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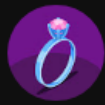
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**A PERSON'S  
MIND IS SO  
POWERFUL.  
WE CAN INVENT,  
CREATE,  
EXPERIENCE, AND  
DESTROY THINGS  
WITH THOUGHTS  
ALONE.**



**Surbhi Sinha** 6 hours ago

Derail= to cause a train to come off a railway track 😊 insidious=spreading but causing serious harm

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**Khushboo Mandal** 🔍 🔍 10 hours ago

Derail- रेलगाड़ी को पटरी से उतार देना- to cause a train to come off a railway track  
synonym- distract, disturb, bother,worry,unsettle,agitate  
Antonym- combine,unite, link,hitch  
Insidious-spreading gradually or without being noticed, but causing serious harm  
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**Raju** 12 hours ago

(1) derail = derailment ,to cause a train to come off a railway track (2) insidious , proceeding in a gradual,subtle way,but with harmful effects

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**MO ANAS CHAUDHARY** 20 hours ago

Derail (Verb) Syno...Distract alarm anger agitate.  
Anto.....Settle soothe allay compose.  
Sentence.....The train was Derailed by heavy snow.  
The train Derailed in heavy snow....  
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**Mini Chaubey** 16 hours ago

Insidious = tricky, subtle way

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**Mini Chaubey** 16 hours ago

Derail = crash, hinder

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**AKSahu Vlogs** 19 hours ago

DERAIL- cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally  
INSIDIOUS - proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects

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**Chandrika Gore** 20 hours ago

1. Derail: (verb) If a train derails or is derailed, it comes off the railway tracks  
process from succeeding  
Synonyms: crash, hinder, thwart, wreck, deflect  
Antonyms: aid, assist, encourage, forward, help...  
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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'

1. Gruesome (Adjective) : भयानक

Meaning: extremely unpleasant or causing horror and disgust

Synonyms: ghastly, macabre, horrifying

Antonyms: pleasant, delightful, enjoyable

Sentence: The horror movie was so gruesome that many people walked out of the theatre.

## 2. Exacerbate (Verb) : बिगाड़ देना

elevate

Meaning: to make something that is already bad even worse

Synonyms: aggravate, worsen, intensify, deepen, complicate, amplify

Antonyms: alleviate, mitigate, relieve, help, improve

Sentence: Because I do not wish to exacerbate my mother's worries, I am not going to tell her about my problems at work.

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### 3. Encumbrance (Noun) : बध

Meaning: **something that makes movement or progress difficult**

Synonyms: **obstacle, hurdle, hindrance, impediment**

*Chowrao*

Antonyms: **impetus, push, aid** ~~help~~

Sentence: **Maggie soon discovered that her broken foot was an encumbrance to everything from her work to her social life to her personal grooming.**



4. Lucrative (Adjective) : लाभप्रद

Meaning: producing much money or making a significant profit

Synonyms: profitable, worthwhile, remunerative, beneficial

Antonyms: unprofitable, poorly paid, loss-making, impotent

Sentence: Mr. Chen makes a lucrative income by selling fresh tuna at the market.

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5. **Ire (Noun)** : गुस्सा

Meaning: **anger**

Synonyms: **indignation, wrath, outrage, fury, rage**

Antonyms: **Pleasure, calmness, delight, happiness**

Sentence: **The customer expressed his ire at the long waiting time to speak to a customer service representative.**

*Anto*  
1. **Calm**  
2. **Delight**

*neg*  
**ire**  
**calm**  
*pos*  
**delight**

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### 6. Disseminate (Verb): प्रसारित करना

**Meaning: To spread or scatter (something, especially information) widely**

**Synonyms: Spread, circulate, propagate**

**Antonyms: Collect, gather, concentrate**

**Sentence: The aim of the conference was to disseminate information on the latest research in the field of renewable energy.**

7. Cognizance (Noun): जानकारी

Meaning: Knowledge or awareness of something

Synonyms: awareness, knowledge, understanding, perception

Antonyms: ignorance, unawareness, oblivion, unfamiliarity

Sentence: As a responsible citizen, it is important to have cognizance of the laws and regulations that govern our society.

## 8. Whistle in the dark (Idiom)

**Meaning:** To try to remain brave or hopeful in a difficult or dangerous situation

**Synonyms:** Put on a brave face, act like everything is okay, maintain a positive outlook

**Antonym:** give up hope, lose heart, succumb to despair.

**Sentence:** Even though she was lost and alone in the dark forest, she tried to whistle in the dark and keep a positive attitude, hoping that someone would come to her rescue

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **INDIGENOUS**

1. Foreign
2. Local
3. Native
4. Harmless

*Syn*

Meaning: indigenous means originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native. Therefore, foreign is the antonym for indigenous.

Solution: 1. Foreign

# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **APATHETIC**

1. Indifferent
2. Concerned
3. Unresponsive
4. Emotionless

Meaning: apathetic means showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern. Therefore, concerned is the antonym for apathetic.

**Solution: 2. Concerned**



# Find the correct one?

Antonym of **AMENABLE**

1. **Obstinate**
2. **Cooperative**
3. **Agreeable**
4. **Compliant**



Meaning: amenable means willing to agree or accept suggestions or influence. Therefore, obstinate is an antonym for amenable.

**Solution: 1. Obstinate**



# Find the correct one?



Antonym of **JUBILANT**

1. Melancholic *-sad ✓*
2. Proclivity
3. zealous
4. sufficient

Meaning: The word jubilant means feeling or expressing great happiness or triumph. Therefore, melancholic is an antonym for "jubilant"

Solution: 1. Melancholic

# Find the correct one?

Synonym of **PROSAIC**

1. Creative
2. Imaginative
3. Mundane ✓
4. Extraordinary

Meaning: The word "prosaic" means dull, ordinary, or lacking in imagination. Therefore, "mundane" is a synonym for "prosaic".

**Solution: 3. Mundane**



# Find the correct one?

Synonym of PANACEA

1. Problem
2. Cure-all
3. Solution
4. Cause



Meaning: The word "panacea" means a solution or remedy for all problems or difficulties. Therefore, "cure-all" is a synonym for "panacea".

Solution: 2. Cure-all



# Find the correct one?

Synonym of **ABSTRUSE**

1. Complex
2. Obvious
3. Easy
4. Simple



Meaning: abstruse means difficult to understand, obscure, or complex. Therefore, complex is a synonym for abstruse.

Solution: 1. Complex



# Find the correct one?



Synonym of **EXIGUOUS**

1. ample
2. meager
3. plentiful
4. copious



*Paucity*

Meaning: "Exiguous" means very small or inadequate in quantity. A synonym for "exiguous" is "meager," which also means lacking in quantity or quality.

**Solution: 2. meager**

As soon as police arrived, the bank robber showed a **clean pair of heels.**

1. displayed clean heels
2. kneeled down
3. showed courage
4. ran away



Solution: **4. ran away**





He wanted this agreement **in black and white**.

1. orally
2. in discourse
3. in detail
4. in writing



Solution: **4. in writing**





The officer was **in the soup** when there was a raid in his office.

1. drinking soup
2. distributing soup
3. to be in trouble
4. preparing soup



Solution: **3. To be in trouble**

## To Cut The Gordian Knot

1. to cut a piece of cloth
2. to perform an easy task
3. to do a job perfectly
4. to perform a difficult task



Solution: 4. to perform a difficult task



1. A person who is bad in spelling -  
**Cacographist**
2. Murder of a brother-  
**Fatricide**
3. A speech delivered without previous preparation -  
**Extempore**
4. The action of looking within or into one's own mind-  
**Introspection**

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Killer mafia: On the sand mafia in Tamil Nadu and attacks on public servants

There must be zero tolerance of illegal sand quarrying

The gruesome murder of Lourdhu Francis, a Village Administrative Officer (VAO) in Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu, on Tuesday — he was in his office — is a reminder of the lengths to which the sand mafia will go to protect its lucrative activities involving illegal quarrying. The official had been informing the police and his superiors about mafia operations. This is not the first such case in Tamil Nadu. Five years ago, in neighbouring Tirunelveli, a 33-year-old police constable was brutally murdered by the sand mafia when he was about to arrest the culprits who had mined river sand from the Nambiyar. The State has had a long history of attacks on public servants who have sought to enforce the rules governing sand quarrying and book wrongdoers.

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**Over 25 years ago, the then District Collector of Tiruvallur, Jayashree Raghunandan, nearly lost her life when leading a raid on illegal quarrying; the driver of a lorry was arrested on charges of attempting to kill her. The killing of a Deputy Tahsildar near Chengalpattu, in December 2004, is another case. Both the Madras High Court and the Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal have, on many occasions, sought to address the issue of illegal sand quarrying and mining. In October 2013, after the High Court came down on the administration of Kancheepuram district (near Chennai), over alleged illegal quarrying, the State government went to the extent of suspending the Collector.**

**Over the past five to six years, the government's launching of measures such as online system of booking of sand and payment (with plans to fine tune technology applications in this regard) as well as the unveiling of a policy document on "M-sand" (or manufactured sand, as an alternative to river sand), in March this year, are steps that have hardly stopped illegal sand quarrying.**

What is critical is that the government should send a strong message: of its zero tolerance towards illegal sand quarrying. Unless this is done in unequivocal terms, any other move to tone up the system will fall short. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin ordering ₹1 crore as solatium and the appointment of a member of the VAO's family in government service on compassionate grounds should be of some comfort to the family, but the government should apprehend the killers and ensure their conviction expeditiously. At the same time, the government should ponder over the efficacy of the existing system concerning the sale and use of river sand. It also needs to strengthen the regulatory mechanism. The authorities would do well to promote research on the production and quality of M-sand. Regardless of any other steps it takes, the government

*clear*





**1. Ambit**

**2. Speculative**

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