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VOCABULARY

REVANCHISM(NOUN)

Meaning: A policy or ideology advocating the recovery of territories traditionally perceived as lost or unredeemed, often by force or political pressure; a desire to seek revenge or regain lost status.

Synonyms: Revenge ,Resentment , Recrimination Counterattack

Antonyms: Forgiveness, Compromise, Conciliation Pacifism

Sentence: The political leader's revanchist rhetoric stirred up nationalist sentiments, fueling the desire to reclaim territories lost in historical conflicts.

STRAY(ADJ.&VERB)



Meaning: Wandering or moving away from a direct course or path; not in the right place

To move away from the correct or proper course; to wander.

Synonyms: Homeless, Errant, Drift, Digress, Veer

Antonyms: Tamed, Guided, Proceed, Adhere

Example Sentence:

The stray dog looked lost and hungry, wandering through the streets without a home.

<u>Be careful not to stray from the designated trail while</u> hiking in the woods.

SECULARISM (NOUN)

Meaning: The principle of separating religion from government or political affairs; the belief in the importance of a secular (non-religious) system or state.

Synonyms: Irreligiosity, Rationalism, Humanism

Antonyms: Dogmatism, Orthodoxy, Zealotry.

Sentence: The constitution of the country explicitly promotes secularism, ensuring that no religious group has undue influence on governmental decisions.

EXPEDITING(VERB)

Meaning: The act of making a process or action happen more quickly or efficiently; to speed up or facilitate.

Synonyms: Streamlining, Advancing, Rushing.

Antonyms: Retarding, Stalling, Procrastinating

Example Sentence:

The manager is expediting the shipping process to ensure that the customer receives the order ahead of schedule.





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SPECIOUS (ADJ.)

Meaning: Superficially plausible or reasonable, but actually deceptive or misleading; having the appearance of truth but lacking in substance.

Synonyms: Spurious, Delusive, Deceitful, Bogus

Antonyms: Genuine, Authentic, Honest

Sentence: The salesperson's specious promises about the product's effectiveness were later

exposed as mere marketing tactics.

NIPPING(ADJ.)

Meaning: Chilly or cold, often used to describe weather.

The act of pinching or biting with the teeth, or a sharp, biting sensation.

Synonyms: Brisk ,Biting ,Frosty ,Icy ,Sharp.

Antonyms: Balmy , Toasty , Pleasant , Comfortable

Tropical

Sentence: The nipping wind made everyone bundle up in warm coats and scarves.

AVENGE (verb)

Meaning: To seek revenge or to inflict punishment or harm in return for a perceived wrong or injury.

Synonyms: Retribute, Punish, Vindicate

Redress

Antonyms: Pardon , Absolve , Forget , Ignore.

Example Sentence:

The protagonist vowed to avenge the death of his family, seeking justice for the atrocities committed against them.

DEPREDATION (NOUN)

Meaning: The act of attacking or plundering; the action of preying on or plundering something.

Synonyms: Ravaging, Devastation, Despoliation

Predation

Antonyms: Defense, Security, Guardianship

Example Sentence:

The depredation of the invading army left the oncethriving village in ruins, with homes looted and fields destroyed.

PRECINCT(NOUN)

Meaning: A district or area with its own defined boundaries, especially for administrative or voting purposes.

Synonyms: Sector ,Zone ,Area ,Territory

,Region

Antonyms: Wilderness , Outskirts

Example Sentence:

The local police were patrolling the precinct to ensure the safety of residents and maintain law and order in the community.

ASTOUNDING (ADJ.)

Meaning: Astonishing or amazing in a surprising way; overwhelming with amazement.

Synonyms: Stunning ,Staggering ,Breathtaking

Antonyms: Ordinary, Unremarkable, Mundane

Common

Example Sentence:

The magician's performance was truly astounding, leaving the audience in awe as he effortlessly made objects disappear and reappear.





What is the tone used in the passage by the author?

- 1. SKEPTICAL
- 2. ENTHUSIASTIC
- 3. INFORMATIVE
- 4. NEUTRAL
- 5. CRITICAL
- 6. HUMANISTIC
- 7. ANALYTICAL
- 8. INTROSPECTIVE



