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# VOCABULARY



# CLEMENCY (Noun)

**Meaning : the act of showing compassion or forgiveness, especially in the context of punishment or judgment.**

**Synonyms: Mercy, leniency, compassion**

**Antonyms: Severity, harshness, cruelty**

**Sentence: The judge showed clemency by reducing the sentence, considering the defendant's remorse and efforts towards rehabilitation.**



# JEOPARDIZE (Verb)

**Meaning : To put something or someone in danger or at risk of harm, damage, or loss.**

**Synonyms: Endanger, risk, threaten, imperil**

**Antonyms: Protect, safeguard, secure.**

**Sentence: Revealing classified information could jeopardize national security and compromise the safety of individuals involved in sensitive operations.**



# REPRIEVE (Noun, Verb)

**Meaning : To delay or cancel the punishment or negative consequences.**

**Synonyms: Pardon, respite, amnesty.**

**Antonyms: Condemn, punish, penalize.**

**Sentence: The governor granted a reprieve to the condemned prisoner just hours before the scheduled execution.**

**The heavy rain reprieved us from having to water the garden today.**



## AMBIT (Noun)

**Meaning :** The scope, extent, or bounds of something, especially a concept or idea.

**Synonyms:** Range, scope, extent, sphere.

**Antonyms:** Limit, boundary, restriction.

**Sentence:** The discussion within the meeting focused on the ambit of the new policy and its potential impact on various sectors of the economy.



# CAVALIER (Adj.)

**Meaning : Showing a lack of proper concern; not considering other people's feelings or safety**

**Synonyms: Dismissive, indifferent, haughty.**

**Antonyms: Considerate, respectful, attentive.**

**Sentence: His cavalier attitude towards the project deadlines angered his colleagues, who expected more dedication and professionalism.**





# MITIGATION (Noun)

**Meaning :** Reducing the severity, seriousness, or painfulness of something; the act of making a condition or consequence less harsh or harmful.

**Synonyms:** Alleviation, relief, moderation.

**Antonyms:** Aggravation, exacerbation, intensification.

**Sentence:** The government implemented various environmental mitigation measures to reduce the impact of industrial activities on the ecosystem.



# MOOT POINT (Noun Phrase)

**Meaning :** An issue or question that is open to debate, often irrelevant or lacking practical significance

**Synonyms:** Debatable point, irrelevant issue

**Antonyms:** Settled matter

**Sentence:** After the decision was made to cancel the event due to bad weather, whether to reschedule became a moot point.



# OBJURGATE (Verb)

**Meaning :** To strongly criticize or rebuke someone; to scold or reprimand severely.

**Synonyms:** reprimand, berate, condemn

**Antonyms:** laud, praise, approve

**Sentence:** The principal and the teacher objurgate the misbehaving student so loudly that the other students could hear them in the classroom.



## **Bury one's head in the sand (Idiom)**

**Meaning : To ignore or avoid a problem or an unpleasant situation, rather than facing it or dealing with it.**

**Synonyms: Ignore, neglect, evade, overlook.**

**Antonyms: Face, confront, address, tackle.**

**Sentence: Despite numerous warnings about the financial challenges the company was facing, the CEO chose to bury his head in the sand, refusing to acknowledge the need for immediate action.**

# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE





# Find the correct one?

Antonym of **SALUBRIOUS**

1. Developed
2. Separated
3. Unhealthy
4. Right

Meaning: salubrious means favorable to or promoting health or well-being so unhealthy is its antonym.

**Solution: 3. Unhealthy**





# Find the correct one?

Synonym of **KNAVE**

1. Soldier
2. Dishonest
3. Emperor
4. Enchanter

Meaning: Knave means a dishonest man

Solution: 2. Dishonest





# Find the correct one?

Synonym of **ALTRUISTIC**

1. hostile
2. outdated
3. selfish
4. philanthropic

Meaning: altruistic is the fact of caring about the needs and happiness of other people more than your own; philanthropic

**Solution: 4. philanthropic**







# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Pick To Pieces

1. complete work entirely
2. to criticize somebody
3. select only what you need.
4. study something superficially

Solution: 2. to criticize somebody



# IDIOMS & PHRASES



## Cut The Mustard

1. to score average
2. to perform well
3. to underperform
4. to get under expectations

Solution: 2. to perform well

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1. An imaginary ideal society free of poverty and suffering -  
**Utopia**
2. The act or habit of talking in one's sleep -  
**Somniloquy**
3. A place where coins are made -  
**Mint**
4. A short rest or sleep taken after lunch-  
**Siesta**

# TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Rift over relief: on the rain-caused damage  
in Tamil Nadu and the central and Tamil  
Nadu governments interactions

Criteria for awarding disaster relief must  
laid down clearly

**The recent spat between the central and Tamil Nadu governments over flood relief after two spells of heavy rainfall in the State has been disheartening for those struggling to rebuild their lives. The duel between Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and State Minister for Youth Welfare Udhayanidhi Stalin over semantics should not have arisen, with the focus and energy devoted to ensuring the return of normality to the southern districts of the State that were overwhelmed on December 17 and 18.**

**Fortunately, better wisdom prevailed with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurance to Chief Minister M.K. Stalin of the Centre's support. Mr. Stalin, had, prior to this, in a meeting with Mr. Modi in New Delhi, sought interim relief funds of ₹7,033 crore and a final relief fund of ₹12,659 crore for the damage caused earlier by Cyclone Michaung to the Chennai area. He also wanted ₹2,000 crore from the PM's National Relief Fund (for the southern districts). The State has sought ₹21,692 crore in total from the Union government.**

**Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had earlier carried out an aerial survey over the Chennai area and announced the release of the second instalment of ₹450 crore to the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). The Centre has also sanctioned ₹500 crore for a flood mitigation project in Chennai. The State is now awaiting a fresh central announcement after visits by inter-ministerial teams to the affected areas. As Ms. Sitharaman pointed out in her press conference, the central government does not declare any natural disaster a national disaster. It is only after an assessment by its team that any natural disaster is classified as a disaster of severe nature — as seen in the 2013 floods in Uttarakhand and 2018 floods in**

**In such a case, there is additional financial assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). So, there is no question of calling the floods in Tamil Nadu as a “national disaster”. The central government should ensure clear guidelines when it comes to relief. It should also consider revising its position on excluding long term or permanent restoration works from the ambit of the SDRF/NDRF. There must be an open debate on the suggestion by a parliamentary committee in March 2021 that States hit by severe disaster be permitted to use more than the 25% flexi-fund component of centrally sponsored**



**As micro, small and medium enterprises get no relief under the norms of the two funds, the Centre should ensure relief to this sector, which employs nearly 1.4 crore people in the State. Finally, the Centre must consult cyclone-vulnerable Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal and Gujarat and formulate new norms on disaster management that would leave no room for political controversy.**



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