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Grammar

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“

We become
what we
think about.

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TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

**Had better, had rather , had as soon ... as ...
, had sooner etc. are followed by Bare
Infinitive.**



(a) He had better to go now.

**(b) I would rather to buy a scooter than
cycle**



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

When but is used as a Preposition and preceded by any form of the Verb do, then but is followed with Bare Infinitive.



A. He did nothing but to wander.

B. Ramesh did nothing but to laugh.



SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

How much more will petrol prices increase in India

While the prices may continue to rise, the quantum of the increase may come down in the coming days



ARTICLE

Latest data show that the **incremental rise** in petrol prices in the last 17 days may continue for some more time. However, with the **crude oil** prices **softening** from the highs recorded in March, and the **exchange rate** improving **slightly**, the degree of the rise in retail petrol prices may reduce in the coming days. But **meaningful reduction** in **retail prices** can only be expected if the government cuts the Centre's **excise duty** component further. In the last 17 days, the retail petrol prices were **revised** upwards 14 times. From ₹95.41 on March 21, the retail petrol price in Delhi increased to ₹105.41 by April 7. In other metros such as Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, the prices reached record levels of ₹120.51, ₹115.12 and ₹110.85 per litre, respectively, depending on the State's taxes.

ARTICLE

Why are the prices rising?

After Deepavali on November 4, 2021, the price of petrol did not increase for over 138 days until March 22. Around Deepavali, the central excise duty was cut. This was later followed up by a **reduction** of Value Added Tax (VAT) in some States. After these two tax cuts, the retail petrol prices **stayed** put for a long time, likely **owing to** the Assembly elections in five States: Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur, and Uttarakhand. The excise duty cut in November became necessary as crude oil prices were rising at the time. Between September and November last year, crude oil prices (Indian basket) increased from \$70.6/barrel to \$83.6/ barrel. And this had an **impact** on the retail price, which increased from ₹101.34/litre to ₹109.69/litre during that period in Delhi. The tax cuts brought the price down to ₹95.41 and the retail price stayed put thereafter.

ARTICLE

However, after January 2022, crude prices **soared** again and the exchange rate fell, **driving up import costs**. Between January and March 2022, crude prices (Indian basket) increased from \$77/barrel to \$102/barrel. They peaked at \$128/barrel on March 9. On March 24, crude prices recorded a relatively smaller peak of \$117. During that period, the exchange rate also **weakened** from ₹74.51 to ₹75.81. Thus, from January, while crude prices increased and the exchange rate fell, retail petrol prices stayed put, most likely due to the Assembly elections, **leading to an imbalance**. Oil marketing companies were possibly **informally** asked not to increase the retail prices and bear the additional costs during this period. And therefore, to correct this imbalance, the retail prices have been raised several times after March 22.



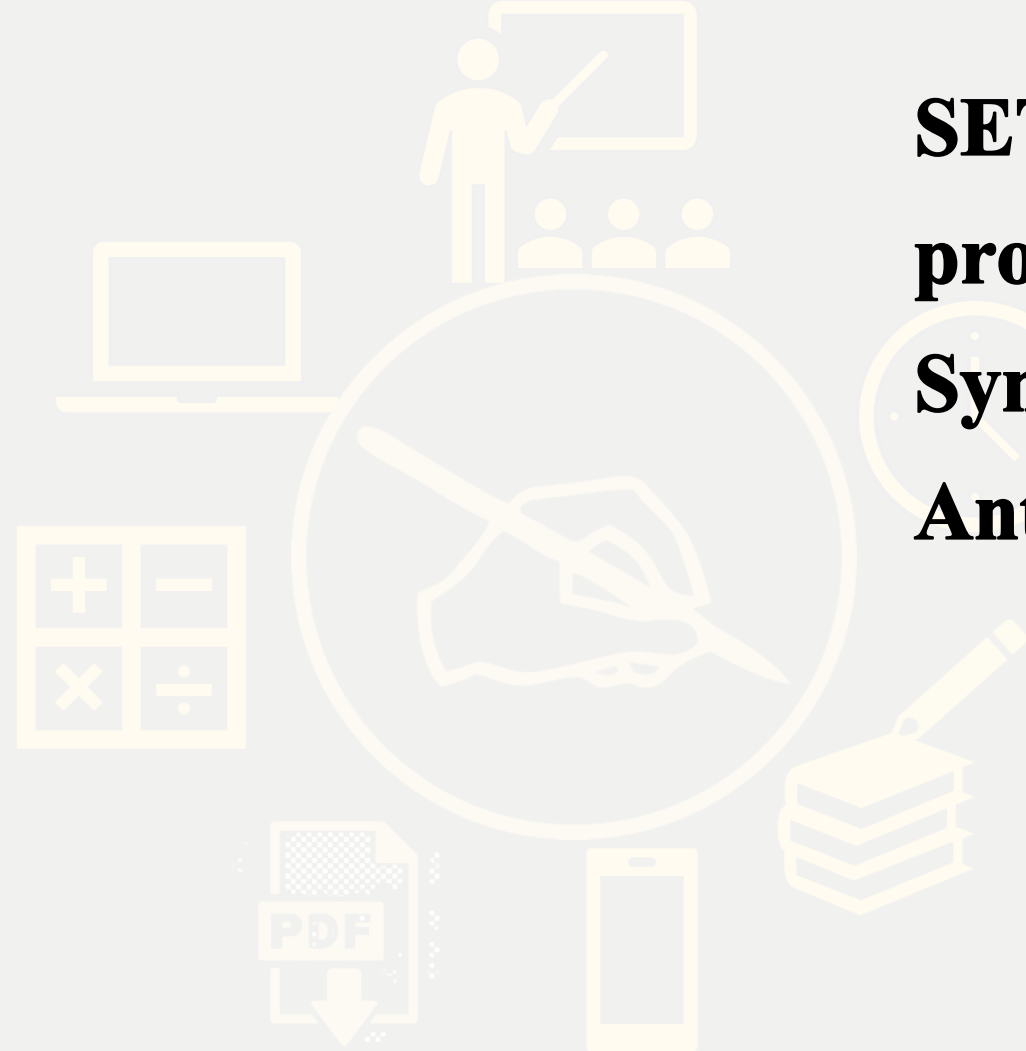
THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

SETBACK (NOUN): (बाधा):

problem

Synonyms: difficulty, issue

Antonyms: breakthrough



FALLOW (ADJECTIVE):

(परती, बिना जोती बोई भूमि):

uncultivated

Synonyms: un-ploughed,

untilled

Antonyms: cultivated



DISRUPT (VERB): (बिगाड़ना):

distort

Synonyms: damage, buckle

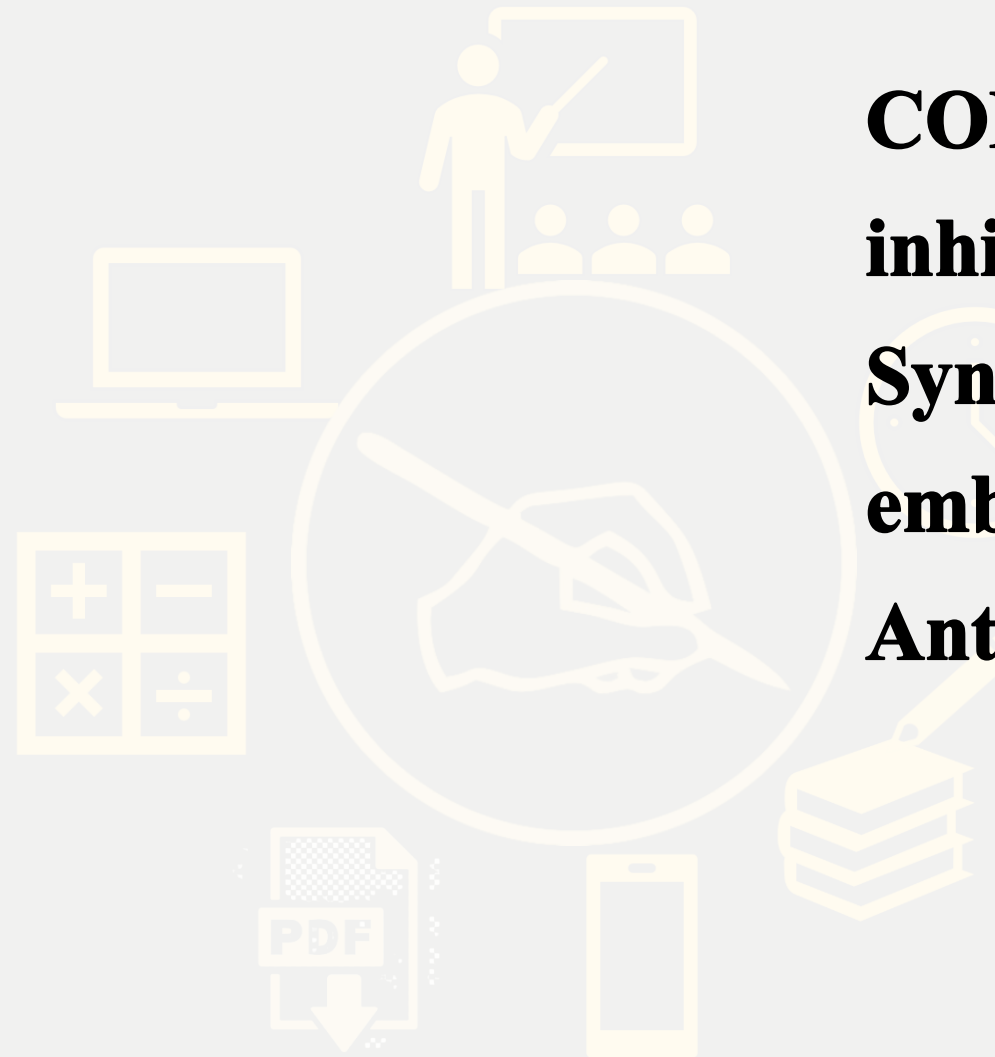
Antonyms: organize

CONSTRAINT (NOUN): (प्रतिबंध):

inhibition

**Synonyms: uneasiness,
embarrassment**

Antonyms: openness



LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Obliterate



Definition: to remove all signs of something, either by destroying or covering it completely

Extravagant



Definition: spending a lot more money, or using a lot more of something, than you can afford or than is necessary

Relinquish



Definition: to stop having something, especially when this happens unwillingly

LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for Idioms & Phrases



1. The administration found it difficult to cope with the striking employees.

- a) handle**
- b) compromise**
- c) subdue**
- d) move**

Solution: a) handle



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2. Gopi works by fits and starts.

a) in high spirits

b) irregularly

c) enthusiastically

d) consistently



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Solution: b) irregularly

3. He has resigned his job and **burnt his boats** as far as government service is concerned.

- a) ruined himself
- b) blasted his hopes
- c) left no means of retreat
- d) felt dejected



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Solution: c) left no means of retreat

4. There is **no love lost** between any two neighboring countries in the world.

- a) forming a group
- b) not on good terms
- c) have good understanding
- d) stop loving



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Solution: b) not on good terms

5. When the Inspector entered the class some of the students **shook in their shoes.**

a) trembled With fear

b) showed signs of anger

c) stood up to salute

d) stamped the ground with their shoes



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Solution: a) trembled With fear

6. They have made many changes in the policy, but how many of these changes are going to affect **the man in the street?**

- a) the man who works on the street .**
- b) the ordinary man**
- c) the man who repairs roads**
- d) the homeless man**



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Solution: b) the ordinary man

7. The traffic **came to a standstill after the heavy downpour of rain.**

- a) diversion**
- b) accident spot**
- c) confused disorder**
- d) complete halt**



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Solution: d) complete halt

8. Unless you grease his palms he will not do your work.

- a) beat him**
- b) flatter him**
- c) bribe him**
- d) talk to him**



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Solution: c) bribe him

9. To add fuel to the fire

a) to bring matters to a conclusion

b) to cause additional anger

c) to start a revolt

d) to make matters bright

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Solution: b) to cause additional anger

**10. A few days before his death, he
made a clean breast of everything.**

- a) suffered**
- b) took off his shirt**
- c) spoke ill**
- d) confessed**



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Solution: d) confessed

Homework





Home Work

A white elephant

- a) a costly but useless possession**
- b) an expensive gift**
- c) a worthless thing**
- d) a rare species of elephants**

Home Work Answer

To practise any art properly require
extraordinarily patience especially at
the beginning.

- (1) required extraordinarily patient
- (2) requires extraordinary patience
- (3) requiring extraordinary patience
- (4) requiring extraordinarily patient
- (5) No change required

