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THE HINDU

Editorial Analysis

Grammar

Reading Skills

Vocab

Spoken English

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“

Education is
the passport to the
future, for tomorrow
belongs to those
who prepare for
it today.

- Malcolm X

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER

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

GRAMMAR SKILLS

ARE
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GRAMMAR SKILL - 1

Above and below merely denote position while over and under also carry a sense of covering or movement.

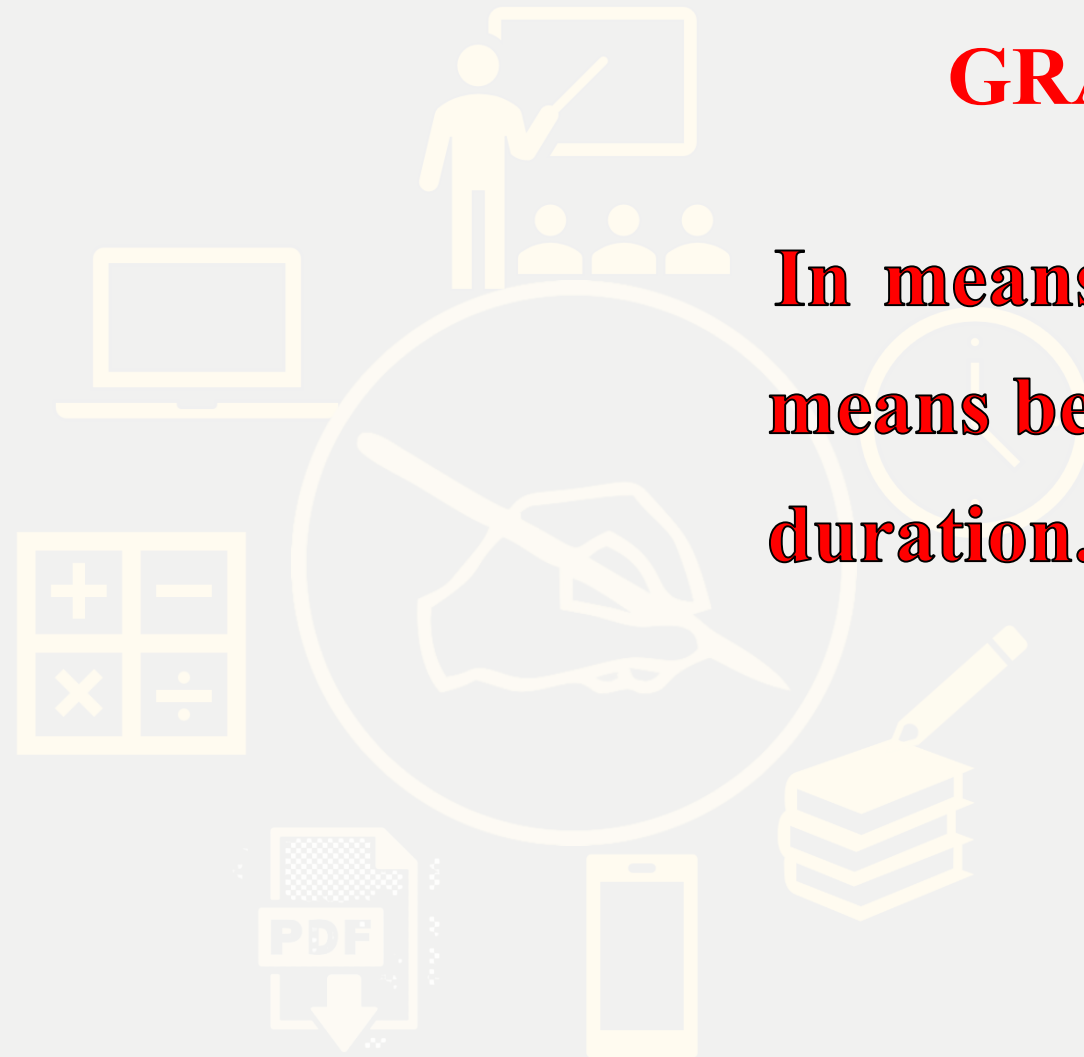
(a) The bird flew above the lake.

**(b) Shoes were kept under the
almirah.**



GRAMMAR SKILL - 2

In means at the end of, while within means before the end of, the said time duration.



A. We left at 5 o'clock expecting to come back in an hour and watch the 6 o'clock movie.



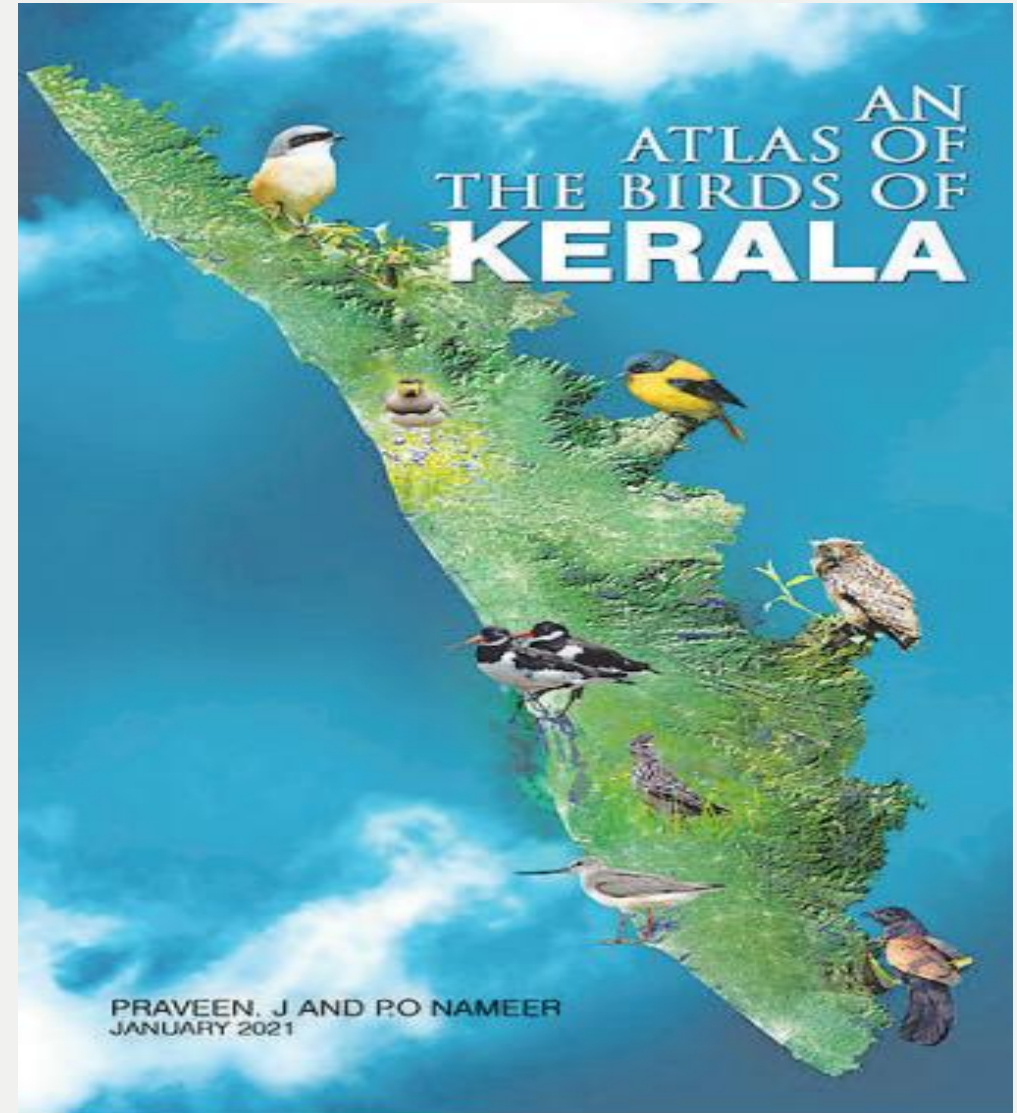
SO IT'S TIME

Let's start



ARTICLE

Kerala gets its first ever scientific bird atlas



ARTICLE

The Kerala Bird Atlas (KBA), the first -of-its-kind State-level bird atlas in India, has created **solid baseline** data about the distribution and **abundance** of bird species across all major **habitats**, giving an **impetus** to futuristic studies.

Conducted as a citizen science-driven exercise with the participation of over 1,000 **volunteers** of the birdwatching community, the KBA has been prepared based on systematic surveys held twice over 60 days a year during the wet (July to September) and dry (January to March) seasons between 2015 and 2020.

The KBA accounts for nearly three lakh records of 361 species, **including** 94 very **rare species**, 103 rare species, 110 common species, 44 very common species, and 10 most abundant species.

ARTICLE

“The KBA offers **authentic**, consistent and comparable data through random **sampling** from the **geographical terrain split into** nearly 4,000 grids. We are in the process of **bringing out** papers on interesting trends based on a scientific analysis of solid data besides making futuristic **predictions**. It will be exciting to undertake a similar exercise between 2025 and 2030, giving an insight into the changes in the decade since the first KBA,” says P.O. Nameer, one of the State-level coordinators of the KBA. It is arguably Asia’s largest bird atlas in terms of geographical **extent**, sampling effort and species coverage derived from the **aggregation** of 25,000 checklists. It was found that the species count was higher during the dry season than in the wet season while species **richness** and **evenness** were higher in the northern and central districts than in the southern districts.

ARTICLE

Most of the **endemics** were **concentrated** in the Western Ghats while the **threatened** species were mostly along the coast. The KBA is considered to be a valuable resource for testing various **ecological hypotheses** and suggesting **sciencebacked conservation** measures. Volunteers were divided into survey teams of two to five members. They were **deployed** across all 14 districts armed with technological tools such as Locus Free, an Android GPS application, and eBird platform for seamless conduct of the survey and documentation.

The survey ignored the short duration passage of **migrant** species.



THE HINDU
VOCABULARY

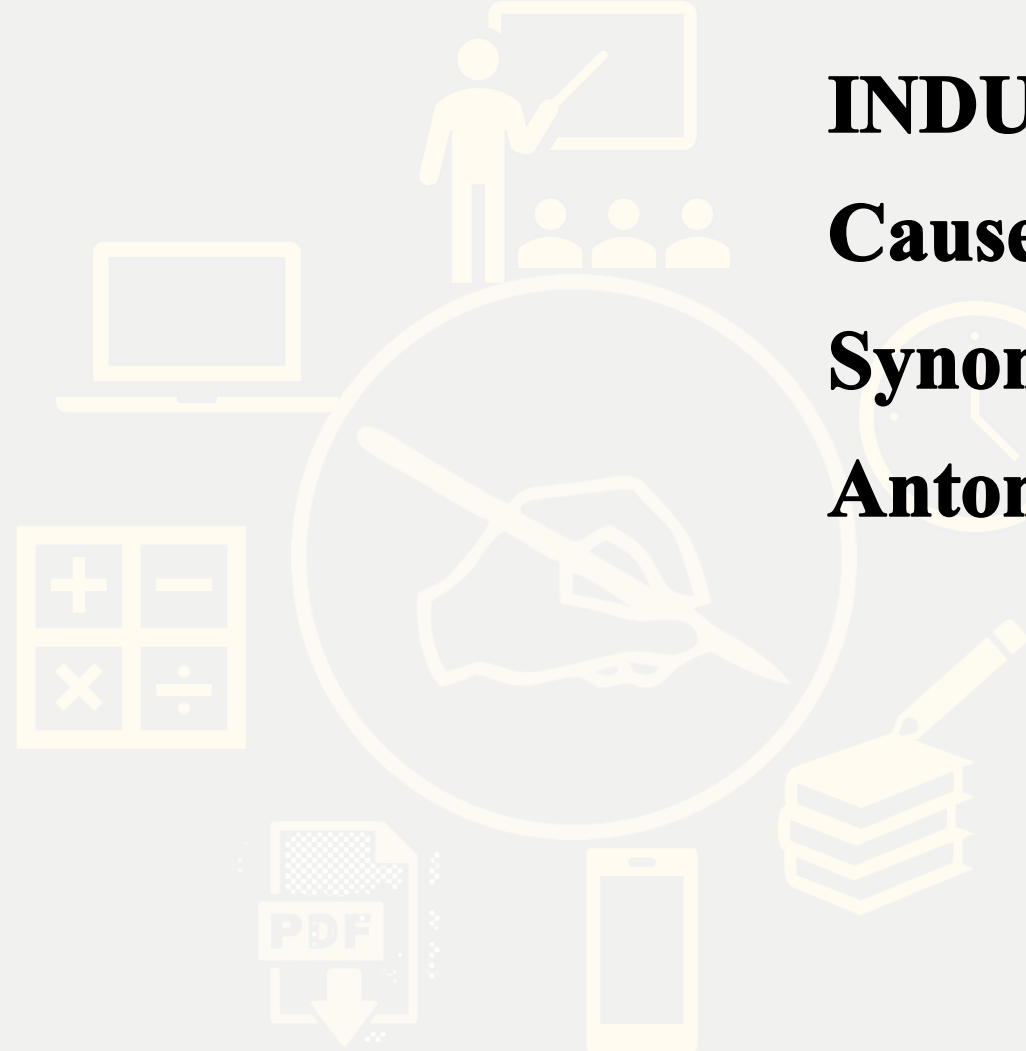
DEMOLITION**(NOUN):****(विध्वंस):****Destruction****Synonyms: Knocking down, Flattening****Antonyms: Construction**

INDUCE (VERB): (कारण बनना):

Cause

Synonyms: Produce, Effect

Antonyms: Prevent

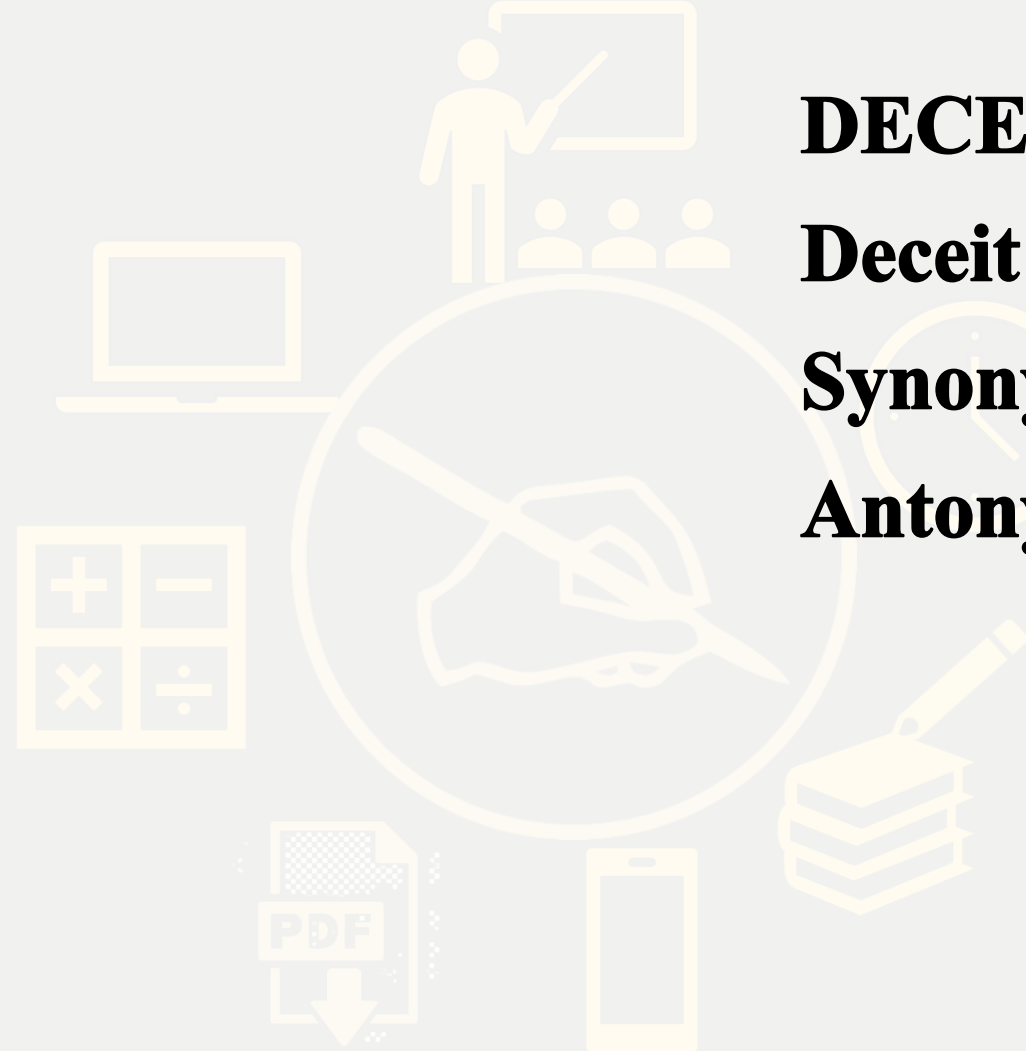


DECEPTION (NOUN): (धोखा):

Deceit

Synonyms: Duplicity, Double-dealing

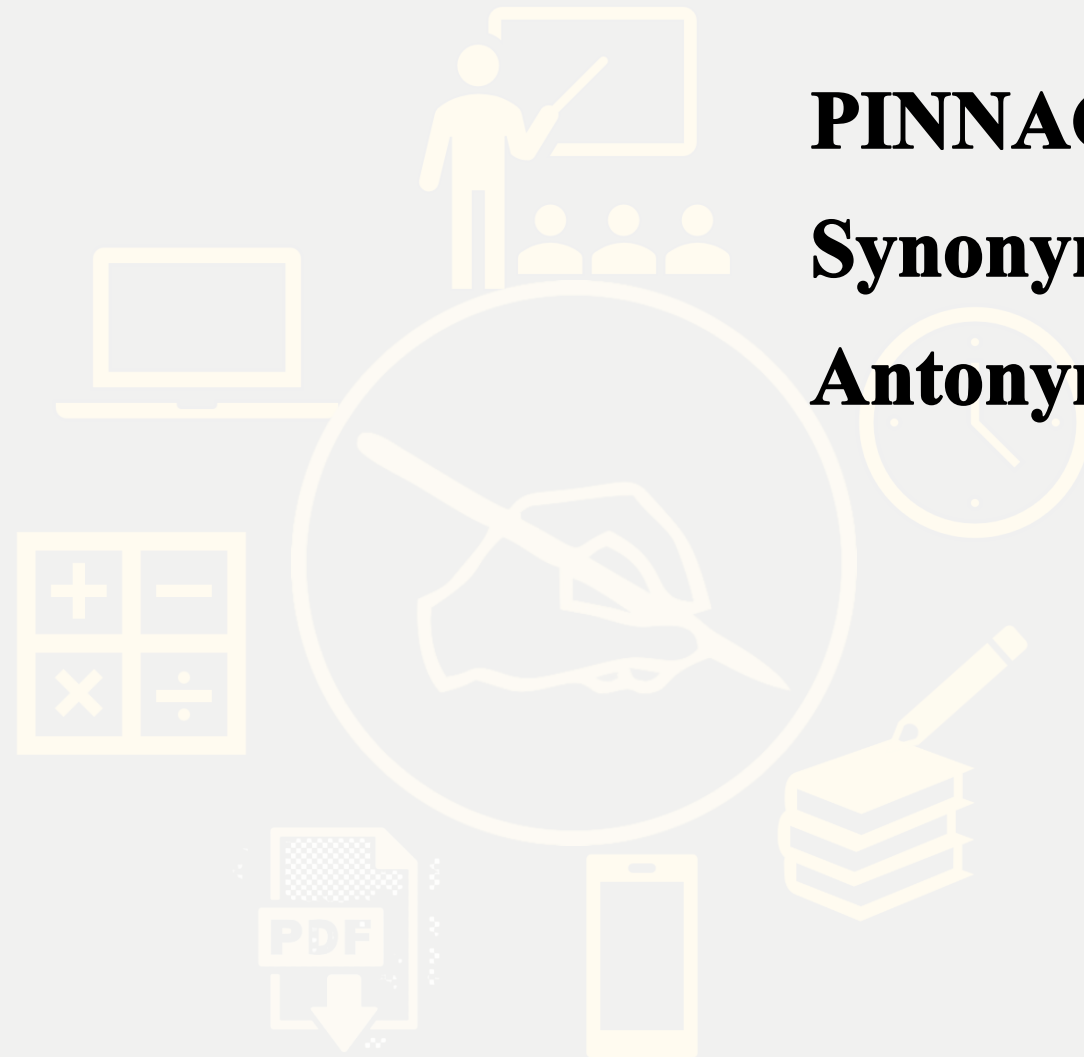
Antonyms: Guilelessness



PINNACLE (NOUN): (शिखर): Peak

Synonyms: Height, Summit

Antonyms: Nadir



LET'S CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

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Time for IDIOMS

1. **Held up**

A. Delayed

B. Caught

C. Nabbed

D. Kidnapped



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Answer: (a) Delayed

Held up = put off; withheld.

Look at the sentence : We were held up for two hours on account of an accident.

2. Pros and cons

A. con artists

B. professionals and con artists

C. advantages and disadvantages

D. professionals



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Answer: (c) pros and cons : favourable and unfavourable factors ; advantages and disadvantages

3. Burn your boats

- A. become extremely tired after working very hard
- B. do something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation
- C. want to spend money as soon as you get it
- D. have a burning desire to win



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Answer: (b) burn your boats/bridges : to do something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation later.

4. His argument does not hold water.

A. to influence

B. to check the flow of water

C. sound logical fact

D. to have effect



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Answer: (c) not hold water : If an argument, an excuse, a theory etc., does not hold water, you cannot believe it.

5. In the swim.

A. at the swimming pool

B. in search of news

C. well informed and up to date

D. giving news to others



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Answer: (c) in the swim : involved in things that are happening in society or in a particular situation.

6. I want to tell you in a nut shell, lust for money and power ruined her life.

- A. confidentially
- B. in detail
- C. in a brief manner
- D. as objectively as possible



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Answer: (c) put something in a nutshell : to express something in a very clear way, using few words.

7. To get into hot waters.

A. to suffer loss

B. to get into trouble

C. to be in a confused state of mind

D. to be impatient



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**Answer: (b) be in/get into hot water :
to be in or get into trouble.**



Time for ANTONYMS

Acquit

1. Inform
2. Release
3. Abuse
4. Condemn



**Ans-4 Acquit : pronounce not guilty
of criminal charges**

**Condemn (V)- criticize, castigate,
attack, denounce.**

Affluence

1. Not being fluent
2. Poverty
3. Difficulty
4. Unhealthy

Ans-2

Affluence : abundant wealth



Forbid

1. Defy
2. Dislike
3. Permit
4. Understand



Ans-3

Forbid : command against

For other options

Defy (V)- disregard, ignore.

LEARNING VOCAB WITH IMAGES

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Discourse



Definition the use of words to exchange thoughts and ideas | a long talk or piece of writing about a subject

Usage "a critical discourse on important issues"

Sacrosanct



Definition too important and respected to be changed, criticized, etc.

Usage The priest entered the sacrosanct chamber in the temple.

Enliven



Definition to make something more interesting or more fun

ENGLISH SPEAKING

TIPS

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वह कुछ दिनों का मेहमान है |

His days are numbered.

वह खून का घूँट पी कर रह गया |

He pocketed the insult.

काश मैं तुम्हारी जगह होता |

I wish I were you.

Homework



Home Work

Find the synonym of Charismatic

- A. Exceptionally fascinating**
- B. Particularly popular**
- C. Compulsively**
- D. Strangely haunting**

Home Work Answer

Find the synonym of WARY

- A. Sad**
- B. vigilant**
- C. Distorted**
- D. Tired**

