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### HARP

Parts of Speech : Verb Meaning : to talk or complain about it repeatedly, often in a tedious or annoying manner.

Synonyms : Dwell, obsess, nag, repeat
Antonyms : Move on, let go, forget
Sentence : He would always harp on his past
mistakes, making it difficult to have a positive
conversation with him.





### VOCIFEROUS

Parts of Speech : Adj. Meaning: loud, noisy, or characterized by vehement and persistent outcry or expression of opinions Synonyms : clamorous, boisterous, raucous Antonyms : muted, peaceful, meek Sentence : Although he was usually quite reserved, he became vociferous when defending his favorite sports team.





### CHARADE

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning : A situation in which someone is** pretending or putting on a false appearance, often to deceive others. Synonyms : Pantomime, mime, acting, masquerade, facade **Antonyms : Honesty, sincerity, transparency,** truth.

Sentence : His charming demeanor was just a charade to hide his true intentions.



### CRAMMED

**Parts of Speech : Adj. Meaning : filled or packed tightly with an** excessive or overcrowded amount of something. Synonyms : squeezed, jammed, forced, wedged. Antonyms : Emptied, cleared, unpacked. **Sentence : She crammed all her belongings** into a single suitcase before leaving for her trip, struggling to close the overstuffed bag.



### SUMPTUOUS

Meaning : a display of wealth or excess. Synonyms: opulent, extravagant, grand Antonyms: frugal, humble, spartan

POS : Adj.

Sentence : She hosted a sumptuous dinner party in her elegant mansion, serving gourmet dishes and fine wines to her guests.



# CLOGGED

**Meaning : the action of becoming or causing** something to become obstructed or blocked. Synonyms: Blocked, obstructed, congested Antonyms: Unblocked, cleared, opened, freed. POS : Adj. Sentence : The drain was clogged with leaves and debris, causing water to pool in the backyard.



Meaning: to fall or drop rapidly and abruptly, often referring to a steep or sudden decline in value, quantity, or position. Synonyms: Fall, drop, plunge, descend, tumble Antonyms: Rise, ascend, soar, increase

POS : Verb Sentence : His popularity in the polls seemed to plummet as more scandals were exposed.







**CLAWED Meaning : a forceful or aggressive** action using claws, like those of an animal. Synonyms: Scratched, tore, raked, ripped Antonyms: Gently, caressed, soothed POS : Adj. Sentence : His arm was clawed by the thorny branches as he tried to push his way through the dense underbrush.



### VERITABLE

Meaning : something is a perfect or absolute example of its kind. Synonyms: Genuine, authentic, true Antonyms: counterfeit, fictitious, spurious

POS : Verb Sentence : The team's victory in the championship game was a veritable triumph, earning them a place in history.



### **SCRAMBLE**

**Meaning :** a chaotic and competitive situation where people or things move or compete quickly and without a specific order or arrangement. Synonyms: Frenzy, chaos, jumble Antonyms: Order, organize, plan **POS : Noun Sentence : The last-minute shopping on Christmas Eve turned into a scramble as** people rushed to find gifts in a crowded mall.





### HUMONGOUS

**Parts of Speech : Verb Meaning :** a playful or exaggerated way to emphasize the vastness or size of an object Synonyms : Huge, massive, gigantic Antonyms : Tiny, small, minuscule **Sentence : The iceberg that floated past their ship** was truly humongous, dwarfing everything in its vicinity.



## FERVOUR

Parts of Speech : Adj. Meaning : a strong and sincere emotion Synonyms : Passion, enthusiasm, zeal Antonyms : Apathy, indifference, coolness Sentence : His fervour for learning and knowledge was evident in his tireless pursuit of education.





### CHRONICLED

**Parts of Speech : Noun** Meaning: To record or write a detailed and chronological account of events, actions, or experiences in order to document or preserve them. **Synonyms : Record, document, narrate** Antonyms : Forget, erase, ignore Sentence : The diary chronicled the daily life of a soldier during the war, offering a personal perspective on the conflict.



## CONGREGATE

**Parts of Speech : Adj. Meaning : To come together or gather in a** group or assembly, typically for a specific purpose, event, or meeting. **Synonyms : Assemble, gather, collect, meet** Antonyms : Disperse, scatter, separate. Sentence : After the lecture, attendees will congregate in the lobby for a reception and networking opportunity.



CONDUCIVE Meaning: a display of wealth or excess. Synonyms: Favorable, advantageous, beneficial **Antonyms: Hindering, detrimental,** unfavorable **POS : Adj. Sentence : A quiet and organized study** environment is conducive to better concentration and learning.





# ANCILLARIES

**Meaning : Ancillaries refer to subsidiary or** auxiliary things, components, or services that support or complement the main or primary thing Synonyms: Subsidiaries, accessories, supplements **Antonyms: Essentials, fundamentals** POS : Adj.

Sentence : The hospital invested in modern medical equipment as well as various ancillaries to provide the best patient care.



### UNFETTER

**Meaning : To release or set free from** restraints, restrictions, or limitations, to remove or loosen fetters or constraints. Synonyms: Liberate, free, release Antonyms: Restrain, confine, shackle **POS : Verb** 

Sentence : She felt like a weight had been lifted off her shoulders when she decided to unfetter herself from the toxic relationship.



## LOBOTOMISE

Meaning : To perform a lobotomy on someone, which involves surgically altering or damaging their frontal lobes Synonyms: frontal lobectomy Antonyms: Cure, heal, treat

**POS : Adj.** 

Sentence : The controversial decision to lobotomize the patient was made by the medical team as a last resort to control severe and violent behavioral issues, despite the potential risks.



# CONGLOMERATE

**Meaning : To gather or collect diverse** things or entities into a single body or group Synonyms: Combine, merge, amalgamate Antonyms: Divide, separate, disband **POS : Verb Sentence : They will conglomerate** their resources and expertise to tackle the complex project.





## HITHERTO

Up to this time, until now, until Meaning : this point. Synonyms: So far, thus far, up to now, until now. **Antonyms: Henceforth, from now on, in the** future **POS : Adverb** Sentence : We had enjoyed a peaceful journey hitherto, but now we faced unexpected difficulties on the road.





### SHODDY

Parts of Speech : Adj. & Noun **Meaning : Of inferior quality; poorly made or** constructed, The car's performance suffered due to the use of shoddy materials in its manufacturing. Synonyms : cheap, second-rate, shabby **Antonyms : High-quality, excellent Sentence : The shoddy workmanship of the new** furniture was evident in its wobbly legs and peeling paint.





# FLOGGING

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning :** A severe or brutal physical beating. Synonyms : thrashing, scourging, flagellation. **Antonyms : Praise, commendation** Sentence : The flogging of prisoners as a means of discipline was widely criticized by human rights organizations.





### SUPPLANT

**Parts of Speech : Verb Meaning : the act of displacing or overthrowing** something or someone from a position or role. **Synonyms : Replace, oust, displace** Antonyms : Maintain, support, retain **Sentence : The ambitious young manager aimed to** supplant the older executive and take control of the company.



## HYSTERIC

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning : Relating to or characterized by** extreme, uncontrollable emotions, often irrational or exaggerated. **Synonyms : Emotional, frantic, frenzied** Antonyms: Calm, composed, collected **Sentence : The play's portrayal of a woman** in hysterics was both dramatic and powerful.



### REPERCUSSION

Meaning : an unintended consequence or an indirect effect that arises as a result of an action, decision, or event. Synonyms: aftermath, outcome Antonyms: Cause, action, origin

#### POS : Noun Sentence · The ir

Sentence : The introduction of the new policy had unexpected repercussions on employee morale and job satisfaction.





### PROMULGATE

Meaning : to make a law, rule, or idea known to the public by officially announcing it or publishing it Synonyms: Publish, announce, declare Antonyms: Conceal, hide, suppress

POS : Verb Sentence : It is essential for a leader to promulgate the organization's mission and values to inspire and guide the team.



### SEISMIC

Meaning: To release or set free from restraints, restrictions, or limitations, to remove or loosen fetters or constraints. Synonyms: tectonic, tremor, earthshaking Antonyms: Stable, still, calm

POS : Adj. Sentence : the study of earthquakes or anything related to seismic activity.



### PERISH

Meaning : to die or be destroyed, typically in a violent, tragic, or untimely manner Synonyms: Die, expire, succumb Antonyms: Survive, endure, thrive, flourish

POS : Verb Sentence : The firefighter's bravery saved lives, preventing several individuals from perishing in the burning building.



### BOLSTERED

**Meaning : to support, strengthen, or** reinforce something Synonyms: Strengthened, reinforced, supported Antonyms: Weakened, undermined, debilitated **POS : Verb** Sentence : Adequate rest and a healthy diet can bolster your immune system, helping you fight off illnesses.



### ATTRITION

Meaning : the process of gradually reducing the size of a workforce by not replacing employees who leave. Synonyms: Erosion, reduction, depletion Antonyms: Increase, growth, augmentation

POS : Noun Sentence : The attrition of staff in the department led to an increased workload for those who remained.





### PAUCITY

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning:** the state of being in a small quantity or insufficient supply Synonyms : Dearth , Shortage **Antonyms : Plenitude , Profusion Sentence : Despite their best efforts, the small** library faced a paucity of funds and struggled to maintain its collection.





### SUBVERSION

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning : challenging or disrupting the** status quo with the aim of causing significant change or chaos. **Synonyms:** Sedition, Insurrection **Antonyms : Conformity , Stability** Sentence : Subversion of the legal system by corrupt officials led to widespread public distrust in the government.





### RIGGING

Parts of Speech : Noun

Meaning: the act of manipulating or fixing something

Synonyms : Tampering , Fudging Antonyms : Integrity , Fairness

Sentence : The journalist's exposé uncovered a

network of corruption involving political leaders and the rigging of government contracts.





# GAMUT

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning : the complete range or scope of** something Synonyms : Array, Extent **Antonyms: Subset, Fraction Sentence : The issue had implications that** affected the gamut of stakeholders, from employees to customers and investors.



# COLLUDE



Meaning: To secretly and dishonestly conspire or cooperate with others Synonyms: Conspire , Connive Antonyms: Compete , Oppose

POS : Verb Sentence : The nations decided to collude on a plan to combat climate change by reducing carbon emissions collectively.



Meaning : To release or set free from restraints, restrictions, or limitations, to remove or loosen fetters or constraints. Synonyms: Step , Pace , Strut Antonyms: Dawdle , Stumble

POS : Noun , Verb Sentence : Her stride was so confident that it caught everyone's attention as she walked into the room.







# CULLED

Meaning : the action of carefully choosing or selecting particular items or individuals from a larger group Synonyms: Purged , Picked Antonyms: Retained , Preserved

POS : Verb Sentence : The chef culled fresh herbs from the garden to use in the evening's special dish.



## FUTILE

Meaning : efforts or actions that are in vain or unsuccessful. Synonyms: Inept , Vain , Useless Antonyms: Efficient , Meaningful

POS : Adj. Sentence : The teacher's futile attempt to maintain order in the chaotic classroom was met with laughter from the students.







## CARNAGE

**Parts of Speech : Noun Meaning:** the widespread and often gruesome slaughter or the killing of a large number of people or animals **Synonyms : Slaughter , Butchery Antonyms : Order , Safety Sentence : The riot led to a night of absolute** carnage in the city, with businesses and homes vandalized and looted.



## SCANT

Parts of Speech : Adj., Verb **Meaning :** To provide or supply something in limited or insufficient quantities, limited in quantity Synonyms : Limit, restrict, skimp Antonyms : plentiful, ample, generous **Sentence : The organization decided to** scant the budget for the project, resulting in some compromises on quality.



## BEGETS

**Parts of Speech : Verb** Meaning : to give rise to, produce, or cause the existence of something **Synonyms : Sire , Generate** Antonyms: Halt, Stifle Sentence : It's said that adversity can beget resilience and strength in individuals who face it with determination.



# INSIDIOUS

Meaning : something that proceeds in a hidden or deceitful manner, potentially causing harm over time. Synonyms: Crafty , Stealthy Antonyms: Honest , Transparent

POS : Adj.

Sentence : The disease had an insidious onset, with mild symptoms that gradually worsened over time, making it difficult to diagnose in the early stages.





# MASQUERADING

**Meaning:** the act of disguising or concealing one's identity or true intentions by wearing a mask or adopting a false appearance or role Synonyms: Camouflaging, Feigning Antonyms: Authentic, Genuine **POS**: Verb Sentence : His cheerful demeanor was merely a mask, masquerading the pain he felt after the loss of his loved one.



## COMMENSURATE

Meaning : two things are in proportion or appropriate to each other in some way. Synonyms: Equivalent, Corresponding Antonyms: Unequal, Inadequate

POS : Adj. Sentence : It's important for the rewards to be commensurate with the effort and performance put into the project.



## SLEUTH

Meaning : a detective or investigator Synonyms: Investigator , Gumshoe Antonyms: Culprit , Lawbreaker

POS : Noun Sentence : The fictional sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, is known for his exceptional powers of observation and deduction.









# HONELWORK

## DECANTER

## **IDIOMS AND PHRASES**

#### Spill the beans

- 1. To tell people about someone's secrets
- 2. As a low priority
- 3. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- 4. Once in a life-time





### To feel blue



- 1. To work hard and stay up very late night
- 2. To feel very sad
- 3. To have faith in god
- 4. To commit a blunder



## No strings attached

1. An agreement without conditions

2. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time

- 1. To be judged as acceptable
- 2. Worried for frivolous things





A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

- 1. Something is better than nothing
- 2. To give credit to a disagreeable person
- 3. Only just
- 4. To sniff something wrong





### A doubting Thomas

- 1. An skeptical person
- 2. To keep people at a distance
- 3. To interfere in someone's affairs
- 4. To regret in vain that can't be undone.





#### Pass the buck

- 1. To tell people about someone's secrets
- 2. To pass the blame
- 3. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- 4. Once in a life-time





A political leader appealing to popular desires and prejudices.

(A) popularist

(B) demagogue

(C) dictator

(D) tyrant





A person who is greatly respected because of wisdom



(A) venerable

(B) verger

(C) voracious

(D) vulnerable



## To die without having made a will

(A) Intestate

(B) Insolvent

(C) Intaglio

(D) Inveterate





Science regarding principles of classification.

(A) toxicology

(B) classicology

(C) taxidermy

(D) taxonomy





A person who consumes human flesh:

(A) Carnivore

(B) Cannibal

(C) Javage

(D) Captor





One who is unaffected or indifferent to joy, pain, pleasure or grief

(A) Passive

(B) Stoic

(C) Tolerant

(D) Resigned





Not easily pleased by anything

(A) Medieval

(B) Precarious

(C) Fastidious

(D) Maiden





Not allowing the passage of light.

(A) optique

(B) opulent

(C) oblique

(D) opaque





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