than others.

8. A Bitter Pill To Swallow (Idiom)

Meaning: accepting an unpleasant or painful truth
or situation

Synonyms: Hard truth, unpleasant reality, tough situation.

Sentence: Losing his job was a bitter pill to swallow, but he knew he had to accept it and move on.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **EPHEMERAL**

Temp

1. Lasting ✓
2. Lengthy
3. Temporary
4. Quick

Meaning: Ephemeral means something that is short-lived or transient, while lasting means something that continues for a long time.

Solution: 1. Lasting

Find the correct one?



Antonym of **INSCRUTABLE**

1. Mysterious
2. Opaque
3. Clear
4. Vague

Meaning: Inscrutable means something that is difficult to understand or fathom, while clear means something that is easy to understand or transparent.

Solution: 3. Clear

Find the correct one?

Antonym of **EQUANIMITY**

1. Equal
2. Tranquility
3. Disturbance
4. Composure

Meaning: Equanimity means mental calmness and composure, while disturbance means disruption or agitation.

Solution: 3. Disturbance



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **LANGUID**

1. Vigorous
2. Timid
3. Gloomy
4. Rough

Meaning: Languid means lacking energy or weak, while vigorous means strong or energetic.

Therefore, the antonym of languid is vigorous.

Solution: 1. Vigorous

Find the correct one?

Synonym of **EGREGIOUS**

1. Excellent
2. Remarkable
3. Outstanding
4. Flagrant

Meaning: Egregious means outstandingly bad or shocking, so the synonym of egregious is flagrant.

Solution: 4. Flagrant



Find the correct one?

Synonym of **APLOMB**

1. Confidence
2. Insecurity
3. reasonable
4. distinct

Meaning: Aplomb means self-confidence or assurance, so its synonym is confidence.

Solution: 1. Confidence



Find the correct one?

Synonym of **INSOUCIANT**

1. Carefree
2. Worried
3. Anxious
4. Stressed

Meaning: Insouciant means being unconcerned or carefree, so its synonym is carefree (relaxed and happy, with no feelings of worry)

Solution: 1. Carefree



Find the correct one?

Synonym of **EXACERBATE**

1. Aggravate
2. Soothe
3. Mitigate
4. Alleviate



Meaning: Exacerbate means to make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse, while to aggravate means to make a problem or situation worse.

Solution: 1. Aggravate



On The Same Wavelength

1. To have similar thoughts or opinions.
2. To have opposing thoughts or opinions.
3. To be uncertain and hesitant.
4. To be overly confident and dismissive.

Solution: 1. To have similar thoughts or opinions.





One's Head In The Clouds

1. To be extremely focused and attentive.
2. To be out of touch with reality
3. To be very clever or intelligent.
4. To be under a lot of stress or pressure.

Solution: 2. To be out of touch with reality

Students must learn to keep their belongings **in apple-pie order**.

1. in perfect order
2. ordering for apple pie
3. arranging apples neatly
4. orderly preparation of apple pie

Solution: **1. in perfect order**



IDIOMS & PHRASES

It takes a **month of Sundays** to chop all that wood.

1. no time
2. a long time
3. a special Sunday
4. a short period

Solution: **2. a long time**



1. Something chosen as a symbol to bring good luck-

Mascot

2. A pleasant song, sung to send children to sleep-

Lullaby

3. A place where fruit trees are grown/-

Orchard

4. Person who does not speak too much-

Reticent/Taciturn

TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

No small change: on the raising of
returns on small savings schemes

The government seems to have abandoned
its market-linked stance for some small
savings rates

Indian households' financial surpluses parked in small savings schemes operated by banks and post offices got a significant fillip this quarter, with the government raising the returns on most such schemes by 0.1 to 0.7 percentage points. This constituted the third successive hike in the rates that are reset each quarter. However, the breadth of the schemes covered was wider than on the last two occasions. For October 2022 to December 2022, a mere 0.1 to 0.3 percentage hike was announced on just five of the dozen small savings schemes.

The first quarter of 2023 saw another 0.2 to 1.1 percentage point hikes on eight schemes. These increases came after a long pause in rates since April 2020. As the central bank started rate hikes last year and government bond yields (to which small savings rates are linked) hardened, there was a widening gap between the extant rates and the rates prescribed by the formula recommended by the Shyamala Gopinath panel that was officially adopted in 2016. This gap stood at 44 to 77 basis points (bps) after the meagre hikes of October (one basis point equals 0.01%).

Now, that gap is zero or marginal on six schemes, but for five schemes, it is still at 5 bps to 82 bps. These include the Public Provident Fund (PPF), whose rates have been frozen at 7.1% for three years now and should have fetched 7.72% last October and 7.76% for this quarter as per the formula. Government mandarins indicate they are not inclined to hike the PPF rate as its returns are tax-free, unlike in the case of other schemes. If that is so, it must publicly restate its policy position. Yet, the returns on the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme, which are also tax-free, were hiked to 8% this quarter. Its only ostensible difference with the 1960s-origin PPF is it was launched by the current government to encourage savings for the girl child.

The General Provident Fund rate for government employees has also been retained at 7.1%, but their dearness allowance has been hiked and a review of their benefits under the New Pension Scheme is underway. While PPF savings are capped at ₹1.5 lakh a year, this Budget raised the limits on a couple of small savings schemes to multiple times of that. It is perhaps no coincidence that the last time small savings rates were hiked across the board was in January 2019, ahead of the Lok Sabha battle. That several States vote this year and the general election looms in 2024 may have influenced the latest hikes as a feel-good device. An even-handed and transparent policy approach rather than quinquennial bouts of relief for small savers, would inspire more confidence.



1. Persecute

2. Punitive

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