

VOCABULARY FOR 27 JULY 2018

1. STRINGENT (ADJECTIVE): strict

Synonyms: demanding, draconian

Antonyms: amenable, facile

Example Sentence: Area safety requirements have become more stringent.

2. STARE (VERB): look fixedly

Synonyms: glare, focus

Antonyms: ignore, neglect

Example Sentence: These people have been staring me for a long time.

3. FRAGMENT (VERB): break

Synonyms: chunk, portion

Antonyms: entirely, whole

Example Sentence: These are challenging goals, given the fragmented nature of India's health system.

4. PROCURE (VERB): obtain

Synonyms: induce, promote

Antonyms: fail, hinder

Example Sentence: Free essential medicines should be procured through a centralized agency.

5. INFLATE (VERB): increase by a large amount

Synonyms: boost, raise

Antonyms: diminish, decrease

Example Sentence: Some hospitals resort to unnecessary treatment to inflate claims.

6. ALLAY (VERB): pacify

Synonyms: lighten, assuage

Antonyms: heighten, agitate

Example Sentence: A good teacher works hard to allay the concerns of all the students in his class.

7. SOLITUDE (NOUN): aloneness

Synonyms: isolation, seclusion

Antonyms: togetherness, companionship

Example Sentence: A bit of solitude is often all you need to clear your head and rethink your approach.

8. ABRADE (VERB): scrape

Synonyms: itch, efface

Antonyms: imprint, implant

Example Sentence: The rough rock had abraded her skin

9. ORDAIN (VERB): order by officials

Synonyms: impose, proclaim

Antonyms: abolish, violate

Example Sentence: Aman knew that the committee will never ordain him as a member because of his blackened past.

10. VOUCH (VERB): approve

Synonyms: endorse, consent

Antonyms: prohibit, repudiate

Example Sentence: As I'm passing on the information, I vouch for its accuracy.