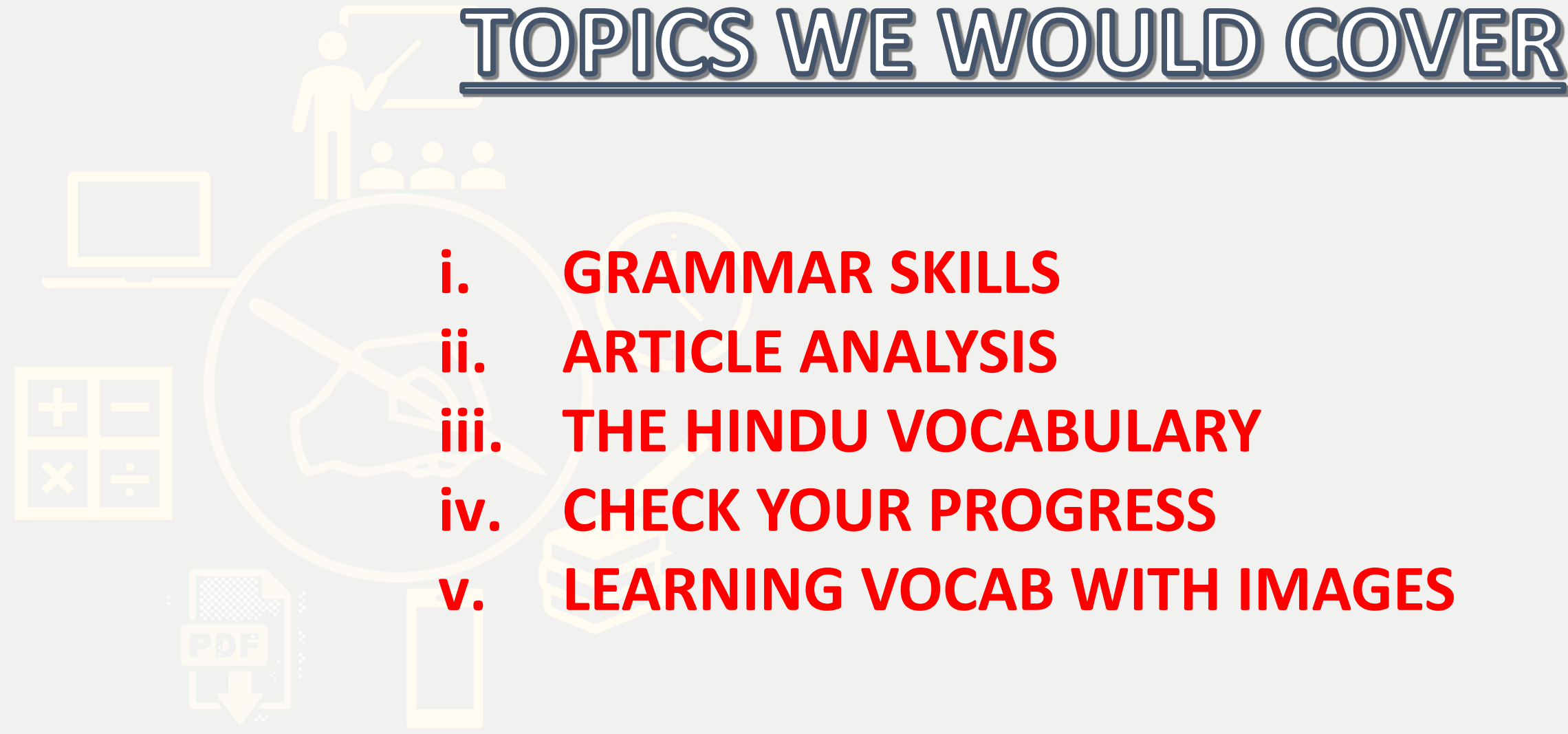Before any beginning, there needs to be a plan of how you are going to get to the end.

Byron Pulsifer

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

i.   **GRAMMAR SKILLS**

ii.   **ARTICLE ANALYSIS**

iii. **THE HINDU VOCABULARY**

iv.   **CHECK YOUR PROGRESS**

v.   **LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES**

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
YOU
READY??

GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Sports and academic subjects do not require articles.

(a) I like to play the baseball.

(b) My sister was always good at the Mathematics.

GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

'Singular Noun + Preposition + same Singular Noun' + Singular Verb

A. **Village after village has been swept away.**

B. **Days after days have passed without any sign of improvement.**

ARTICLE

World's first fishing cat census done in Chilika

The lake has 176 of the globally threatened species

ARTICLE

The Chilika Lake, Asia's largest **brackish water lagoon**, has 176 fishing cats, according to a **census** done by the Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in **collaboration** with the Fishing Cat Project (TFCP). This is the world's first population **estimation** of the fishing cat done outside the protected area network. According to the CDA, phase 1 of the estimation was conducted in 2021 in the 115 sq.km **marshland** in the north and north-eastern section of Chilika and its surrounding areas. Phase 2 was conducted in 2022 in the Parikud side along the **coastal islands** of Chilika. A total of 150 camera traps were **deployed** in two phases with each fixed in the field for 30 days. **Spatially explicit** capture recapture method was used to **analyse** the data, the CDA said in a statement.

ARTICLE

"It was truly **participatory** in spirit since local fishermen and villagers of Chilika were the primary participants in this exercise. Without their support, the world's first such population estimation outside protected areas on this globally **threatened** cat, would not have been possible," said Susanta Nanda, Chief Executive Officer, CDA. "Ten graduate and postgraduate students also **volunteered** during the exercise. Chilika Wildlife Division staff• actively facilitated and participated in the estimation. Such a participatory effort involving multiple **stakeholders** for studying this **elusive** and threatened species sets a wonderful **precedent**," said Partha Dey, co-founder, TFCP.

ARTICLE

The CDA said the globally threatened cats are found in wetlands in major South and Southeast Asian river basins starting from the Indus in Pakistan till the Mekong in Vietnam and in Sri Lanka and Java. They are found in 10 Asian countries but have **stayed undetected** in Vietnam and Java since the last decade or so.

"Wetlands in Asia are being lost at **alarmingly** rapid rates and proper data on their current status or even baseline data are missing. The status of many wetland species remains understudied and highly threatened. **Tracking** specialist species such as the fishing cat gives us an **indication** of what might be happening to these ecosystems, which are **safeguards** against climate change and droughts," said Tiasa Adhya, the co-founder of TFCP.

THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

The Hindu Vocabulary

DETRIMENT (NOUN): (हानि):
harm
Synonyms: damage, injury
Antonyms: benefit

The Hindu Vocabulary

**RECURRENT (ADJECTIVE)
(आवर्तक): repeated
Synonyms:** recurring,
repetitive
Antonyms: isolated

The Hindu Vocabulary

REINFORCE (VERB): (सुदृढ बनाना): strengthen

Synonyms: fortify, buttress

Antonyms: weaken

The Hindu Vocabulary

FLURRY (NOUN): (लहर): spate

Synonyms: wave, flood

Antonyms: dearth

Time for
IDIOMS

1. **To drive home**

A. to find one's roots

B. back to original position

C. to emphasize

D. to return home

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C. to emphasize

2. To be the question

A. to take for granted

B. to refer to

C. to raise objections

D. to be discussed

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A. to take for granted

3. To set one's face against

A. to judge by appearance

B. to get out of difficulty

C. to oppose with determination

D. to look at one steadily

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C. to oppose with determination

4. To hold something in leash

A. to restrain

B. to disappoint

C. to discourage

D. to dismiss

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A. to restrain

5. **To kick up a row**

A. avoided the issue

B. gave strict orders

C. gave a kick in the air

D. made a great fuss

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D. made a great fuss

Time for
Phrase Replacement

6. Will you kindly <u>open</u> the knot?

A. untie

B. break

C. loose

D. No improvement

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A. untie

7. He <u>sent a word</u> to me that he would be coming late.

A. sent words

B. had sent a word

C. sent word

D. No improvement

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B. had sent a word

8. We are looking forward to <u>hear</u> from you.

A. hearing

B. have heard

C. listen

D. No improvement

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A. hearing

9. You are warned <u>against committing</u> the same mistake again.

A. to commit

B. for committing

C. against to commit

D. No improvement

D. No improvement

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10. She says she's already paid me back, but I can't remember, so I'll have to take her word.

A. to take her word true

B. to take her word for it

C. to take her at her word

D. No improvement

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C. to take her at her word

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

ARE YOU READY??

Up in the

up in the air means that things are uncertain or unsure.

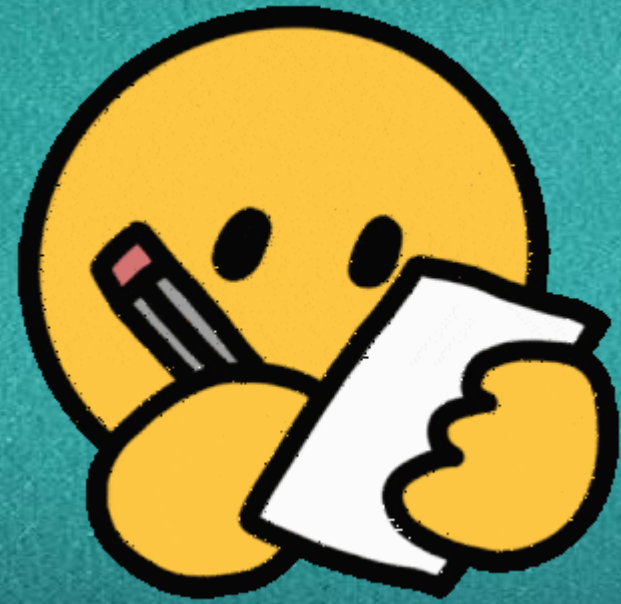His plans are up in the air.

On the ball

If you're on the ball it means that you're very quick to understand certain things, very prepared for something or react quickly (and correctly) to a situation.

Look like a million

If someone tells you that you look like a million dollars, you should take it as a huge compliment because it means you look absolutely fabulous and really attractive.

Homework

Home Work

Answer

Wrangle over an ass shadow

A. to quarrel over the trifles

B. to be happy together

C. to play

D. to watch something together

Home Work

This is the sports person(A) / whom I think has won(B)/the much coveted prize. (C) / No error(D)