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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**

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Life isn't about  
waiting for the  
STORM to pass.  
It's about  
learning how  
to Dance  
in the  
rain.



# TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

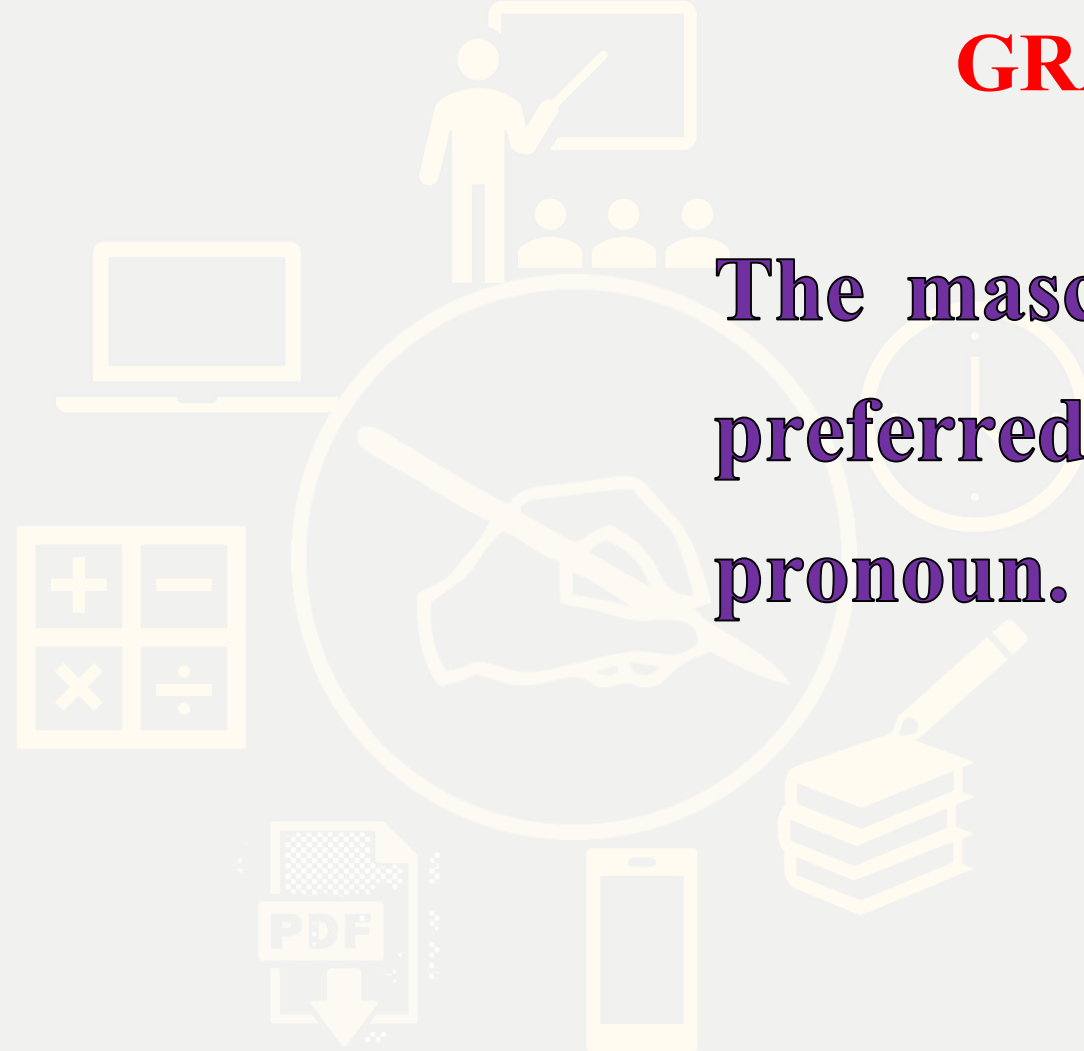
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# GRAMMAR SKILLS

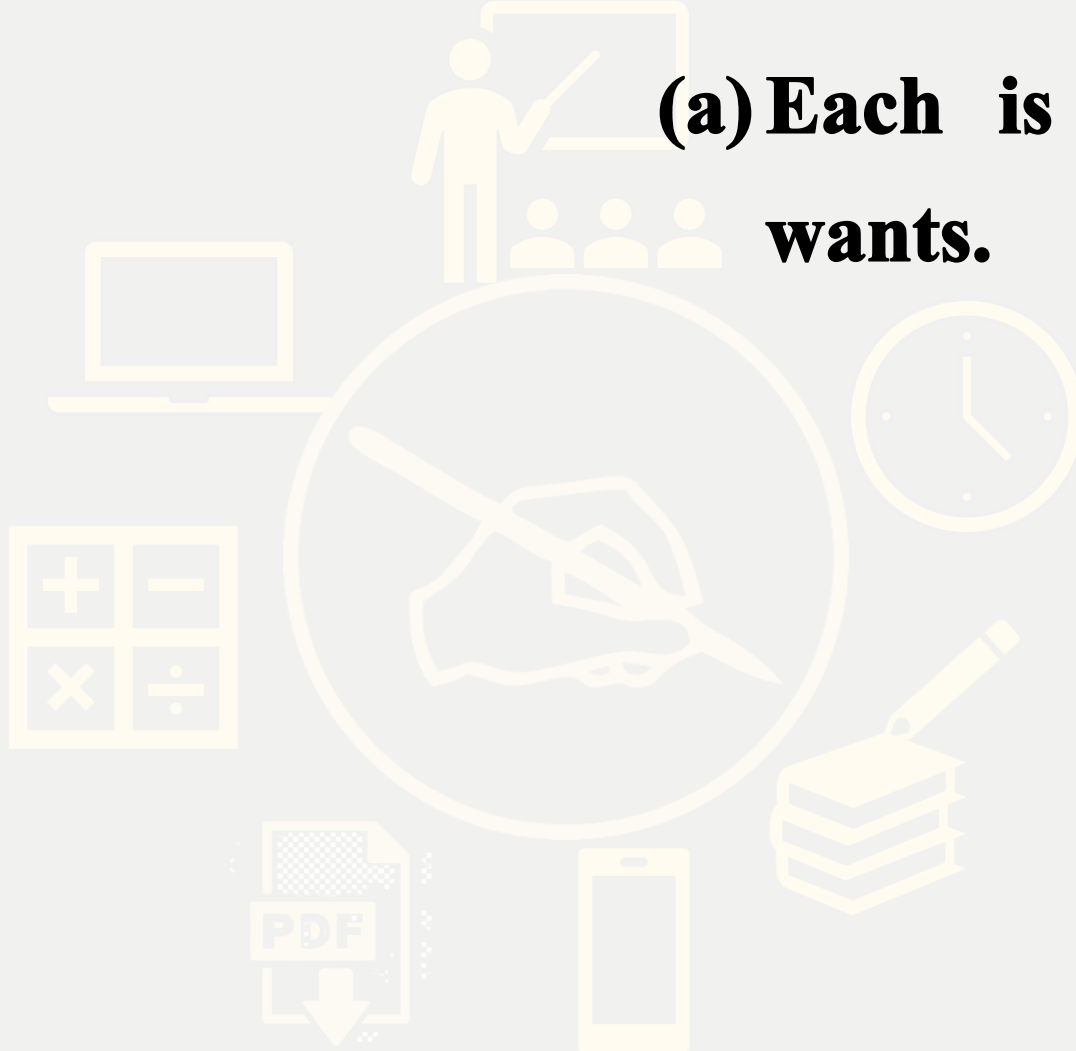
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## GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

The masculine gender should be preferred in case of an indefinite pronoun.



**(a) Each is free to eat whatever she wants.**



## GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

**'None' is used as both singular and plural.**



**A. Each was having a pen but none were having a copy.**

**B. I get to see several people daily but none was seen today.**





# SO IT'S TIME

**Let's start**



# ARTICLE

## **A safety net for students abroad**

Agreements that oblige host countries to ensure the welfare of Indian students during crises should be given importance



# ARTICLE

For centuries, from Mahatma Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru to Amartya Sen and Manmohan Singh, Indians have gone abroad to pursue higher education. Before the **onset** of the pandemic, more than 7,50,000 Indian students were studying abroad, spending \$24 billion in foreign **economies**, which is around 1% of India's GDP. The number is expected to rise to around 1.8 million by 2024 when our students will be spending nearly \$80 billion outside India. Demand is **soaring** for various reasons, including the gap in India's supply of quality education against the demand. With more than half the Indian population under the age of 25, and no Indian university in the world's top 100, it is **natural** that **aspirational** students would look to study abroad.

# ARTICLE

Sushma Swaraj, as External Affairs Minister, referred to Indians abroad as “brand ambassadors”. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson call Indians in the U.K. the “**living bridge**” between both countries. We celebrate the achievements of Sundar Pichai and Satya Nadella. Yet, one has to only look at social media or hear some **conversations** to realise how much **contempt** a section of Indians shares towards those studying abroad. While such opinions do make some noise, the larger benefits in terms of soft power, knowledge transfer and **remittances** that come back to India render such noise **baseless**. It is **estimated** that around 20,000 Indian students were **stranded** in Ukraine. The work of the Union government, complemented by the efforts of some active State governments, is aimed at bringing our fellow citizens back home.

# ARTICLE

## Mandating protection

Given a proper **ecosystem**, Indian students can **significantly contribute** to India's development by transferring advanced knowledge and best practices. They are **consumers** of higher education abroad, and guests of the nations they reside in. It is only natural then for us to mandate protection of our people abroad by ensuring that host countries take on this responsibility. The Indian government should **proactively** create a safety net for the international students. International agreements that **oblige** host countries to ensure the welfare of Indian students during times of crises and **contingencies** should be given **paramount** importance. The trade agreements India is currently **negotiating** with the U.K. and Australia make for great opportunity to do so.



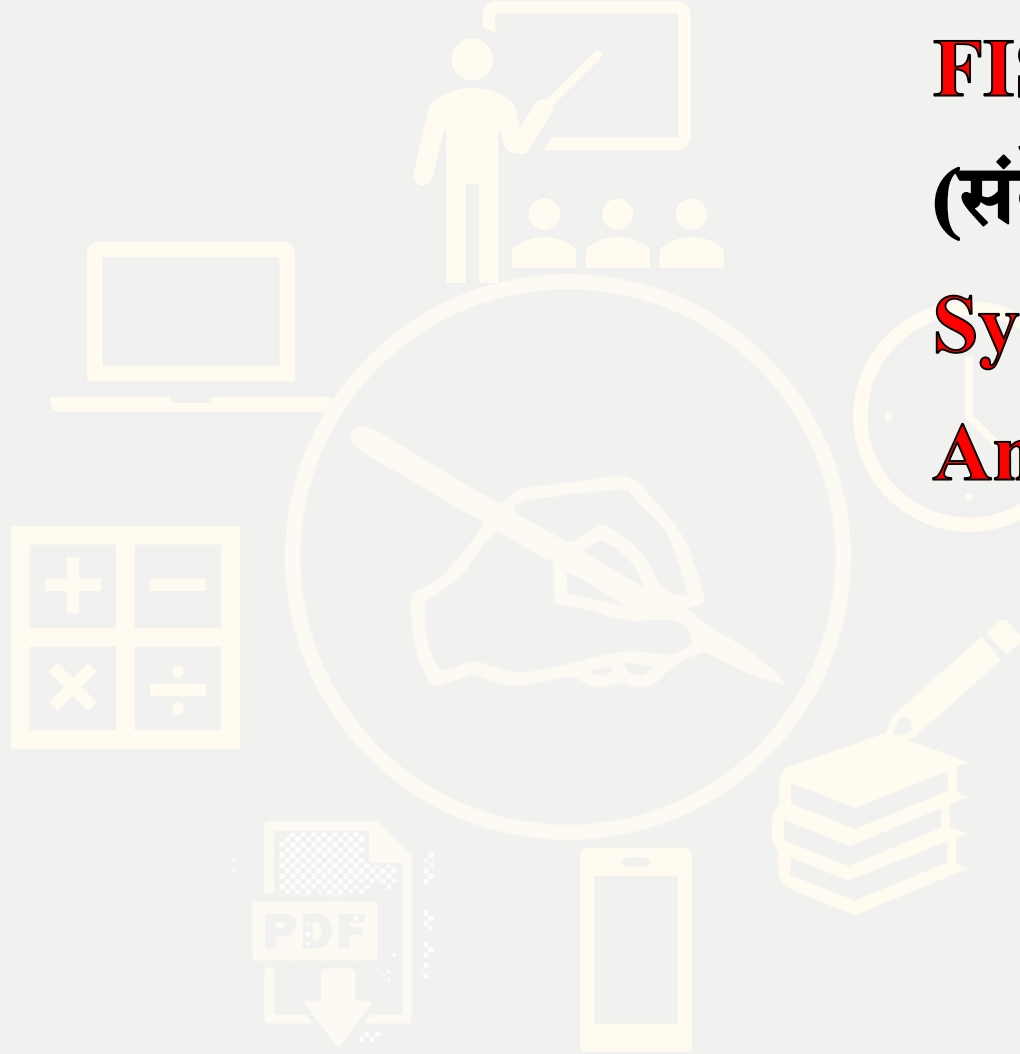
**THE HINDU**  
**VOCABULARY**

**FISHY** (ADJECTIVE):

(संदेहजनक): **dubious**

**Synonyms:** doubtful, suspicious

**Antonyms:** truthful, aboveboard

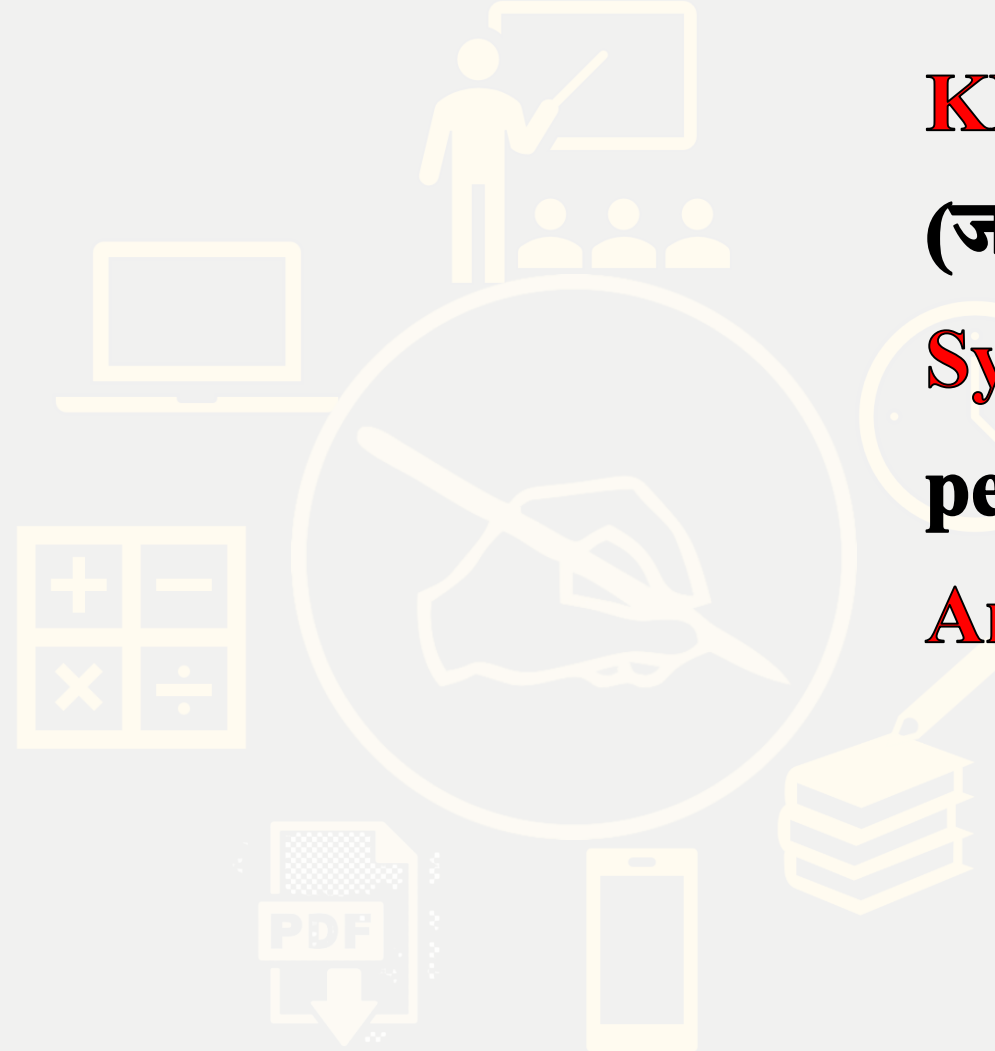


**KNOTTY** (ADJECTIVE):

(जटिल): troublesome

**Synonyms:** mystifying,  
perplexing

**Antonyms:** easy, facile





**KNAVE (NOUN): (दुष्ट):**

**fraud**

**Synonyms: miscreant, rogue**

**Antonyms: hero, angel**



**LUDICROUS****(ADJECTIVE):****(ऋटपटांग): absurd****Synonyms: bizarre, comical****Antonyms: normal, ordinary**

# LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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# Time for SYNONYMS

**1. SOLE**

**(A) important**

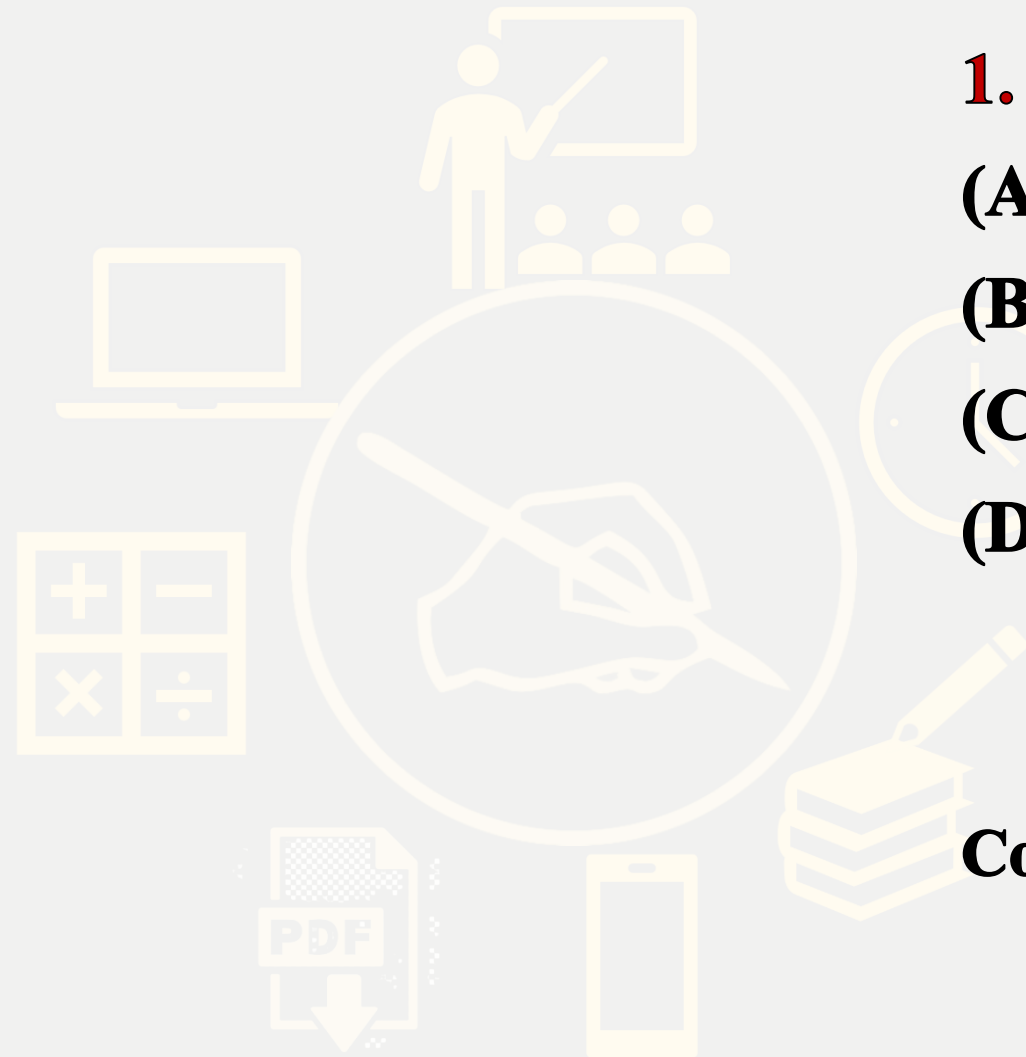
**(B) immediate**

**(C) only**

**(D) principal**



**Correct Answer : C**



**2. YEARN**

**(A) confront**

**(B) crave**

**(C) deny**

**(D) accept**



**Correct Answer : B**



### 3. ERRAND

- (A) mistake
- (B) blunder
- (C) energy
- (D) task



**Correct Answer : D**

## 4. NARCISSISM

(A) self - admiration

(B) rude behaviour

(C) unpleasant behaviour

(D) self - condemnation



**Correct Answer : A**



5) **DUPLICITY**

(A) cleverness

(B) repetition

(C) artlessness

(D) deceit



**Correct Answer : D**

# Time for IDIOMS



6) **Get into a row**

- A) Getting a right path
- B) Giving unwanted advice
- C) Seeking the help
- D) Picking up a fight

**Correct Answer: D**



7) **Cold comfort**

A) Absurdity

B) Deception

C) Slight satisfaction

D) Foolish proposal



**Correct Answer: C**

8) **Cut and dry**

A) Simple

B) Honest

C) Ready made

D) Understandable



**Correct Answer: C**

9) **Stood ground**

A) Knelt

B) Surrendered

C) Kept standing

D) Refused to yield



**Correct Answer: D**

10) **Cry over spilt milk**

A) To slip and spill milk

B) Complain about an event that cannot be changed

C) Worrying about the milk that was spilled

D) To cry having a glass of milk

**Correct Answer: B**

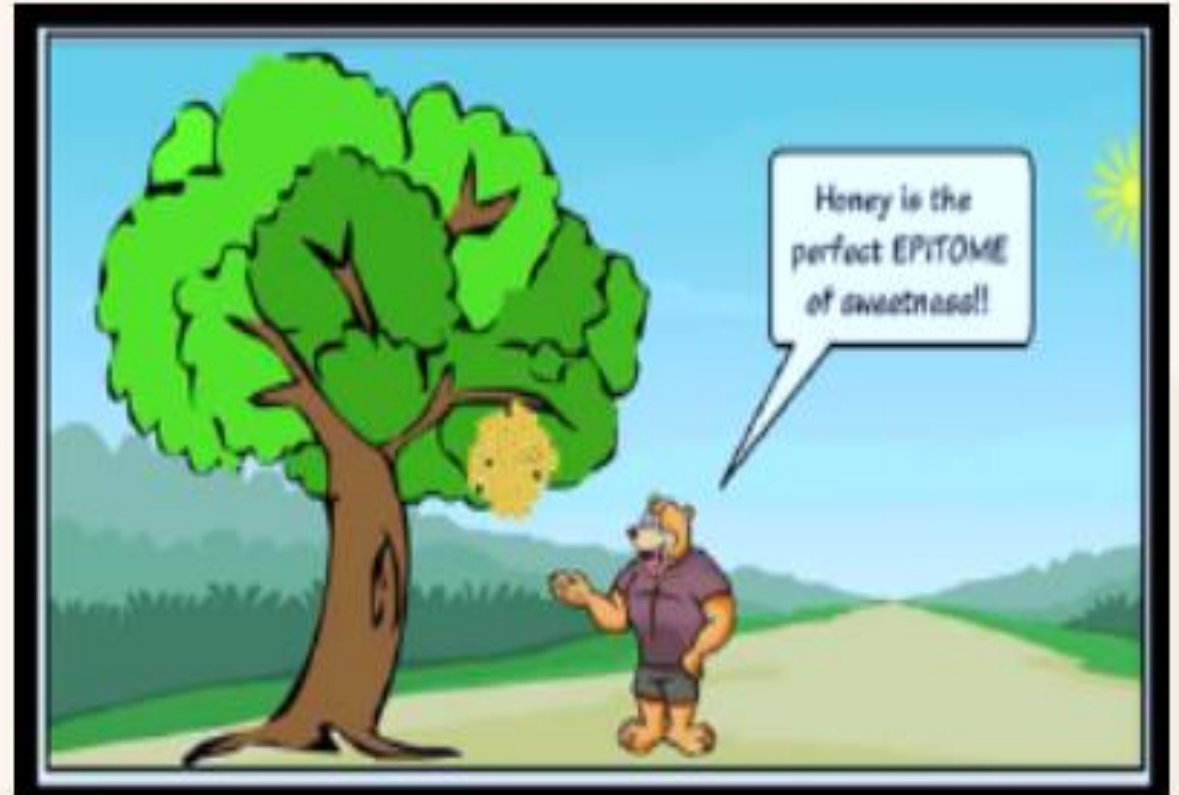


# LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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## Epitome



**Definition** a perfect example of something

## Elevate



**Definition** to give someone or something a higher position or rank, often more important than they deserve

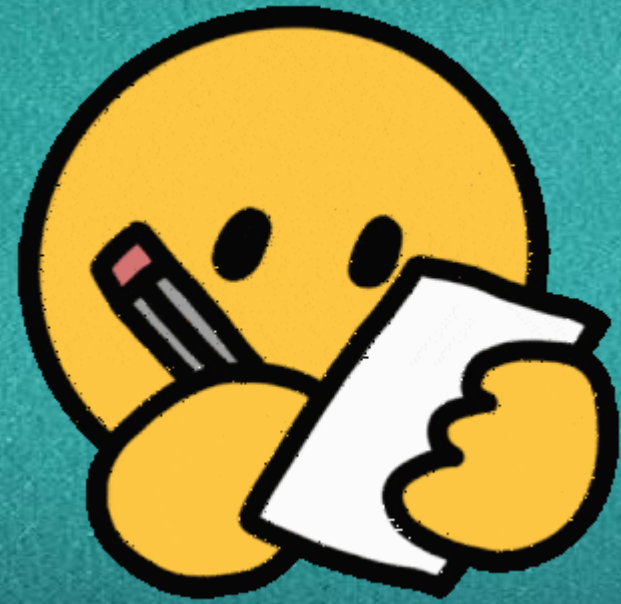
## Foment



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**Definition** to create trouble or violence or make it worse

# Homework



# Home Work

I Cannot help but had to cry at his sad story.

- 1) cry
- 2) cried
- 3) was crying
- 4) no improvement

# Home Work Answer

Country has to deal with its immediate neighbours with \_\_\_\_\_ and sensitivity.

- A. prudence**
- B. prudent**
- C. carelessness**
- D. careful**
- E. prompt**

