

VOCABULARY FOR 17 JANUARY 2023

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

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