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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

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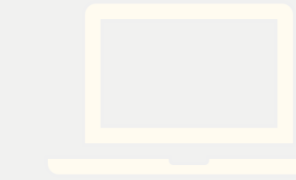
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ASK YOURSELF
IF WHAT
YOU ARE DOING
TODAY IS GETTING
YOU CLOSER
TO WHERE
YOU WANT TO BE
TOMORROW



TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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- i. GRAMMAR SKILLS**
 - ii. ARTICLE ANALYSIS**
 - iii. THE HINDU VOCABULARY**
 - iv. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**
 - v. LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

With the following verbs/adjective/phrases, (V1 +ing) is used after 'to'.

(Verb +used to) , accustomed to, averse to, with a view to, addicted to, devoted to, in addition to, look forward to, object to, owing to etc.

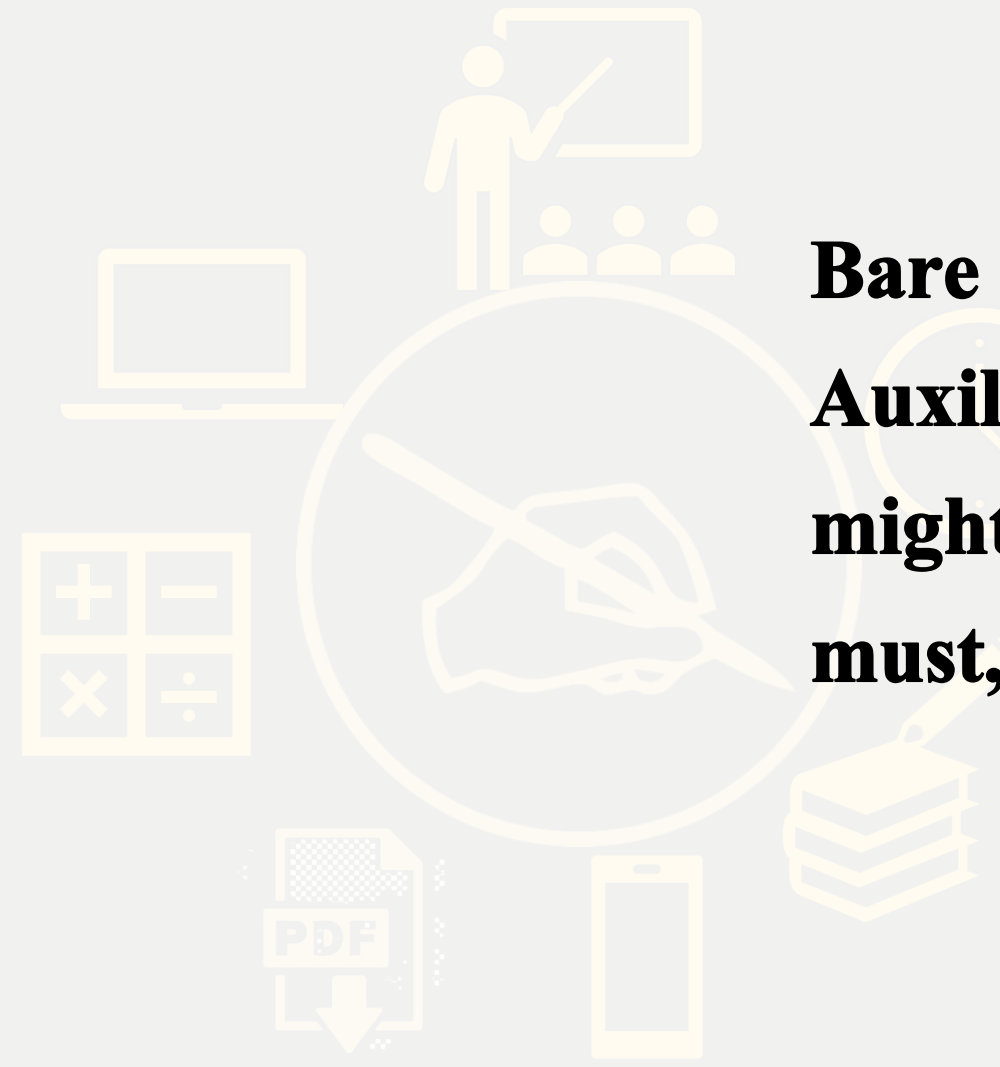
(a) I am looking forward to meet my friend Sara.

(b) Sheetal is used to wake up early morning.



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

Bare Infinitive is used after Modal Auxiliaries (can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must, dare not, need not).



- A. You need not to work hard.**
- B. He can qualifying the exam.**



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

Shaking up Europe's security architecture



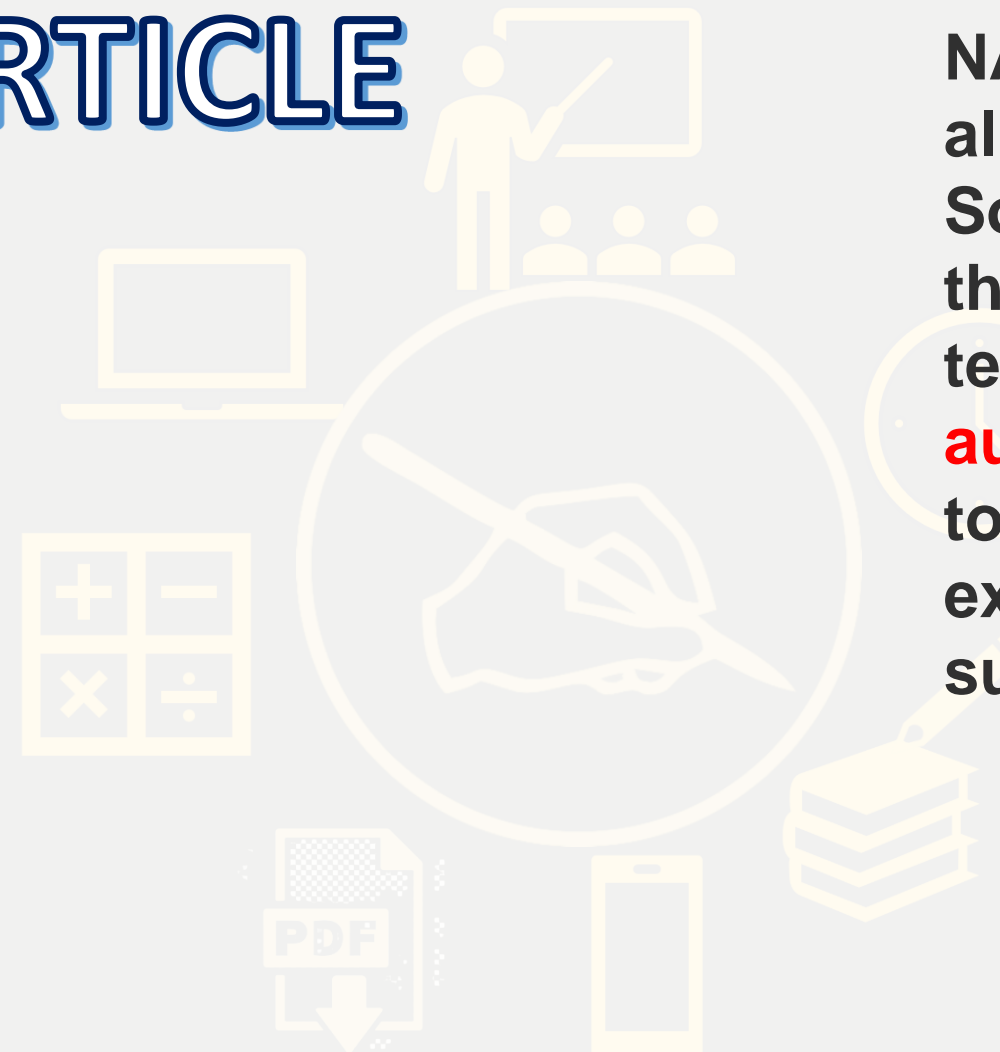
ARTICLE

The **commencement** of Russian military action in Ukraine **brings down the curtain** on the first act of a **bizarre** drama that has been playing out over the past eight months. **At the heart of** it is the **instability** in the **post-Cold War** security order. The first act began with a meeting between U.S. President Biden and Russia's President Vladimir Putin in June last year, promising to **reverse** seven years of **relentless** U.S.-Russia **acrimony**. Mr. Biden's decision to reach out to Mr. Putin signalled a U.S. geopolitical rebalancing, seeking a **modus vivendi** with Russia and **disengagement** from conflicts in Europe and West Asia, to enable a sharper U.S. focus on domestic challenges and the external challenge from its principal strategic adversary, China.

ARTICLE

Mr. Putin saw this **reengagement** as an opportunity to **revive** Russia's **flagging** economy and expand its freedom of political action globally. However, he wanted this engagement on equal terms. Russia would cooperate in this geopolitical rebalancing if its concerns are met, so that it does not constantly have to counter moves to probe its **territorial integrity** and **constrain** its external influence — which is how Russia sees the **strategic posture** of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and U.S. policies. Russia has repeatedly **articulated** its grievances: that NATO's expansion violated promises made prior to the breakup of the Soviet Union; that Ukraine's **accession** to NATO would cross Russia's red lines; and that NATO's strategic posture poses a continuing security threat to Russia.

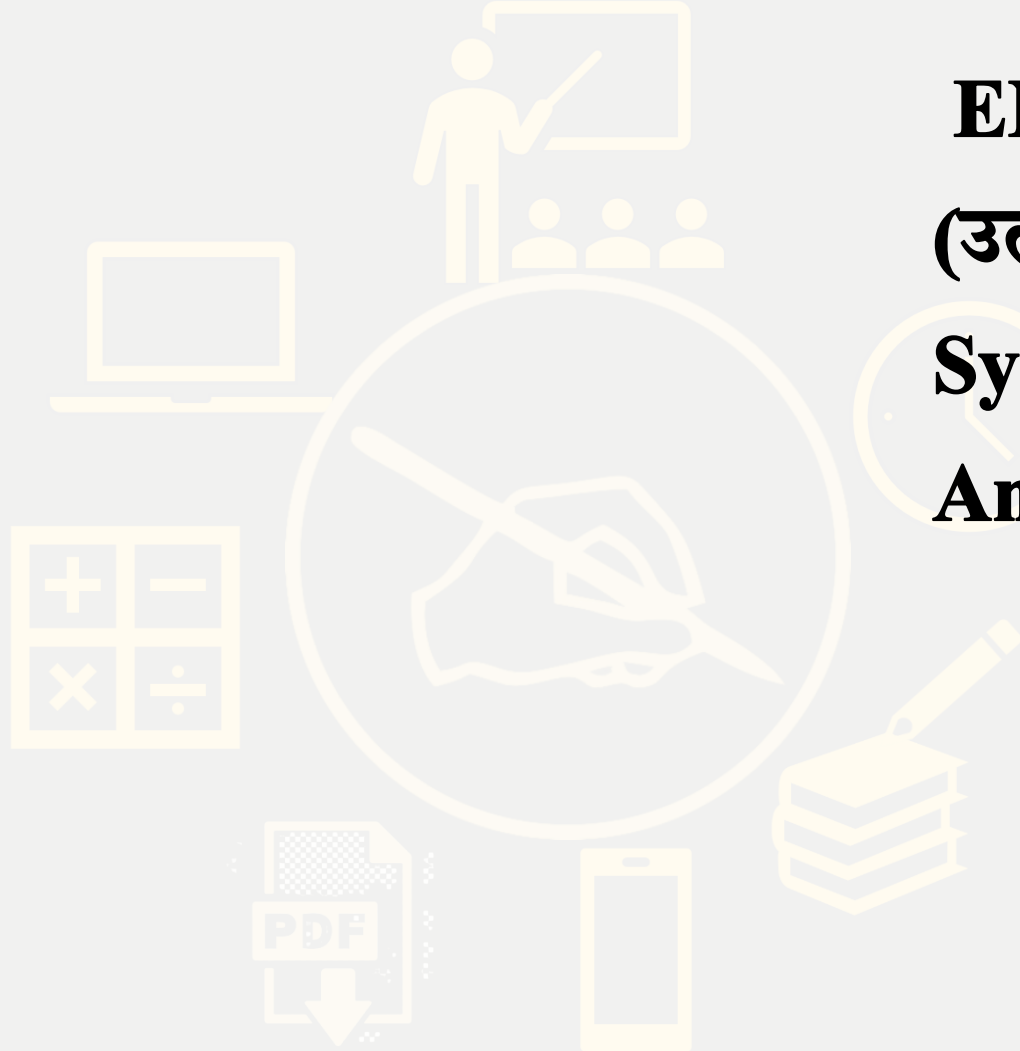
ARTICLE



NATO's expansion as a **politicomilitary** alliance, even after the **dissolution** of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact, was at the U.S.'s initiative. It was intended to temper European ambitions for strategic **autonomy** from the sole superpower and to counter Russia's **resurgence**. Recent experience shows it may not be succeeding in either goal.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

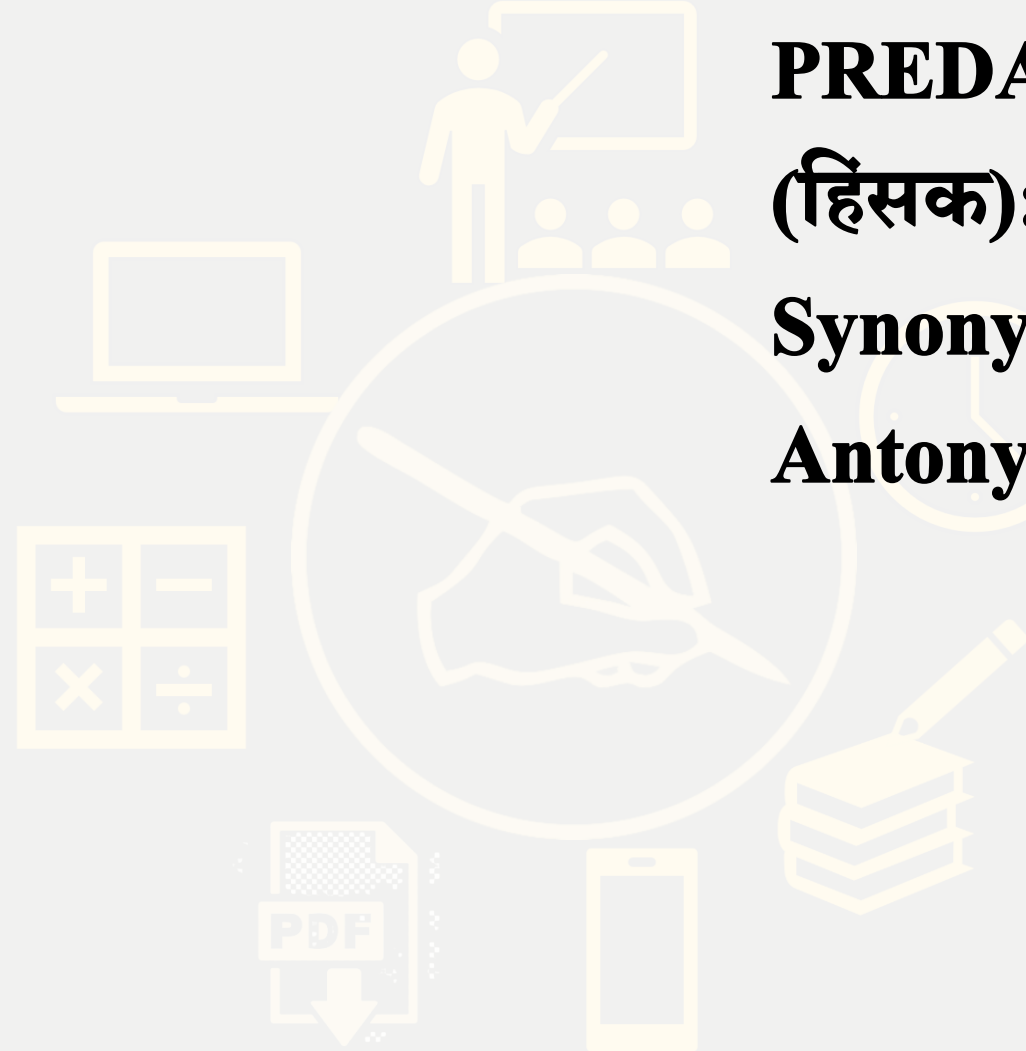
ENTANGLE**(VERB):****(उलझाना): Intertwine****Synonyms: Entwine, Tangle****Antonyms: Disentangle**

PREDATORY (ADJECTIVE):

(हिंसक): Predacious

Synonyms: Carnivorous, Hunting

Antonyms: Defensive





EXACERBATE (VERB): (ख़राब करना): Worsen

Synonyms: Aggravate, Compound

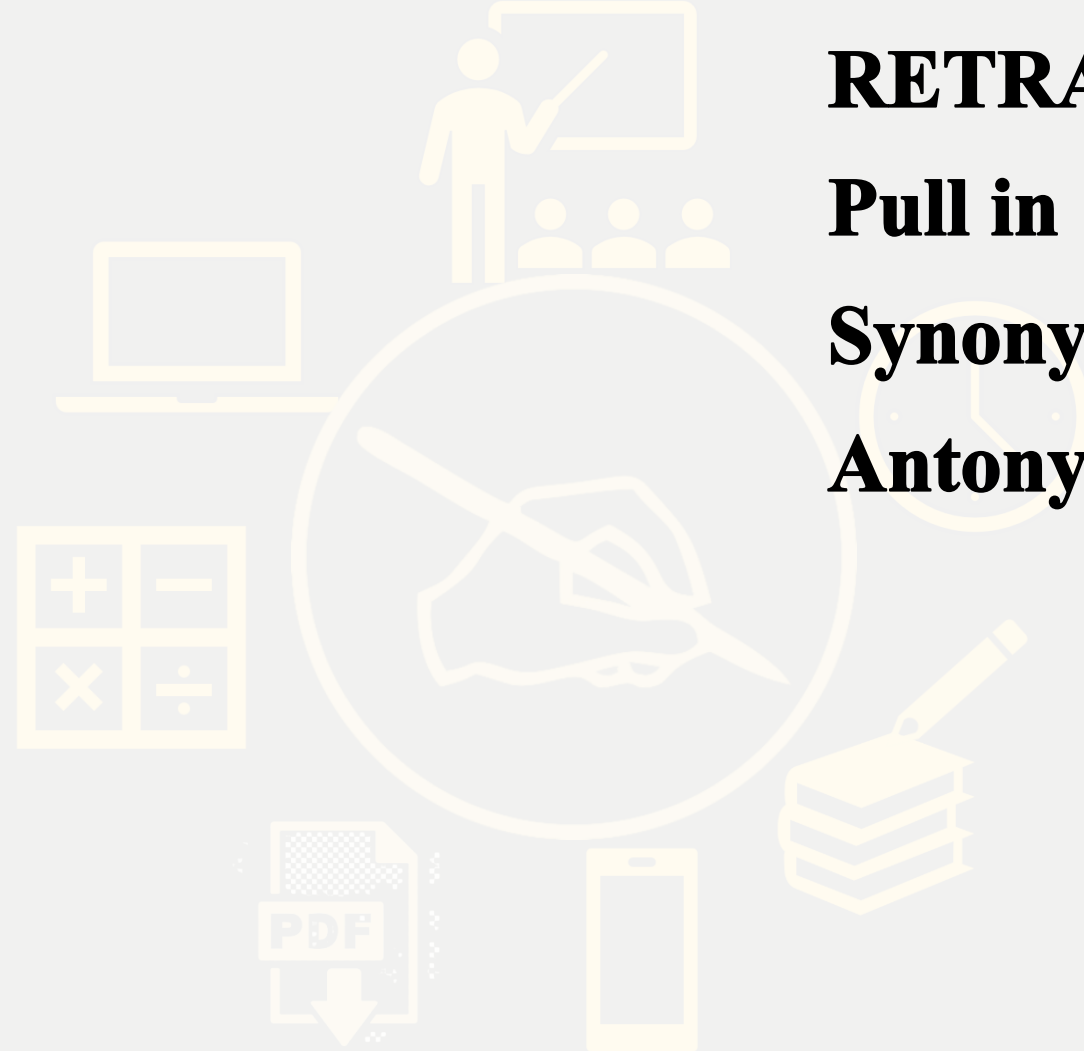
Antonyms: Improve

RETRACT (VERB): (वापस लेना):

Pull in

Synonyms: Draw in, Pull back

Antonyms: Extend





LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

Q1. low hanging fruit

A. Not worthy

B. Very Lucrative

C. Easily achieved

D. Simple but time consuming

E. None of the above



Correct Option: C. Easily achieved

Q2. Not a moment too soon

A. Before needed

B. Just in time

C. Too late

D. Hesitating

E. None of the above



Correct Option: B

**Not a moment too soon: in the nick of time,
only just in time.**

Q3. The National Human Rights Commission is **all bark and no bite** as it lacks the authority to penalize those guilty of human rights violations.

- A. Impressive action
- B. Intimidating action
- C. Low on action
- D. Threatening action
- E. None of the above

Correct Option: C Low on action



Q4. All Greek to me.

A. Complex

B. Alienated

C. Different

D. Extreme

E. None of the above



Correct Option: A

All Greek To Me: When something is extremely difficult to understand due to being new and complex.

Q5. Necessary evil

A. Essential and pleasant

B. Pleasant but not urgent

C. Unpleasant but essential

D. Evil and despicable

E. None of the above

Correct Option: C

Necessary evil: something unpleasant that must be done in order to achieve a goal or objective.



Q6. Burn his bridges

A. To handover

B. To cross the bridge

C. To eliminate the possibility of conflict

D. To eliminate the possibility of return

E. None of the above



Correct Option: D

Burn one's bridges means to eliminate the possibility of return or retreat.

Time for Synonyms



Q7. TRIVIAL**(A) vital****(B) ordinary****(C) crucial****(D) significant****0:30****Solution: (B) ordinary**

Q8.

FICTIONAL

(A) fanciful

(B) real

(C) genuine

(D) authentic

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Solution: (A) fanciful



Q9. VOCIFEROUS

(A) secret

(B) true

(C) violent

(D) loud



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Correct Answer : D

Q10. FORTITUDE

(A) safety

(B) similarity

(C) courage

(D) protection



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Correct Answer : C

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

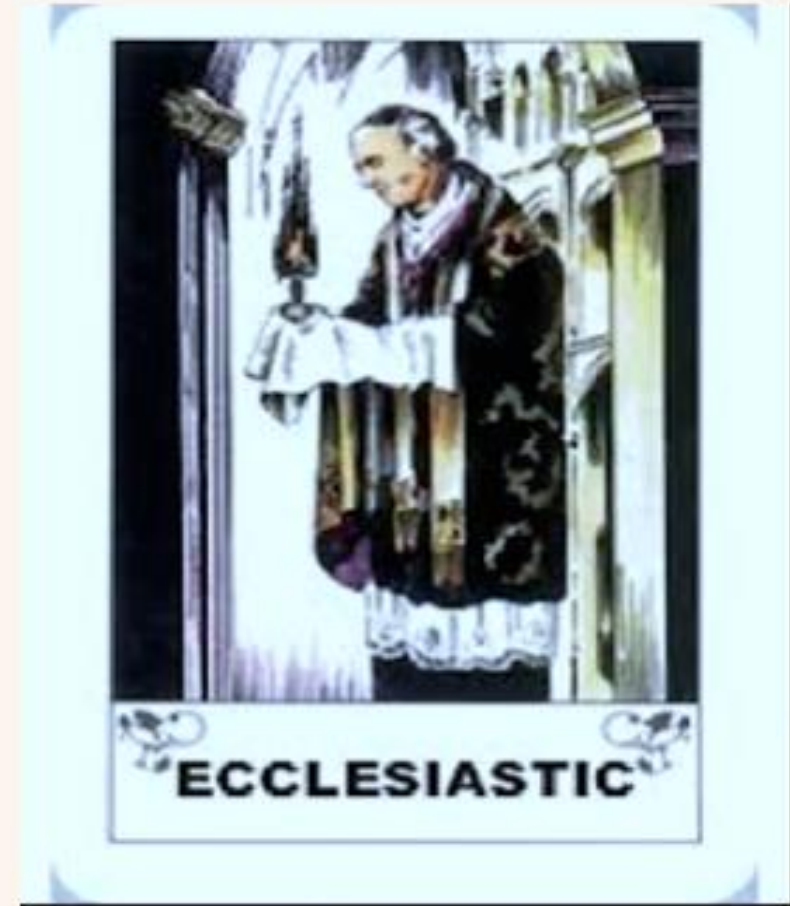
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12. Reprehensible



Definition: Morally wrong and deserving criticism.

14. Ecclesiastic



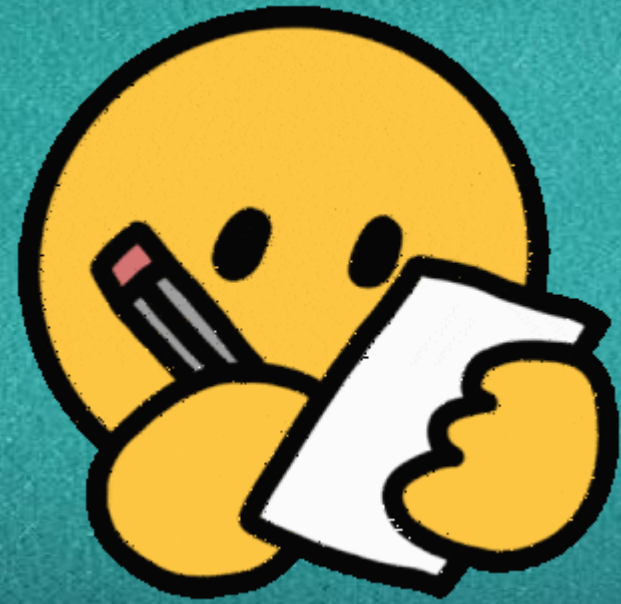
Definition: A priest or minister in the Christian Church.

1. Apprehension



Definition: Worry or fear that something unpleasant may happen | the act of capturing or arresting someone, usually by the police.

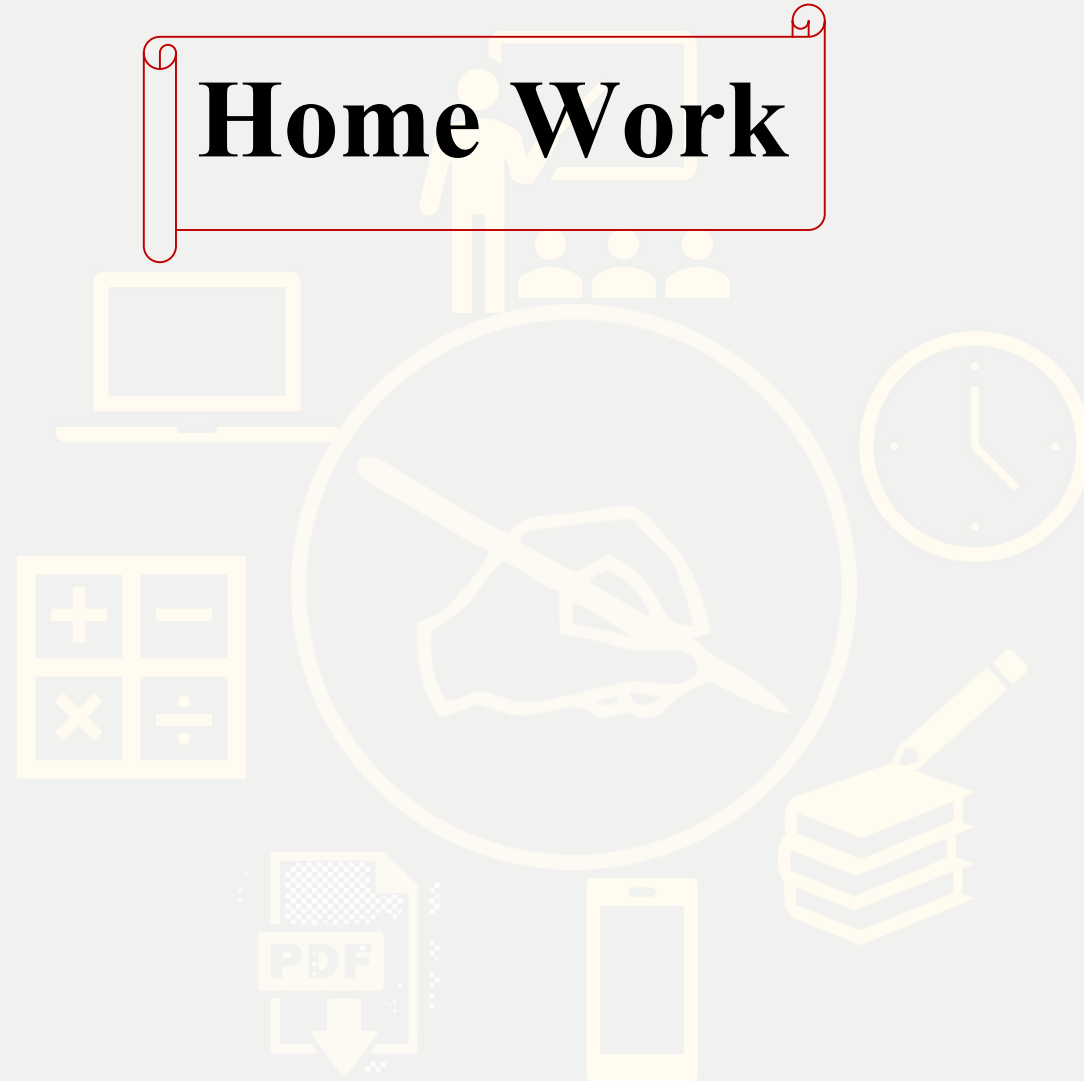
Homework



Home Work

NONCHALANT

- (A) neutral**
- (B) formal**
- (C) imaginary**
- (D) casual**



Home Work Answer

Find the correctly spelt word.

A Accessery

B Accessory

C Accessory

D Accessory

