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# **THE HINDU**

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## **Editorial Analysis**

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**Grammar**

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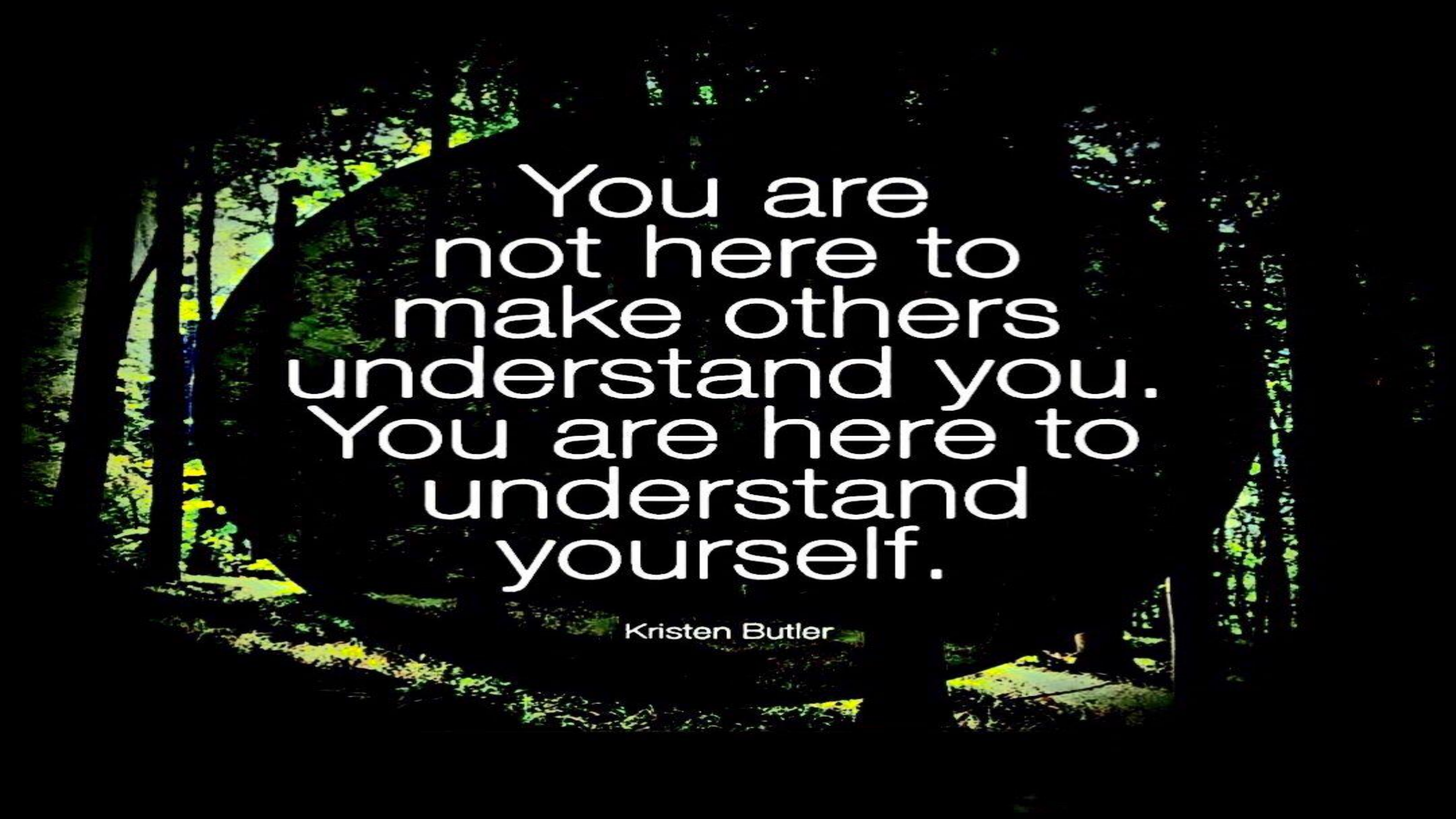
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Kristen Butler

# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
  - ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
  - iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
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# GRAMMAR SKILLS

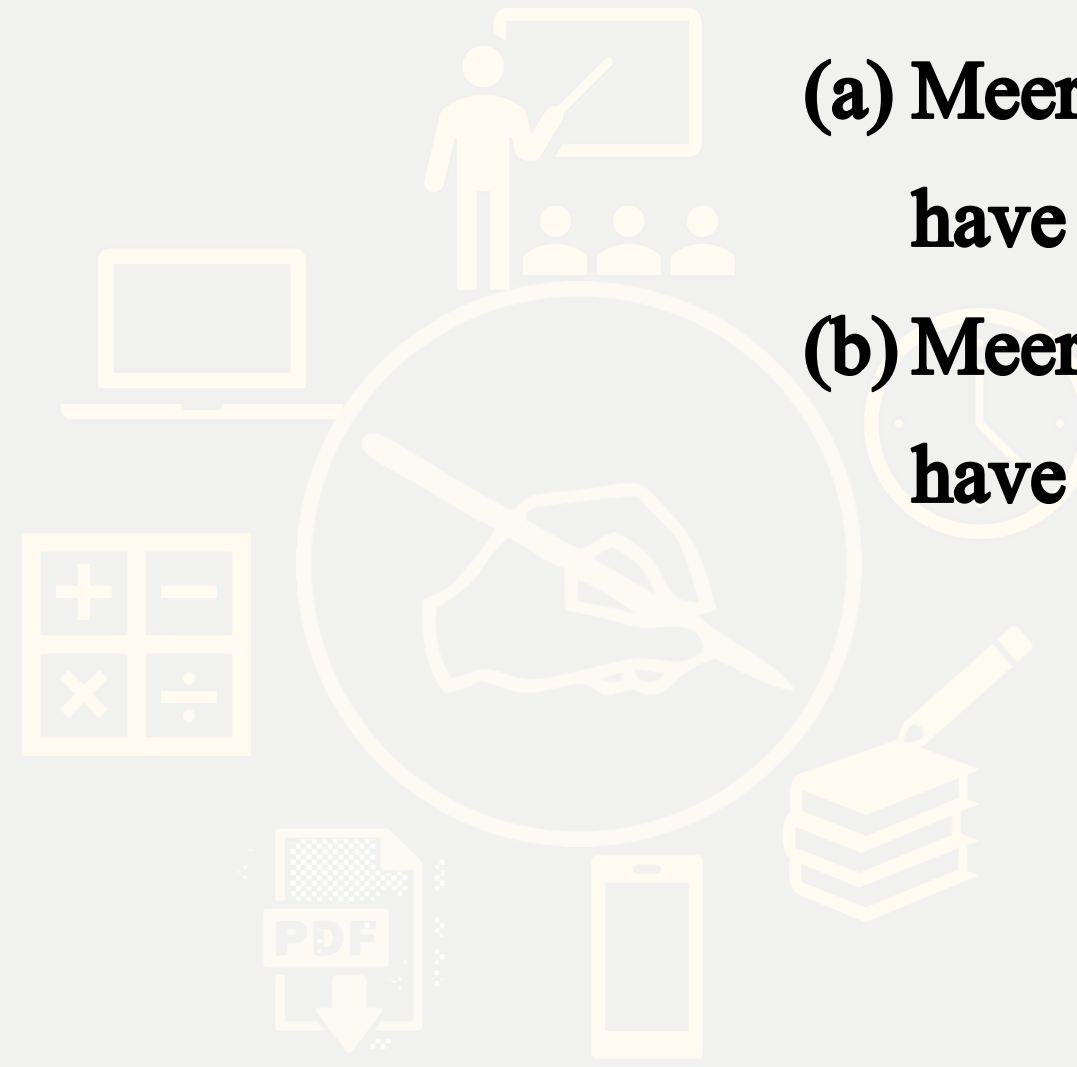
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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Superlative degree, none, no one  
anyone, much, little, (the  
same+noun), (the only + noun) are  
followed by 'that' relative pronoun.



**(a) Meera is the smartest girl who I have ever met.**

**(b) Meera is the smartest girl whom I have ever met.**



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**‘Many a/an, More than one’ should be followed by singular noun and singular verb.**





**A. Many a men have come to the party.**

**B. More than one girls were present.**



# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## ‘Changes to marriage age will contradict other laws’

**Who's a child?** | While most laws fix 18 as the age when one ceases to be a child, there are exceptions:

- The Majority Act, 1875 sets the age of majority at 18
- 61st Constitutional Amendment Act fixes the minimum voting age at 18
- POCSO Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 define a child as someone under the age of 18



- Right to Education Act, 2009 says a child is someone between the ages of six and 14

- **Child Labour Amendment Act, 2016 says a child is someone under the age of 14 and an adolescent is aged between 14 and 18**



# ARTICLE

The **amendments** proposed to the anti-child marriage law defines a child as someone under the age of 21 and **contradicts** laws where the legal age of **competence** is recognised as 18. This, experts say, may criminalise young people. The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which seeks to raise the age of marriage for women to 21, amends the definition of child to mean “a male or female who has not completed twenty-one years of age”. It **overrides** personal laws of Hindus, Christians, Muslims and Parsis, as well as the Special Marriage Act, 1954. The Lok Sabha has referred this Bill to a Standing Committee after MPs demanded a deeper **scrutiny** and wider **consultations**.

# ARTICLE

The 61st Constitution Amendment Act of 1988 defines the voting age for elections to Parliament and the Legislative Assemblies as 18. The Majority Act, 1875 defines the age of majority as “the age of eighteen years and not before”, and as 21 years if a guardian is appointed. Under the Indian Contract Act, 1872 a person should have attained the age of majority in order to be able to enter into a **contract**. The law to punish sexual crimes against children, the Protection of Children from Sexual **Offences** (POCSO) Act, 2012 too recognises a child as someone under the age of 18 years and thereby implies that the age of **consent** for sex is also 18 years. The law that deals with **juvenile** offenders (or children in conflict with law) and children who need care and protection, that is, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015 does the same.

# ARTICLE



“At one level, we say that the age to enter into contracts and to vote is 18 years. We are recognising that a person has the mental capacity to make decisions that will affect her life commercially or as a citizen, but at the same time when it comes to her personal life, she doesn’t have the right to make decisions. The proposed law makes an **artificial distinction**. By making marriages under 21 years invalid, we are criminalising those who marry under this age and **depriving** them of protections under law,” says Divya Balagopal, senior advocate, Mundkur Law Partners.





**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

**FEDERAL (ADJECTIVE): (संयुक्त):**

**Confederate**

**Synonyms: Federated, Combined**

**Antonyms: Unitary**

**Example Sentence:**

**The health ministry has sole federal responsibility for healthcare.**

**RETRIBUTION (NOUN): (प्रतिदण्ड):**

**Punishment**

**Synonyms: Penalty, Nemesis**

**Antonyms: Forgiveness**

**Example Sentence:**

**Employees asked not to be named,  
saying they feared retribution.**

**VIABLE (ADJECTIVE): (व्यवहार्य):**

**Workable**

**Synonyms: Feasible, Practicable**

**Antonyms: Impracticable**

**Example Sentence:**

**The proposed investment was said to be economically viable.**

**INSURGENT (NOUN): (विद्रोही): Rebel**

**Synonyms: Revolutionary, Mutineer**

**Antonyms: Loyalist**

**Example Sentence:**

**The armed insurgents planned an attack.**



# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for IDIOMS

**1. I wanted to enter the competition but at the last minute I **got cold feet**.**

- A. Unwell**
- B. Afraid**
- C. Hesitant**
- D. Excited**
- E. None of the above**

**Correct Option: C**



**2. Like a dog with two tails.**

**A. Very morose**

**B. Very enthusiastic**

**C. Very greedy**

**D. Very happy**

**E. None of the above**



**Answer : D. Very happy**

### 3. Clear the air.

A. Reduce pollution

B. Discuss openly

C. Reveal feelings

D. Be untruthful

E. None of the above



**Correct Option: B**

**Clear the air: If you decide to clear the air, you try to remove the causes of fear, worry or suspicion by talking about the problem openly.**



4. The customer **said a mouthful** when he gave the reason for his dissatisfaction.

- A. Lengthy remark
- B. Angry remark
- C. Abusive remark
- D. Precise remark
- E. None of the above

Correct Option: A

Say a mouthful: If you make an important or lengthy remark



5. The boss **laid it on the line** and told Jimmy that if he arrived late for work again he would lose his job.

- A. Scold
- B. Be disappointed
- C. Speak frankly
- D. Resigned
- E. None of the above

**Answer : C. Speak frankly**



# Time for Synonyms & Antonyms



Q6. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

**Prevalent**

1. Common
2. Size
3. Reject
4. meagre



**Solution : 1. Common**

Q7. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

**Extent**

1. Range
2. Normal
3. Current
4. going



**Solution : 1. range**



Q8. Select the most appropriate  
**ANTONYM** of the given word.

**Resolve**

1. solve
2. Reject
3. Worthless
4. calculated



**Solution : 2. Reject**

Q9. Select the most appropriate  
ANTONYM of the given word.

**Precious**

1. Reach
2. Cheap
3. Abstain
4. popular



**Solution : 2. Cheap**

Q10. select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

**Jubilant**

- 1) Happy
- 2) Excited
- 3) Celebrating
- 4) Sorrowful



**Answer: Sorrowful**

# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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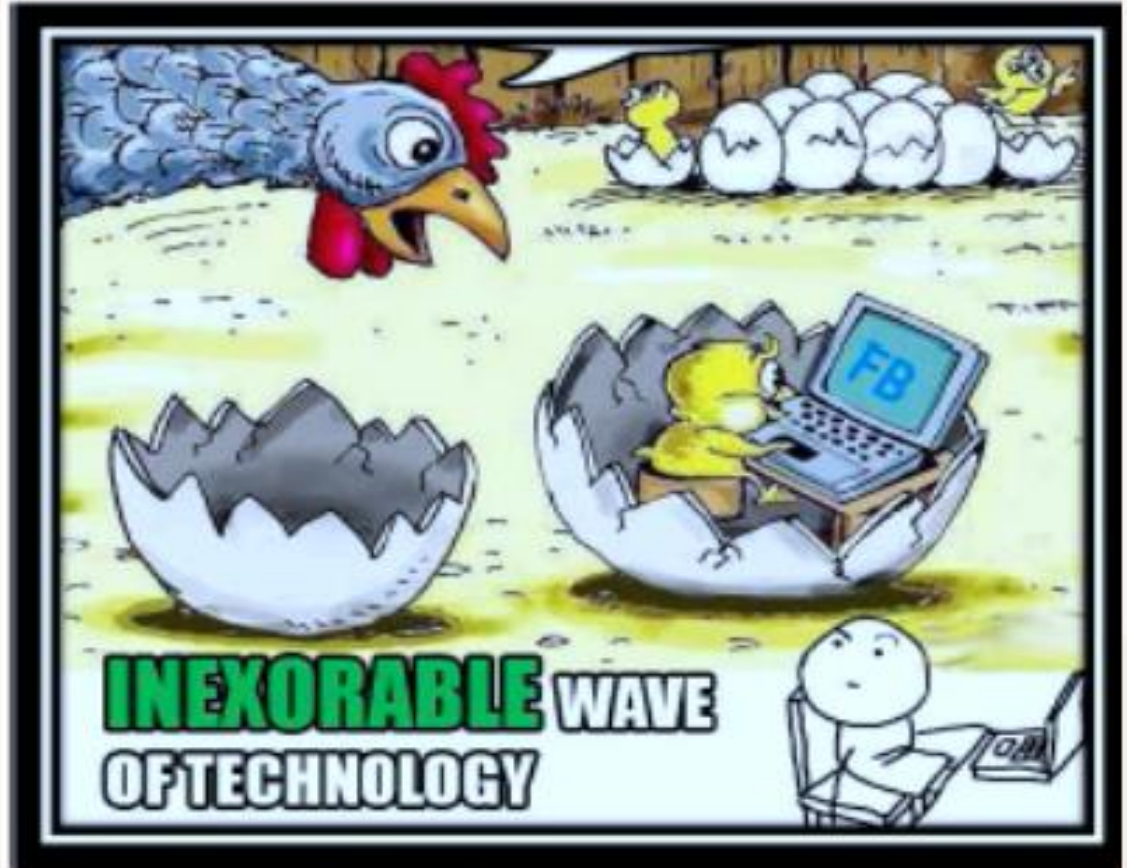
Irate



**Definition** very angry

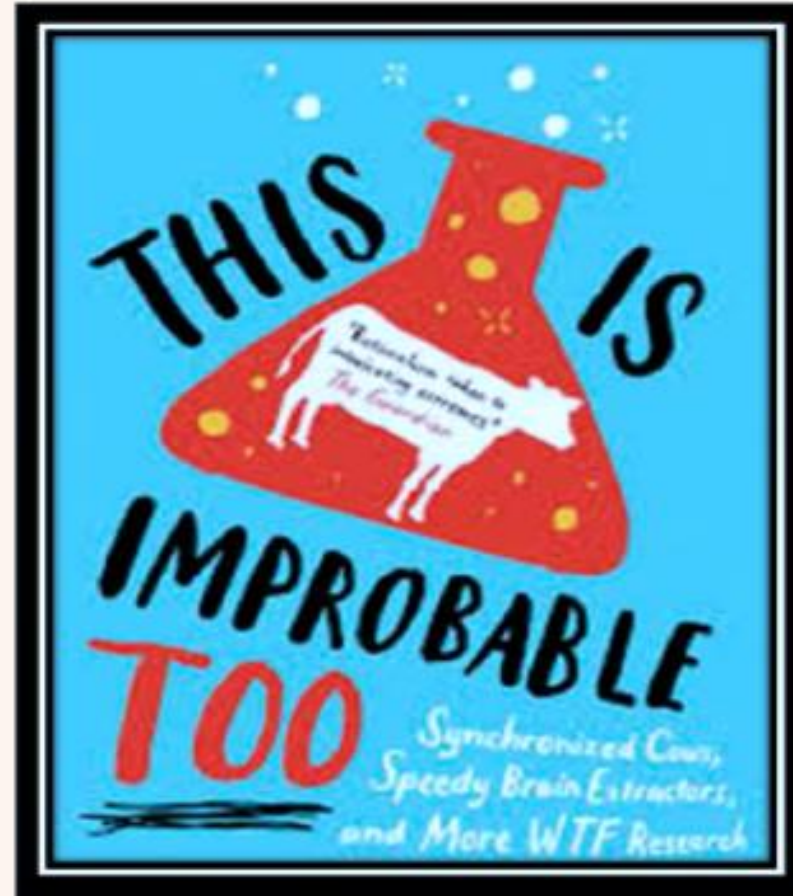


## Inexorable



**Definition** that cannot be stopped or changed

## Improbable



**Definition** not likely to be true or to happen | seeming strange because it is not what you would expect

# ENGLISH SPEAKING

## TIPS

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## SOME IMPORTANT ADVERB FOR SPEAKING

- ✓ सौभाग्य से विस्फोट में किसी को चोट नहीं आई
- ✓ Fortunately/ luckily, no one was hurt in the explosion.

## SOME IMPORTANT ADVERB FOR SPEAKING

- ✓ दुख की बात यही है कि वह अपनी गलतियों से कभी नहीं सीखता
- ✓ **Sadly, he never learns from his mistakes.**

## SOME IMPORTANT ADVERB FOR SPEAKING

- ✓ अचरज की बात यह कि उसने मुझे इस बारे में कभी नहीं बताया
- ✓ **Strangely enough, he never told me about it.**



# Homework





# Home Work Answer

A group of youngsters (1)/ **has lend**  
**financial assistance** (2)/ to the flood-  
affected (3)/ people of the villages. (4)

# Home Work

**Find the correctly spelt words.**

- A. Foreign**
- B. Foreine**
- C. Fariegn**
- D. Forein**

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