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VOCABULARY



CLINCH (Verb)

Meaning : To Settle or Finalize;

To Secure Firmly; To Grasp or Hold Tightly;

To Confirm or Make Conclusive

Synonyms: Finalize, Conclude, Clutch

Antonyms: Unfasten, Undo, Loosen

Sentence: After hours of negotiation, they managed to clinch the deal.



MEDIATE (Verb)

Meaning: To intervene or settle differences between parties;

To bring about a resolution or reconciliation.

Synonyms: Intervene, Intermediate, Intercede

Antonyms: Aggravate, Provoke, Exacerbate

Sentence: The diplomat was called in to mediate peace talks between the two warring nations.



Glimmer (Verb, Noun)

Meaning : To shine with a weak light or a light that is not continuous; A faint or wavering light, typically a reflection

Synonyms: Sparkle, Twinkle, Gleam

Antonyms: Gloom, Dimness

Sentence : In the darkness of the forest, the fireflies provided a gentle glimmer of light.



VENGEFUL (Adj.)

Meaning : Having a strong desire for revenge; inclined to seek vengeance

Synonyms: Retaliatory, Vindictive, Retributive

Antonyms: Benevolent, Compassionate, Magnanimous

Sentence : His vengeful actions only perpetuated a cycle of animosity between the two families.



REPUGNANT (Adj.)

Meaning : Extremely distasteful, offensive, or unacceptable; causing a feeling of strong dislike or aversion.

Synonyms: Abhorrent, Detestable, Loathsome

Antonyms: Pleasing, Acceptable, Delightful

Sentence : The idea of harming innocent animals for pleasure is repugnant to many people.



ALLEGE (Verb)

Meaning : To assert or declare without providing conclusive proof; to claim or state something without necessarily proving it.

Synonyms: Assert, Claim, Affirm

Antonyms: Disavow, Disclaim

Sentence : The company was alleged to have engaged in unethical business practices.



PROPAGANDA (Noun)

Meaning : Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.

Synonyms: Manipulation, Persuasion, Publicity

Antonyms: Unbiased information, Fair reporting

Sentence : The political party was accused of spreading propaganda to influence voters.



SPIRALING (Adj.)

Meaning : used metaphorically to describe a situation that is rapidly escalating or getting out of control;

Synonyms: Soaring, Mounting, Surging

Antonyms: Declining, Plummeting

Sentence : The controversy surrounding the decision is spiraling, with more people joining the debate.



COGNIZANCE (Noun)

Meaning : **Knowledge or awareness of something**

Synonyms: **Understanding, Perception**

Antonyms: **ignorance, oblivion, unfamiliarity**

Sentence: **The police took cognizance of the complaint and started an investigation.**



IMPUNITY (Noun)

Meaning: Exemption from punishment or consequences of an action (something that has been done that is wrong or illegal)

Synonyms: Immunity, exemption, amnesty

Antonyms: Accountability, liability, penalty

Sentence: Corrupt politicians and bureaucrats often act with impunity, knowing that they will not be held accountable for their actions.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PROLIFIC**

1. Fruitful
2. Barren
3. Fertile
4. Productive

Meaning: "Prolific" means producing many works, results, or offspring, so its opposite would be "barren," which means not producing much or anything at all.

Solution: 2. Barren

Find the correct one?

Antonym of **EUPHORIA**

1. Bliss
2. Depression
3. Happiness
4. Joy

Meaning: "Euphoria" means a feeling of intense happiness or excitement, so its opposite would be "depression," which means a feeling of severe despondency and dejection.

Solution: 2. Depression



Find the correct one?



Antonym of **PLETHORA**

1. Scarcity
2. Abundance
3. Compliance
4. Establishment

Meaning: "Plethora" means a large or excessive amount of something, so its opposite would be "scarcity," which means a shortage or lack of something.

Solution: 1. Scarcity

Find the correct one?

Antonym of **CUMBERSOME**

1. Troublesome
2. Light
3. Massive
4. Heavy

Meaning: "Cumbersome" means large, heavy, and difficult to manage, so its opposite would be "light," which means not heavy or easy to carry.

Solution: 2. Light



Find the correct one?

Synonym of **INSIDIOUS**

1. Beneficial
2. Harmful
3. Humorous
4. Joyful

Meaning: insidious means (of something unpleasant or dangerous) gradually and secretly causing harm.

Solution: 2. Harmful



Find the correct one?



Synonym of **UBIQUITOUS**

1. Scarce
2. Rare
3. Common
4. Tedious

Meaning: ubiquitous is present, appearing, or found everywhere

Solution: 3. Common

Find the correct one?

Synonym of **INCONGRUOUS**

1. Suitable
2. Appropriate
3. Compatible
4. Inconsistent

Meaning: Incongruous means unusual or different from what is around or from, what is generally happening or Inconsistent.

Solution: 4. Inconsistent



Find the correct one?

Synonym of **PERSPICACIOUS**

1. Ignorant
2. Intelligent
3. Stupid
4. Foolish

Meaning: Perspicacious means quick in noticing, understanding, or judging things accurately or Intelligent.

Solution: 2. Intelligent



IDIOMS & PHRASES



To Go Back To The Drawing Board

1. To begin again or start over from the beginning
2. To continue with the current plan or strategy
3. To modify a plan or strategy
4. To ask for help or guidance

Solution: 1. To begin again or start over from the beginning

IDIOMS & PHRASES



Jump the gun

1. To act too soon
2. To aim accurately
3. To start a race
4. To run away

Solution: 1. To act too soon

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Bite the bullet

1. To make a tough decision
2. To chew gum
3. To eat something spicy
4. To shoot a gun

Solution: 1. To make a tough decision

"Bite the bullet" means to endure or face a difficult situation with courage and determination.



IDIOMS & PHRASES

On thin ice

1. In a dangerous or risky situation
2. On a thin sheet of paper
3. On a frozen lake
4. In a cold environment

Solution: 1. In a dangerous or risky situation



TODAY'S EDITORIAL TOPIC

Glimmer of hope: On the Israel-Hamas deal

The pause in war after the hostage release deal
gives peace a chance

The Israel-Hamas deal to release hostages and Palestinian prisoners in return for a pause in fighting offers a much-needed humanitarian relief to the 2.3 million people of the Gaza Strip who have been living in unspeakable misery since October 7. According to the deal, clinched in talks mediated by Qatar, Hamas will release 50 civilian hostages while Israel will release 150 Palestinian prisoners. Both sides will also halt fighting for four days. The Israeli government has stated that if Hamas releases more hostages, the pause in fighting could be extended, offering a glimmer of hope for securing a more sustained ceasefire.

Hamas captured about 240 hostages during its October 7 cross-border attack in Israel, in which at least 1,200 people were killed. When Israel launched its counterattack the same day, it promised to “crush Hamas”, eliminate security threats from Gaza for good, and free the hostages. In the past six weeks, Israeli attacks have turned Gaza into a graveyard, killing at least 13,000 Palestinians, a vast majority of them women and children. But Israel simultaneously began indirect talks with Hamas seeking to free hostages, which resulted in the current deal.

But this is not enough. What the people of Gaza, who have been bombed, shelled, displaced, and denied essential supplies such as food, fuel and medicines, immediately want is a lasting ceasefire. Israel initially refused to have any talks with “ Hamas terrorists ” and promised to dismantle the Islamist militant group. Israel’s anger was understandable given the horrors unleashed by Hamas. But in its response, a vengeful Israel is collectively punishing the people of Gaza. Several Israeli Ministers have issued dangerous and repugnant statements, from nuclear threats to welcoming epidemics in southern Gaza. But after six weeks of fighting, Israel is far from achieving its own declared objectives, which raises questions about the effectiveness of its military strategy.

It stormed Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza's largest medical facility, alleging that a Hamas command centre was located beneath it. More than a week since, Israel is yet to produce any credible evidence to back this claim. But the fact that Israel and Hamas have reached a deal suggests that both sides are ready to engage with each other even amidst high decibel propaganda and bloody fighting. They should build on the momentum generated by the deal and extend the pause into a full-fledged ceasefire. That is the only way to release all the hostages, provide lasting relief to the Palestinians, and calm spiralling tensions in West Asia.



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