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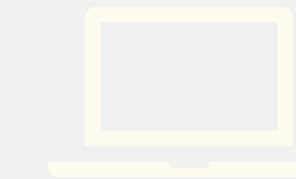
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**THE SECRET OF JOY
IN WORK IS
CONTAINED IN ONE
WORD -
EXCELLENCE. TO
KNOW HOW TO DO
SOMETHING WELL IS
TO ENJOY IT.**

PEARL S. BUCK





TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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GRAMMAR SKILLS

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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Use of elder, older.

‘Elder’ is used for persons of same family.

‘Older’ refers to persons as well as things and is followed by ‘than’.



**(a) Rohan is elder than all other
boys of this area.**

(b) Sohan is his older brother.





GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

When a singular noun and a plural noun are combined by 'OR', 'EITHER- OR 'NEITHER- NOR, the singular noun usually comes first in the sentence and the pronoun must be in the plural number.



A. Either his subordinates or the manager failed in his duty in sending the official message.





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SO IT'S TIME



Let's start



ARTICLE

Afghanistan's Taliban regime not to allow any fencing along Durand Line by Pakistan



ARTICLE

Afghanistan's Taliban **regime** has said that it will not allow **fencing** by Pakistan in any form along the Durand Line, issuing a **stern** warning to Islamabad, amid **escalating** tensions between the neighbouring countries on the **contentious** issue of border fencing, a media report said.

“We [Taliban] will not allow the fencing anytime, in any form. Whatever they [Pakistan] did before, they did, but we will not allow it anymore. There will be no fencing anymore,” Mawllawi Sanaullah Sangin, Commander of the Taliban, told Afghanistan's Tolo News.

Sangin's **sharp** reaction comes following Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi's comments earlier this week, when he said this issue would be resolved peacefully, through **diplomatic** channels.



ARTICLE

“**Certain miscreants** are raising the issue unnecessarily, but we are **looking into** it. We are in contact with the Afghan government. Hopefully, we would be able to resolve the issue diplomatically,” Mr. Qureshi said during a press conference in Islamabad.

The Durand Line, the 2,670-km international border between Afghanistan and Pakistan has **witnessed periodic skirmishes** between forces of these two countries.

Last month, a **clash** was reported along the south-eastern Nimroz **province** after Pakistani forces tried to extend **barbed fences** into the Afghan territory, with the Taliban forces **promptly retaliating by tearing them down.**



ARTICLE

Similarly, on December 22, both sides were at **loggerheads** again, this time along the eastern Nangarhar Province, according to Afghanistan-based Khama Press news agency.

Pakistan has completed almost 90% fencing work along the 2,670-km border despite **protests** from Kabul.

The border, known internationally as the Durand Line, was named after the British civil servant, Mortimer Durrand, who had fixed the limits of British India after **consultation** with the then Afghan government in 1893.



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THE HINDU VOCABULARY



CONFRONT (VERB): (मुक़ाबला करना):

tackle

Synonyms: get to grips with, address

Antonyms: avoid

Example Sentence:

The best thing you can do in an embarrassing situation is to confront it.



RIFE (ADJECTIVE): (फैला हुआ):

widespread

Synonyms: general, common

Antonyms: scarce, unknown





EXACERBATE (VERB): (बदतर

होना): aggravate

Synonyms: worsen, inflame

Antonyms: calm

Example Sentence:

**Their silly attempts to resolve their
misunderstandings exacerbated
matters.**

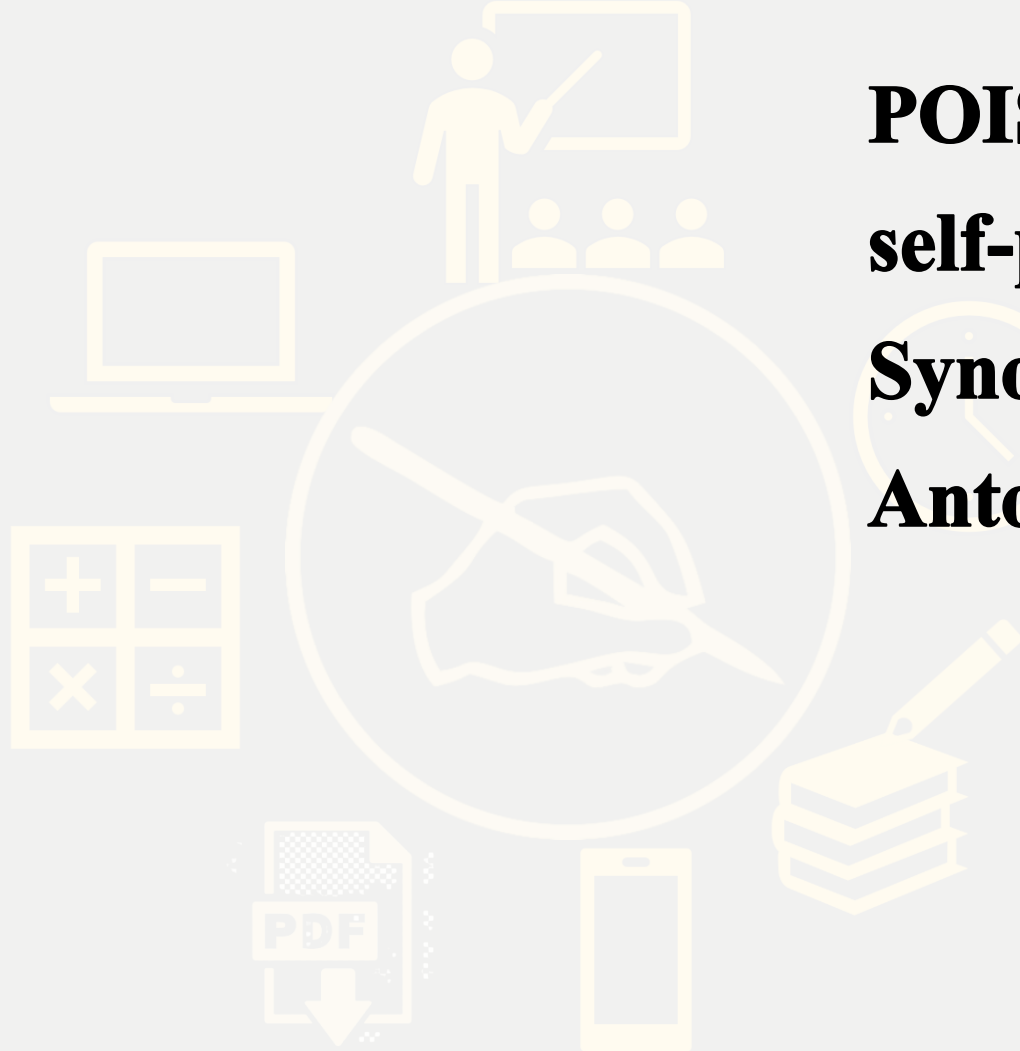


POISED (ADJECTIVE): (शांतचित्त):

self-possessed

Synonyms: self-assured, composed

Antonyms: excited





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LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS



1. To leave someone in the lurch

A. To come to compromise with someone

B. Constant source of annoyance to someone

C. To put someone at ease

D. To desert someone in his difficulties

E. None of these

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Answer: D



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2. **Bare your teeth**

a. To face difficulties

b. To threaten

c. To be humble

d. To contempt

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Answer: b. To threaten



3. To talk shop

a. To talk about interesting facts

b. To talk reasonably

c. To abuse someone

d. To talk about business

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**Answer: d. To talk
about business**



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4. To bear the palm

a. To win

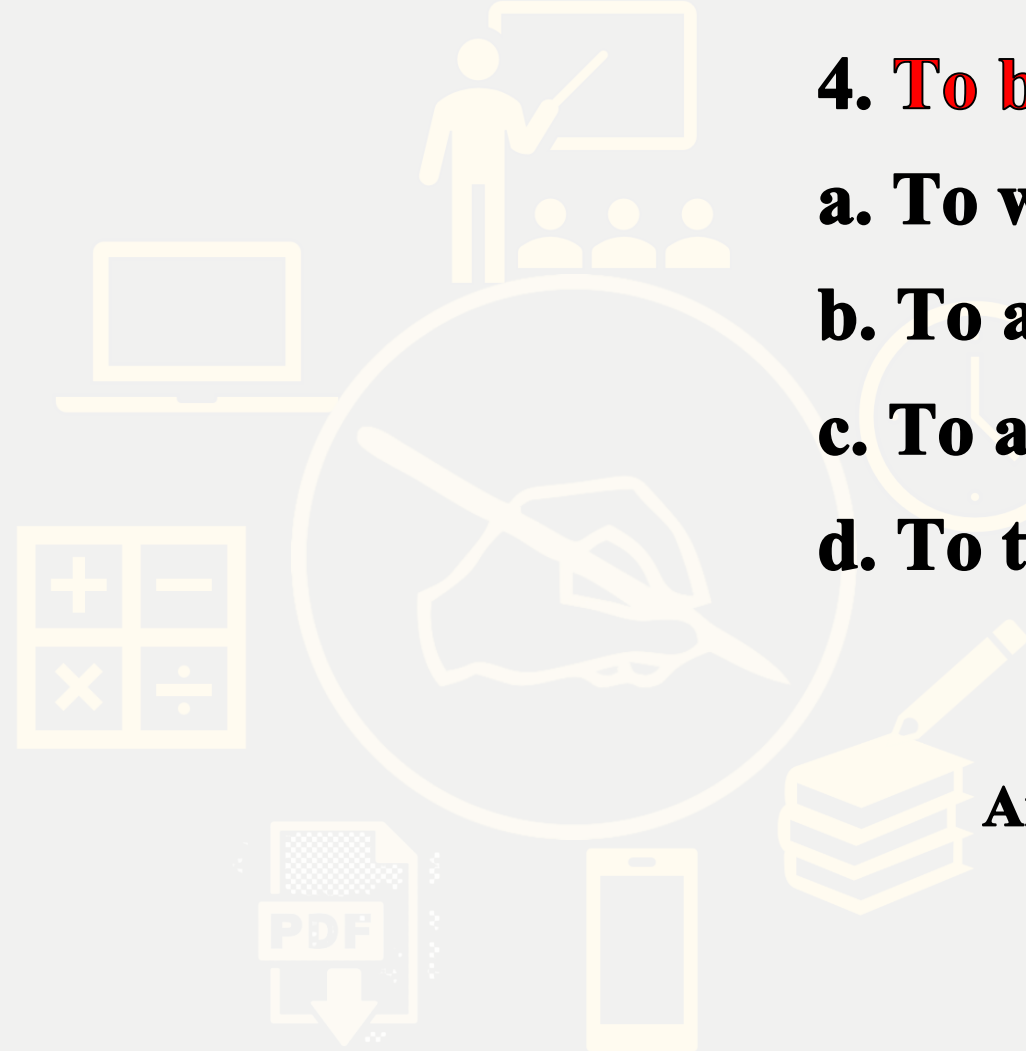
b. To accept failure

c. To accept any challenge

d. To tolerate something

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Answer: a. To win





5. To strike one's colors

a. To fight vigorously

b. To surrender

c. To work hard

d. To make a rude gesture

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**Answer: b. To
surrender**



6. In spite of the immense pressure by the opposition, the ruling party, has decided not to give in.

- a. Conform**
- b. Accede**
- c. Oblige**
- d. Yield**

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Answer: d. Yield



**7. I did not even listen to him, he was
only talking through his hat.**

- a. Talking ignorantly**
- b. Talking non-stop**
- c. Talking garrulously**
- d. Talking nonsense**

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**Answer: d. Talking
nonsense**



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Time for Synonyms





8. **ENGULF**

1. uncover

2. dry

3. inundate

4. neglect

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Solution : 3

**Engulf- to surround, to cover, to
inundate**



9. **FASCINATING**

1. **appealing**

2. **boring**

3. **stupid**

4. **tiring**



Solution : 1

**Fascinating- Captivating, Appealing,
attractive**





10. CONTAMINATE

1. sanctify

2. cleanse

3. purify

4. pollute



Solution : 4

Contaminate – to pollute

Sanctify – to make holy, to purify





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LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Trigger



Definition 1) to make something happen suddenly
2) to cause a device to start functioning

Usage Smoke triggered the fire alarm.



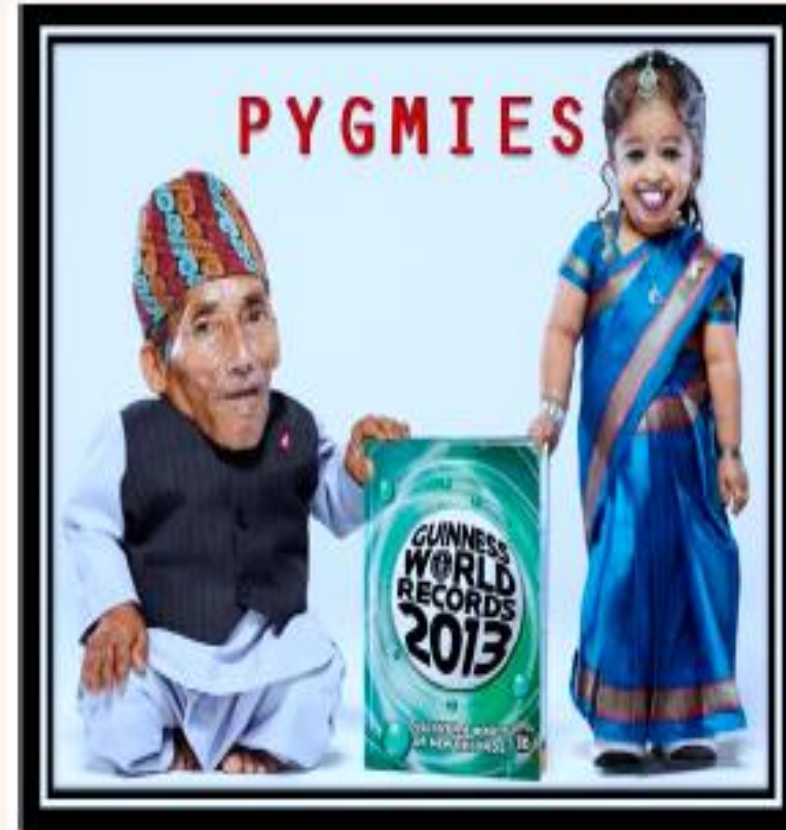
Dexterous



Definition skillful with your hands; having or showing great skill or cleverness

Usage As people grow older they generally become less dexterous

Pygmies



Definition a very small person or thing or one that is weak in some way:

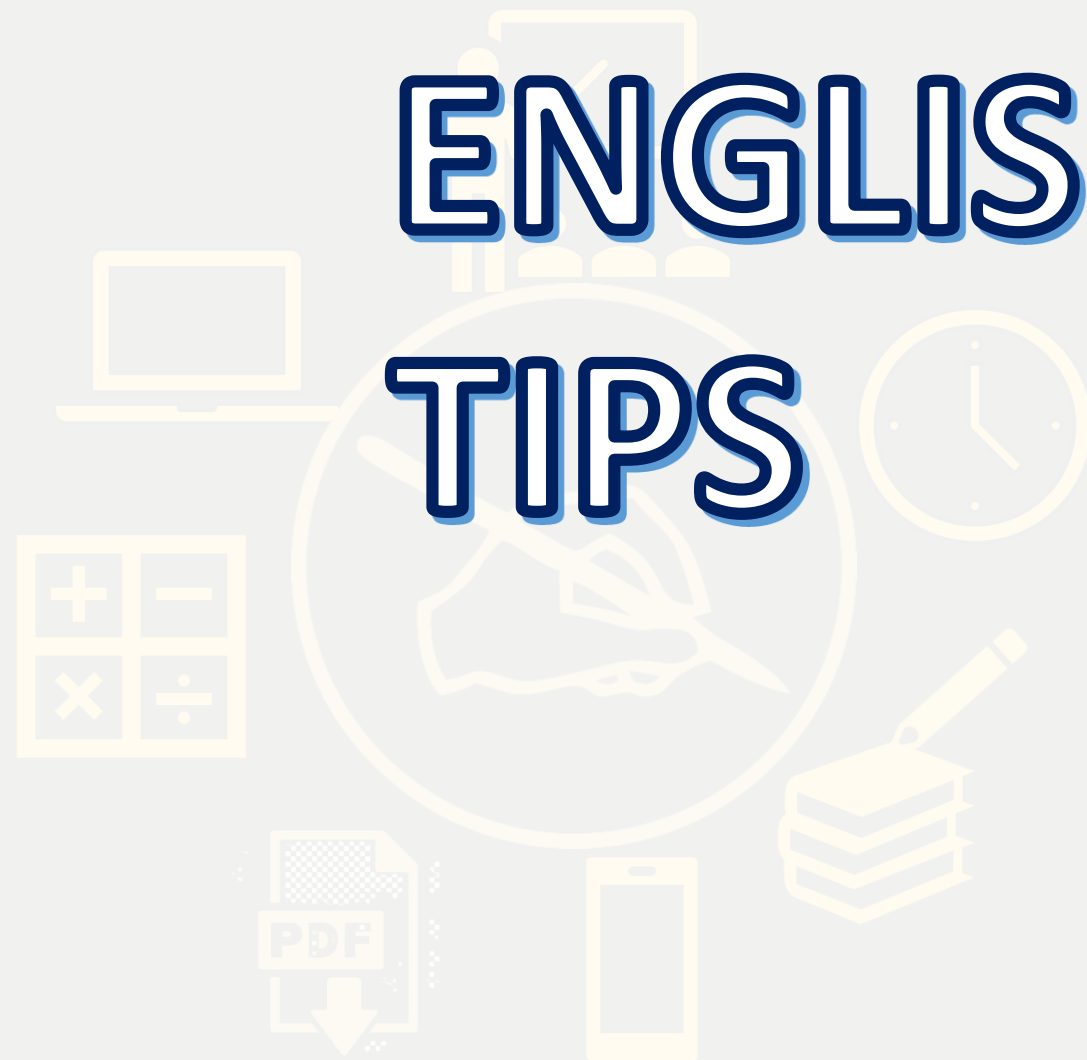


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ENGLISH SPEAKING TIPS

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USE OF GERUND

1. उनका इंतजार करना अब बेमतलब है.
It is useless/pointless waiting for him
now.



USE OF GERUND

2. अंग्रेजी बोलना आसान है, आपको सिर्फ शुरुआत करने की जरूरत है.

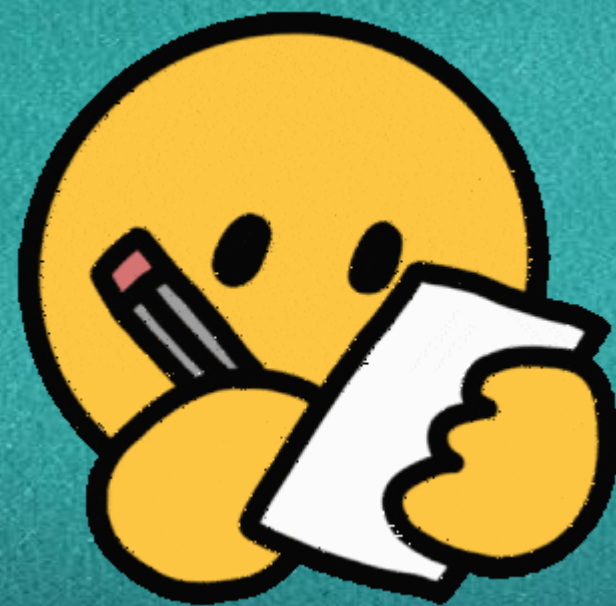
Speaking in English is easy-you only need to start



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3. उसकी सलाह लेना लाभदायक सिद्ध हुआ.
Taking his advice proved to be useful.

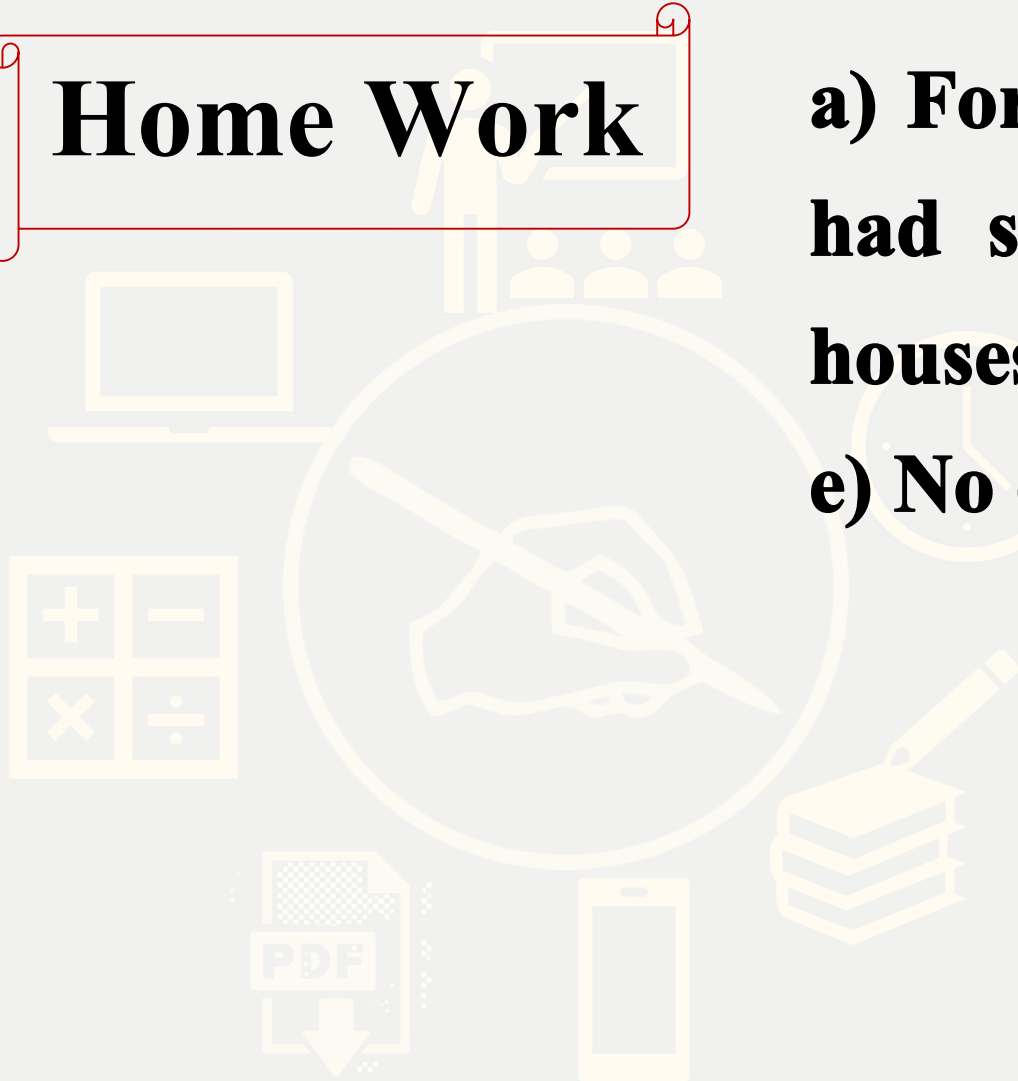
Homework





Home Work

a) For the past one week, / b) people had stop working / c) out of their houses, / d) fearing a sudden attack. / e) No error





Home Work Answer

Synonym of **AGGRAVATE**

- A. Decline
- B. Acquire
- C. Excited
- D. **Irritate**

