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# Controvert

Parts of Speech : **Verb**

Meaning : **To say or prove that something is not true**

Sentence : **The attorney offered evidence that controverted the plaintiff's allegations.**

Synonyms : **Contradict , Confound**

Antonyms : **Approve , Corroborate**



# Deflated

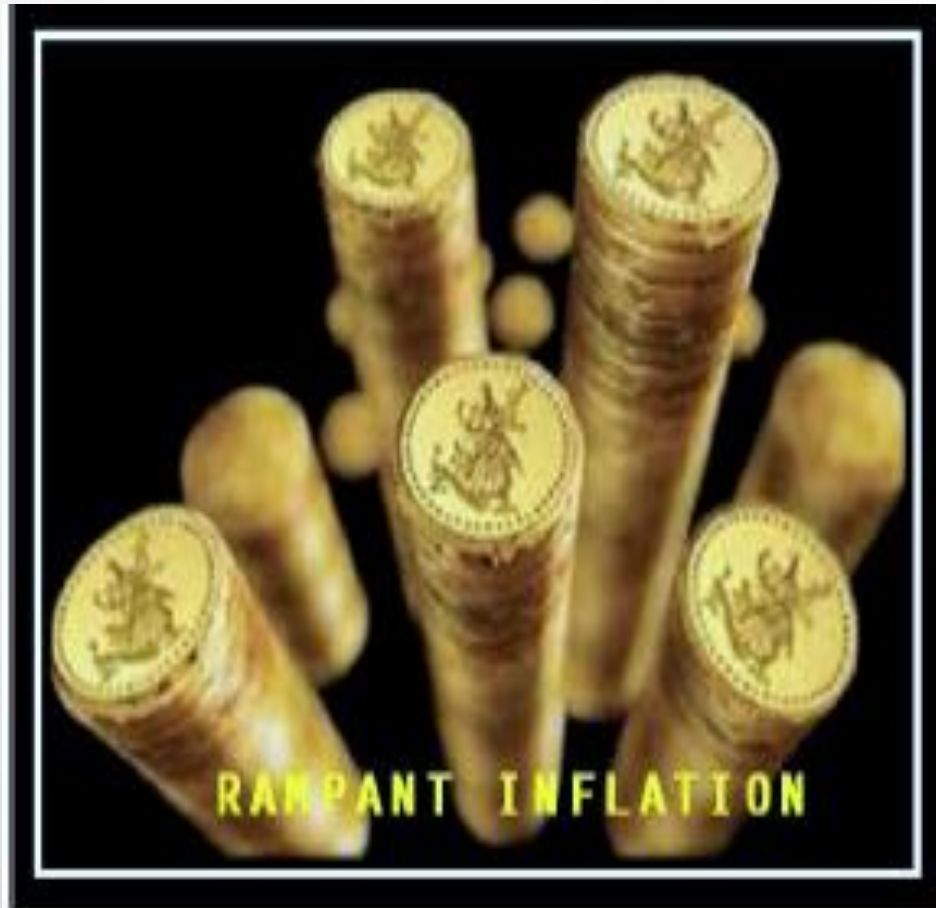
Parts of Speech : **Verb**

Meaning : **To let air or gas out of a tire, balloon, etc.**

Sentence : **His car tyres were deflated soon after he left for work.**

Synonyms : **Flatten , Puncture**

Antonyms : **Inflate , Blow up**



# Rampant

Parts of Speech : **Adjective**

Meaning : **Existing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled**

Sentence : **Unemployment is now rampant in most of the countries**

Synonyms : **Epidemic , Widespread**

Antonyms : **Moderate , Limited**





## **Niggardly**

**Parts of Speech : Adjective**

**Meaning : Unwilling to be generous with money, time, etc.**

**Sentence : He was such a niggard that he would not pay for his daughter's medicine**

**Synonyms : Miserly , Avaricious**

**Antonyms : Generous , Bountiful**



# Carnage

**Parts of Speech : Noun**

**Meaning : The violent killing of a large number of people**

**Sentence : There was much carnage on the battlefield.**

**Synonyms : Slaughter , Bloodshed**

**Antonyms : Peace**



**Uphill : कठिन**

**Parts of Speech : Adjective**

**Meaning : Needing a lot of effort**

**Sentence : The walk from the village to Greystones was uphill all the way.**

**Synonyms : Mounting , Rising**

**Antonyms : Easy , Effortless**





**Behemoths : विशालकाय**

**Parts of Speech : (Noun)**

**Meaning : Extremely large**

**Sentence : An elephant is a behemoth that even lions and rhinos are afraid of.**

**Synonyms : Hulk , Colossus**

**Antonyms : Wimp , Light-weight**



# Colander

**Parts of Speech : Verb**

**Meaning : a metal or plastic bowl with a lot of small holes in it, used for draining water from vegetables, etc. after washing or cooking**

**Sentence : They will drain the pasta in the metal colander.**

**Synonyms : Utensil , Sifter**



# JOINT FAMILY SYSTEM





In earlier times, the joint family system was prevalent. Setup of the society was **patriarchal**. Male member was the head of the family. His wife, sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren used to stay together. However, with a passage of time, joint families **disintegrated**. People these days migrate to cities for jobs.

## **Patriarchal**

**Meaning: Relating to or denoting a system of society or government controlled by men**

**Example: Previously, all western religions, had been rigidly patriarchal.**

## **Disintegrated**

**Meaning: Break up into small parts**

**Example: The front of the car had disintegrated.**



So, nuclear families have become the order of the day. Due to **escalating** prices and less space for accommodation, people find it difficult to accommodate their parents in their houses. Media is also responsible for the disintegration of the joint families. Media **portrays** the wrong image of mother-in-law.

## **Escalating**

**Meaning: Increase rapidly**

**Example: The price of tickets escalated.**

## **Portray**

**Meaning: Describe (someone or something) in a particular way.**

**Example: Media portrays young people as lazy and disrespectful.**



It also shows **tyrannical** hold of elders in the family. Young people **crave** for independence, privacy and **affluence**. So, they prefer nuclear family. As a result, grandparents are **bereft** of the love of their grandchildren. Children are also left **rudderless**. There is a need that young people should **empathize** with their old parents.

## Tyrannical

Meaning: **Oppressive and controlling.**

Example: **His father has a tyrannical hold over the household.**

## Crave

Meaning: **Feel a powerful desire for (something)**

Example: **Human beings crave love, acceptance and security.**





## **Affluence**

**Meaning: The state of having a great deal of money; wealth.**

**Example: This is a sign of our growing affluence.**

## **Bereft**

**Meaning: Deprived of or lacking.**

**Example: Her room was bereft of colour.**

## **Rudderless**

**Meaning: Lacking a clear sense of one's aims or principles.**

**Example: Today's leadership is rudderless**

