

## VOCABULARY FOR 17 JANUARY 2023

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| <b>1. Tainting (verb) Meaning:</b> contaminate or pollute (something). (दूषित)   |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> contaminate, pollute, befouling   |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> decontaminating, purifying, filtering   |
| <b>Sentence:</b> Smog has long tainted the air of the city, making it difficult to breathe.                                  |
| <b>2. Blight (noun) Meaning:</b> something that spoils the appearance or completeness of a thing (बिगाड़ देना)               |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> blemish, blotch, defect   |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> adornment, decoration, embellishment  |
| <b>Sentence:</b> The expanding urban sprawl is a blight on the countryside.  |
| <b>3. Confederacies (noun) Meaning:</b> a league or alliance, especially of confederate states. (संघ)                        |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> federation, confederation, alliance   |
| <b>Sentence:</b> The Italian confederacy was known as the Lombard League.  |
| <b>4. Licit (adj.) Meaning:</b> not forbidden; lawful. (जायज)  |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> legitimate, permissible, admissible   |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> illegal, illegitimate, illicit  |
| <b>Sentence:</b> She made some money by licit means.   |
| <b>5. Persiflage (noun) Meaning:</b> light and slightly contemptuous mockery or banter. (ताना)                               |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> badinage, raillery, banter  |
| <b>Sentence:</b> The persiflage is not appropriate when we are discussing such serious problems.                             |
| <b>6. Prolix (adj.) Meaning:</b> (of speech or writing) using or containing too many words; tediously lengthy. (अति विस्तृत) |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> lengthy, long-winded, verbose   |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> concise, compact, brief   |

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| <b>Sentence:</b> The author's prolix style has done nothing to encourage sales of the book.  |
| <b>7. Fickle (adj.) Meaning:</b> changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection. (अस्थिर)                     |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> capricious, changeable, variable  |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> constant, certain, unchanging   |
| <b>Sentence:</b> Fortune is fickle.  |
| <b>8. Helmsmanship (noun) Meaning:</b> the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain. (कुशाग्रता)       |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> astuteness, acumen, acuity  |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> stupidity, foolishness, witlessness   |
| <b>Sentence:</b> Clinton's helmsmanship for the past four years left a lot to be desired   |
| <b>9. Nonentity (noun) Meaning:</b> a person or thing with no special or interesting qualities; an unimportant person or thing. (महत्वहीन व्यक्ति) |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> unimportant person, person of no importance, nobody   |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> personage, somebody, eminence   |
| <b>Sentence:</b> How could such a nonentity become chairman of the company?  |
| <b>10. Disingenuous (adj.) Meaning:</b> not candid or sincere, typically by pretending to know less about something than one really does. (कपटी)   |
| <b>Synonyms:</b> dishonest, deceitful, underhand   |
| <b>Antonyms:</b> honest, sincere, genuine  |
| <b>Sentence:</b> He was being somewhat disingenuous as well as cynical.  |