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# **THE HINDU**

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## **Editorial Analysis**

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**Grammar**

**Reading Skills**

**Vocab**


**Spoken English**

**BANK / SSC / UPSC / STATE EXAMS**

**LIVE**  **8:00 AM**

**31 Jan 2022**





A great attitude  
becomes a great  
day which becomes  
a great month  
which becomes  
a great year  
which becomes a  
great life.

- Mandy Hale

# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

# GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE  
YOU  
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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

When a Pronoun is used as the complement of the Verb 'to be', it should be in the nominative case.

- (a) If I were him, I would not do it.**  
**(b) It was me who helped you.**



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**When the Pronoun is used as the object of a Verb or of a Preposition, it should be in the objective case.**





**A. Let you and I do it.**

**B. These presents are for you and I**





# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## Can a Russia-Ukraine conflict be averted?



# ARTICLE

The story so far: Russia has **mobilised** some 1,00,000 troops on its border with Ukraine. Russia says the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's eastward **expansion** (which the **alliance** calls "**enlargement**") **threatens** its interests and has **sought** written security guarantees from the West. The crisis has **unleashed a flurry** of **diplomatic** moves with the U.S., NATO and the European Union holding talks with Russian officials.

What are Russia's demands?

■ Russian President Vladimir Putin has demanded a ban on further expansion of NATO to **include** Ukraine, Georgia or other countries in Russia's neighbourhood.

# ARTICLE

Since the German **unification** in 1990, NATO has added new members five times. If the alliance had 12 founding members in 1949, it now has 30 members, including the three Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — all sharing borders with Russia — and Hungary, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria, all members of the former Soviet-led Warsaw **Pact**.

Mr. Putin has also asked NATO to **roll back** its **military deployments** to the 1990s level and ban the deployment of **intermediate range** missiles in areas that would allow NATO to reach Russia. Further, Moscow has asked NATO to **curb** its military cooperation with Ukraine and other former Soviet republics. In other words, Mr. Putin wants not just a halt to NATO's future expansion but also its roll-back from Russia's **rim land**.

# ARTICLE

What is the U.S. response?

■ The U.S. has given a written response to the Kremlin, which hasn't been released. But public remarks made by President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and other top officials suggest that the U.S. has taken a **mixed approach** of **diplomacy** and **economic deterrence**. The U.S. has **ruled out** changing NATO's "open door policy" — which means, at least in theory, NATO could induct more members. The U.S. also says it would continue to offer training and weapons to Ukraine. But Washington is open to discussing missile deployment in Eastern Europe and a mutual **reduction** in **military exercises**.



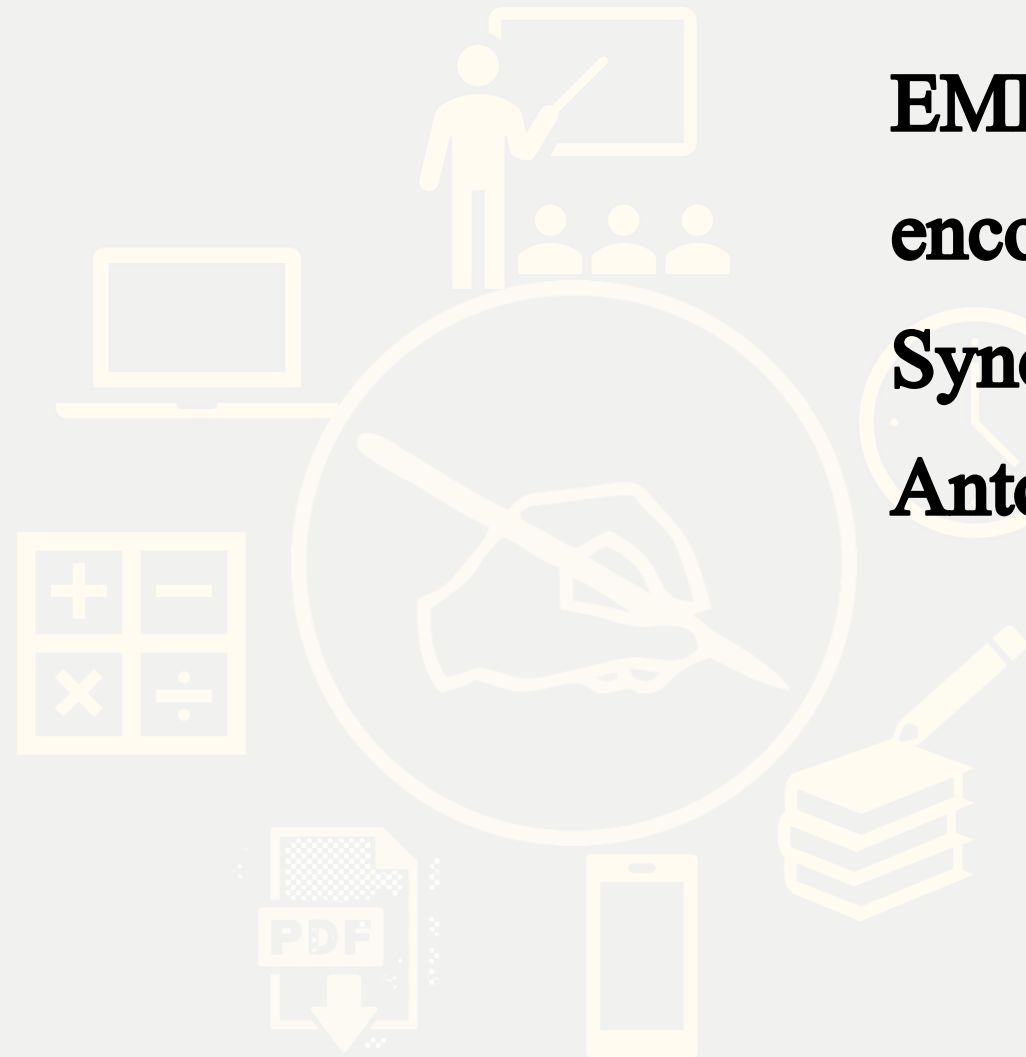
**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

**EMBOLDEN (VERB): (प्रोत्साहित करना):**

**encourage**

**Synonyms: hearten, strengthen**

**Antonyms: dishearten**

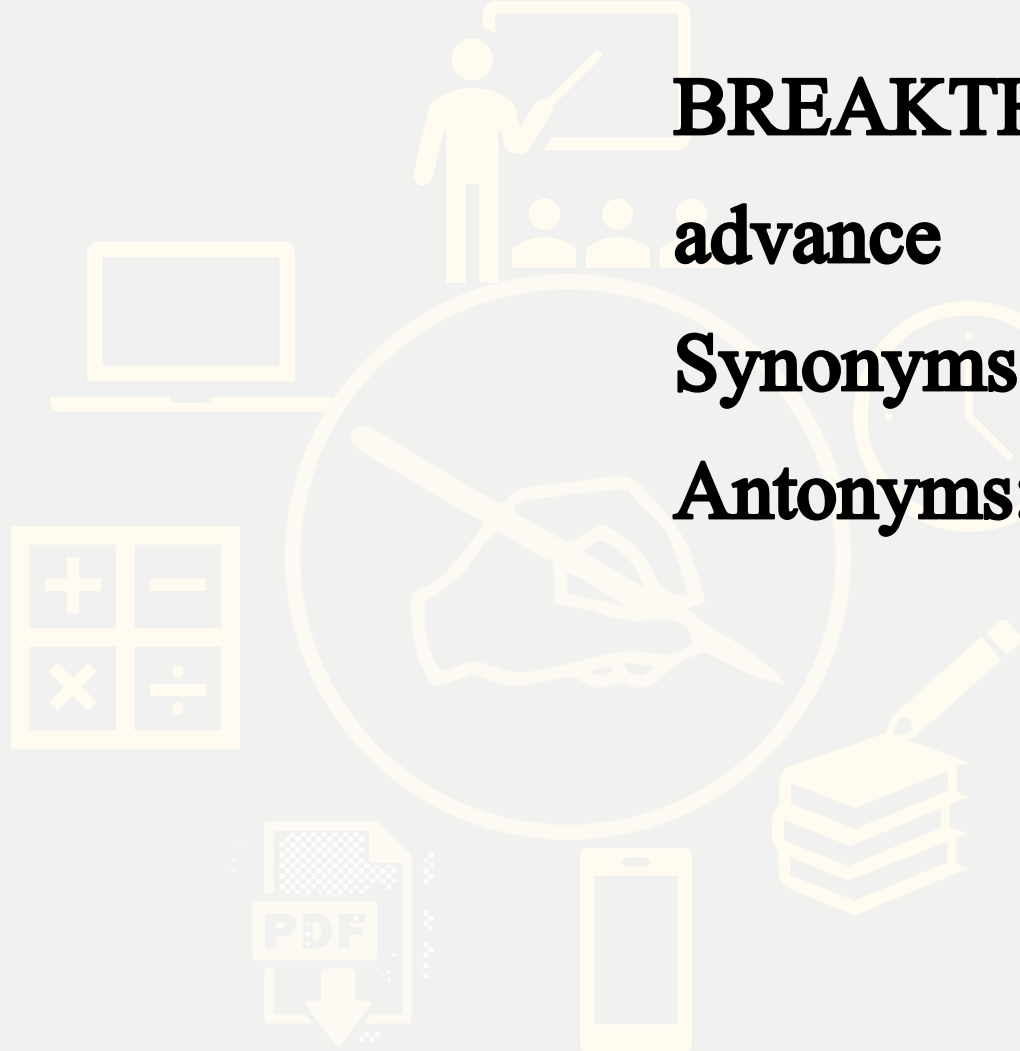


**BREAKTHROUGH (ADJECTIVE): (उन्नत):**

**advance**

**Synonyms: development, step forward**

**Antonyms: setback**





**BENIGN (ADJECTIVE) (सौम्य): kindly**

**Synonyms: kind, warm-hearted**

**Antonyms: unfriendly**



**SLAM (VERB): (टकरा जाना): hit**

**Synonyms: strike, ram**

**Antonyms: miss**



# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for Idioms & Phrases



**1. Play ducks and drakes.**

- A. Play like children**
- B. Play with friends**
- C. To waste time**
- D. To squander money**



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**Answer: Option D**

**2. See eye to eye**

**A. to be against**

**B. to agree**

**C. to pacify**

**D. none of above**



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**Answer: Option B**

### 3. Spartan life

- A. Living life full
- B. Life of ascetic
- C. Live life under someone
- D. Very painful life



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**B) Life of ascetic**

#### 4. Set people by ears

- A. to incite people
- B. to listen carefully
- C. to give long speech
- D. to abuse



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**A) to incite people**



## 5. A stalking horse

- A. To make someone happy
- B. To take order
- C. To follow
- D. Pretense



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**Answer: Option D**

# Time for ANTONYMS



6. Choose the correct antonym for the word “**Accord**”.

- A. Concord
- B. Solution
- C. Dissent
- D. Act



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**Answer: Option (C)**

**Solution: Dissent is the antonym of accord.**

7. Choose the correct antonym for the word  
“**Alive**”.

- A. Drowsy
- B. Dead
- C. Asleep
- D. Passive



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**Answer: Option (B)**

**Solution: Dead is the  
antonym of alive.**

8. Choose the correct antonym for the word  
“**Overt**”.

- A. **Secret**
- B. **Unwritten**
- C. **Deep**
- D. **Shallow**



**Answer: Option (A)**

**Solution: Secret is the  
antonym of overt.**

9. Choose the correct antonym for the word  
“Moist”.

- A. Crisp
- B. Dry
- C. hard
- D. Parched



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**Answer: Option (B)**

**Solution: Dry is the antonym  
of moist.**

10. Choose the correct antonym for the word “**Addition**”.

- A. Division
- B. Multiplication
- C. Enumeration
- D. Subtraction



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**Answer: Option (D)**

**Solution: Subtraction is the antonym of addition.**

# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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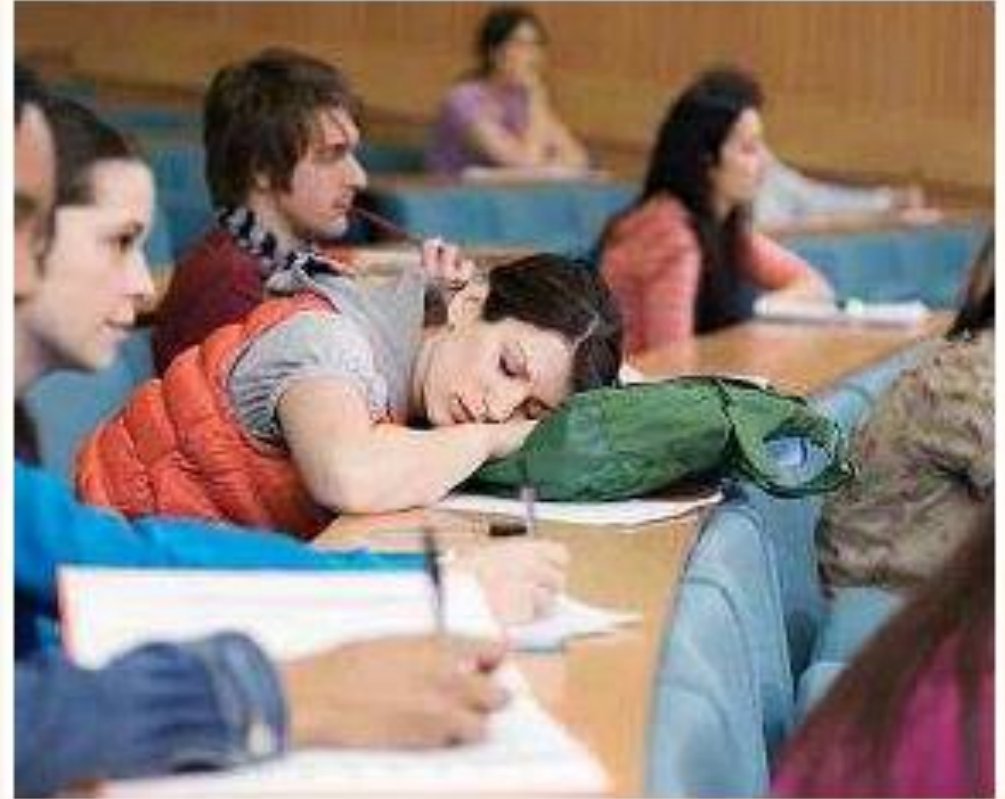


## Maverick



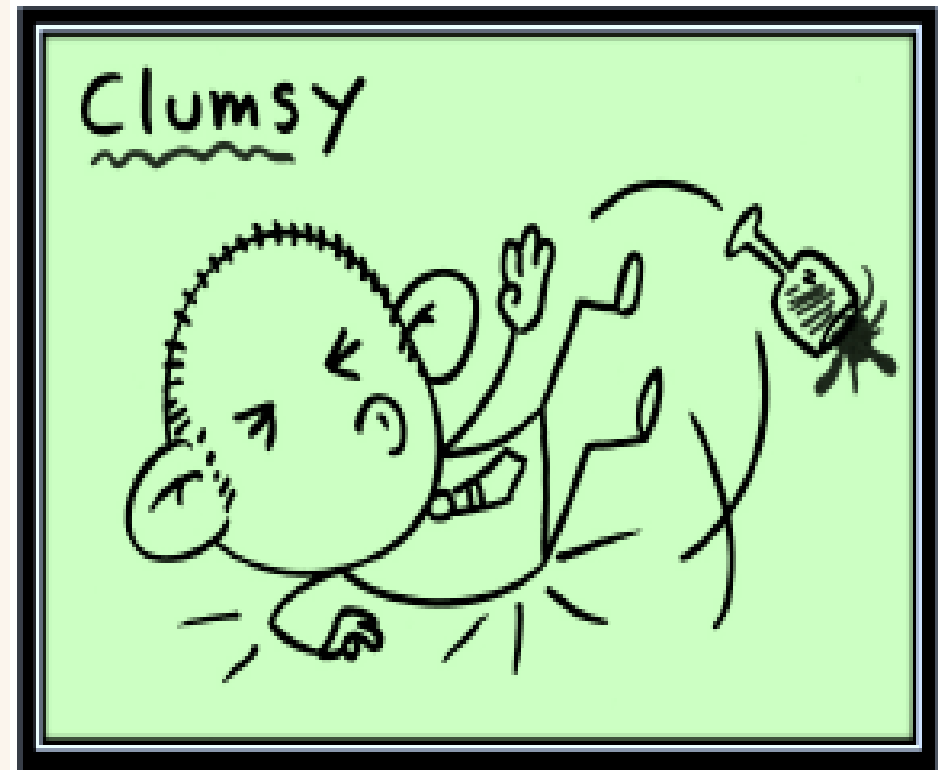
**Definition** a person who does not conform to generally accepted standards or customs

## Vapid



**Definition** Lacking liveliness, animation or interest

## Clumsy




**Definition** moving or doing things in a very awkward way .  
2) done without skill or in a way that offends people ~n

# ENGLISH SPEAKING

## TIPS

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क्या आपको ऊँचा सुनता है |

**Are you hard of hearing.**

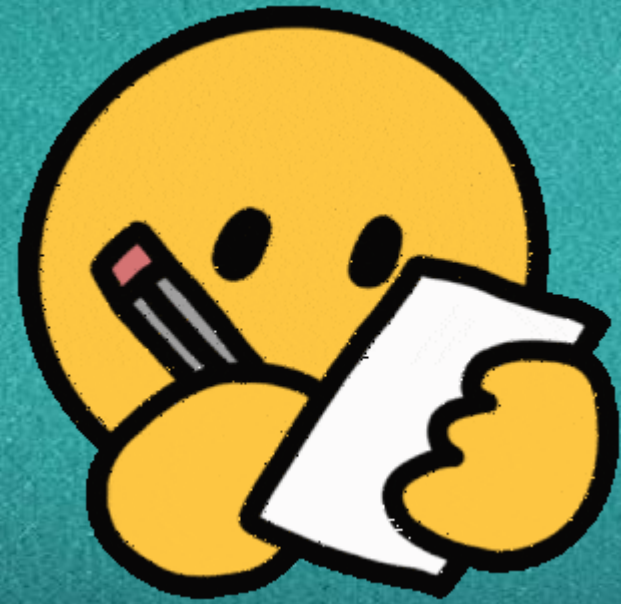
ज़माना गुज़र गया |

**Age have gone by.**

वादे तो होते ही तोडने के लिए हैं |

**Promises are like to prick trust.**

# Homework



# Home Work

**Take the floor**

- A. to dismiss**
- B. take land of someone**
- C. make a speech**
- D. pretence**

# Home Work Answer

They did nothing (1)/ **that was down the**  
(2)/dignity of princes. (3)/No Error (4).



