#### **Abash:** make someone feel ashamed



## Abhor: to hate/detest/loathe





#### **Abject**: extremely unpleasant

(abject poverty / an abject apology)



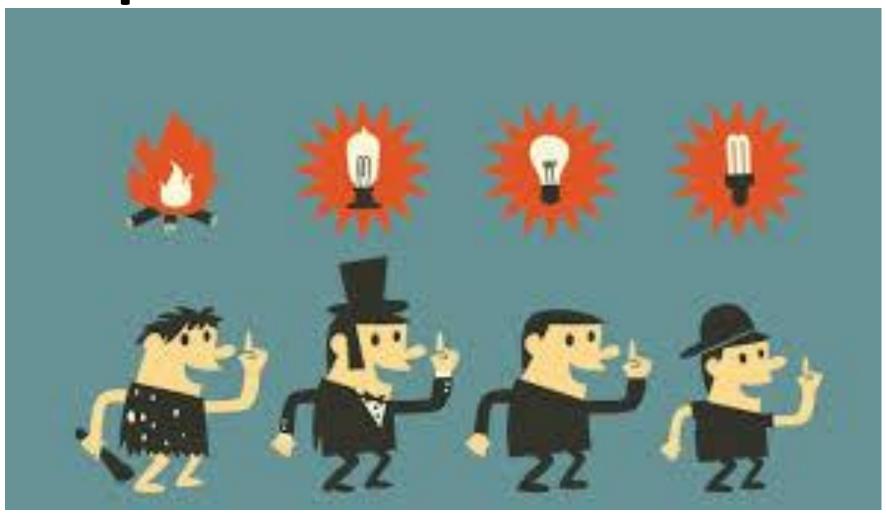
## Ablutions: a ceremonial act of washing body





## adapt

#### to change / modify



It is fascinating to see life forms cope with varied environment conditions.

(a) adopt to(b) adapt to(c) adept to(d)accept with

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Answer: b

## 'Team adapted well to South African conditions'

#### India skipper Mithali Raj hopes to have a significant and special World Cup

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM HYDERABAD

Indian women's cricket captain Mithali Raj says that next month's ODI World Cup in England will, for all practical purposes, be her last.

"I don't think it is practical of me to think of playing in another World Cup after leading India in England.

"I don't want to entertain huge expectations next month but hope to have a significant and special World. Cup," the 34-year-old told *The Hindu* on Wednesday after returning from the Quadrangular Series triumph in South Africa.

An epitome of class and consistency for 18 years now – from scoring a century on ODI debut against Ireland in June 1999 to producing a match-winning half-century in the last ODI against South Africa which helped the

team win the Quadrangular title – Mithali said there were lots of positives on the recent South African tour.

#### **Delighted with openers**

"It was a wonderful team effort with the most pleasing part being the way the openers gave us the kind of starts we were looking for.

"The world record stand between Deepti Sharma and Poonam Raut (320 against Ireland) made them believe... they will be much better players in terms of the confidence they got from that stunning effort," she explained.

Mithali, who will be playing in her fifth World Cup next month, said she was impressed with how the players responded on the South African tracks, given the fact that only she and Jhulan Goswami had played there be-



Mithali Raj. • FILE РНОТО

fore. (2005 World Cup).

"Almost the entire team adapted well to the playing conditions which was totally different from what we'll get in England for the World Cup. But it was a perfect tour in terms of making a critical assessment ahead of such an

I still believe that I have to stay in the middle and play long to give confidence to the other members

important event," remarked Mithali, who has 5,781 runs from 177 ODIs with five centuries and 46 half-centuries.

"It was a wonderful experience as a captain to witness two world records during the tour.

"Although Jhulan's record was on the cards (she became the highest wickettaker in women's ODIs), no one expected the openers to bat their way to a world record," the Indian skipper said.

"I still believe that I have to stay in the middle and play long to give confidence to the other members. I am still enjoying my game. Like wine, even I am getting better as I get older," said Mithali with a smile.

Asked how the team would prepare for the World Cup, Mithali said, "We wil have a camp in Mumbai from June 5. The focus will be or improving all aspects of the game but the emphasis wil be on mental toughness."

Bigger challenge

"Qualifiers and the Quad rangular Series are different as the World Cup is a bigger platform and the challenge will be much bigger.

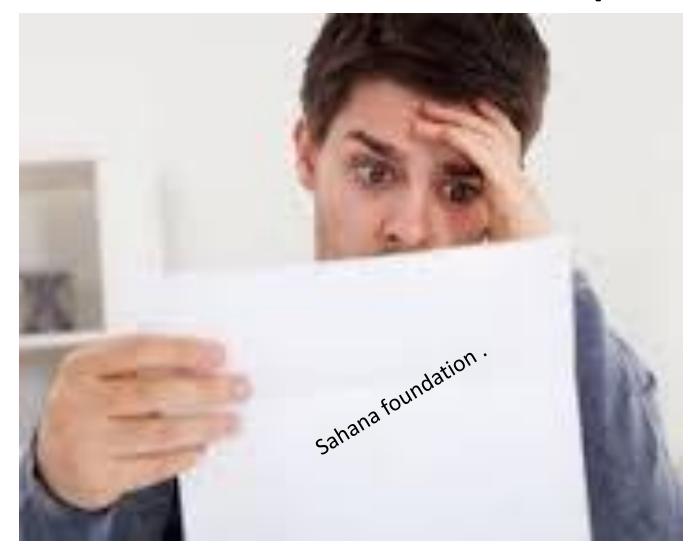
"I still believe the girls sometimes give up in high pressure situations. They need to stand up in crunch situations and for that you need to be mentally tough,' Mithali, arguably India's best-ever women's cricketer concluded.

## adept

#### Skillful/adroit/dexterous



#### **Aghast**: to be filled with horror and surprise



In India , according to estimates ,  $180 \ \text{children}$  go missing on an average every day .

## Alimony: money paid to the former spouse after the divorce (by court order)

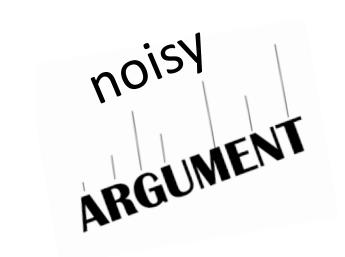


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Palimony: money that is paid to the partner that one had lived with after the separation

#### altercation





The no. of untraced children in the country increased by 84% between 2013 and 2015 .

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#### amenable

Adjective



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#### **Amenable**

Ready to be changed or controlled

#### amenable

Willing to do / compliant / manageable / flexible



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#### **Angst**: a feeling of anxiety and worry



The total no. of untraced children in 2015 was 62,988 as against 34,244 in the year 2013. sahana foundation .

#### Ambidexterous: able to use both the hands equally well



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#### **Anguish:** Severe mental or physical pain



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### **Anonymous: unnamed /unidentified**



# Shocking / horrific / ghastly / dreadful appalling



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## **Atrocity:** a cruel action



#### To enlarge / improve /intensify / enhance



- Definition: (v.) to make larger, increase
- Synonyms: enlarge, supplement
- Antonyms: decrease, diminish





#### august

Distinguished / eminent / renowned / noble



M.P. and Haryana have witnessed around 60% growth in the no. of untraced children in the last three years . Sahana foundation .

## **ZENITH: THE HIGHEST PONT**



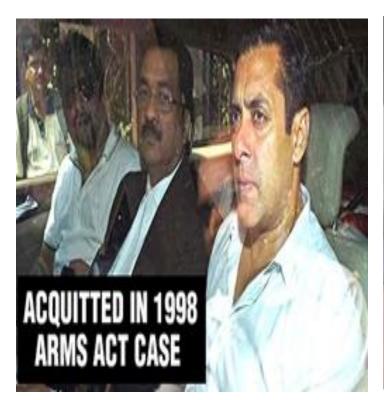
#### acme Pinnacle / summit / Cliff / zenith / apex



#### **Accused:** the person charged with a crime



#### Acquit: to free (someone) from a criminal charge





#### awful

Very bad / unpleasant / disgusting / horrible / loathsome / lousy





#### averse



Example: most of the beggars are averse to rehabilitation, they prefer to lead wretched lives though there are better ways to live.

## **Betray:** Cheat / deceive / be disloyal



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#### benevolence

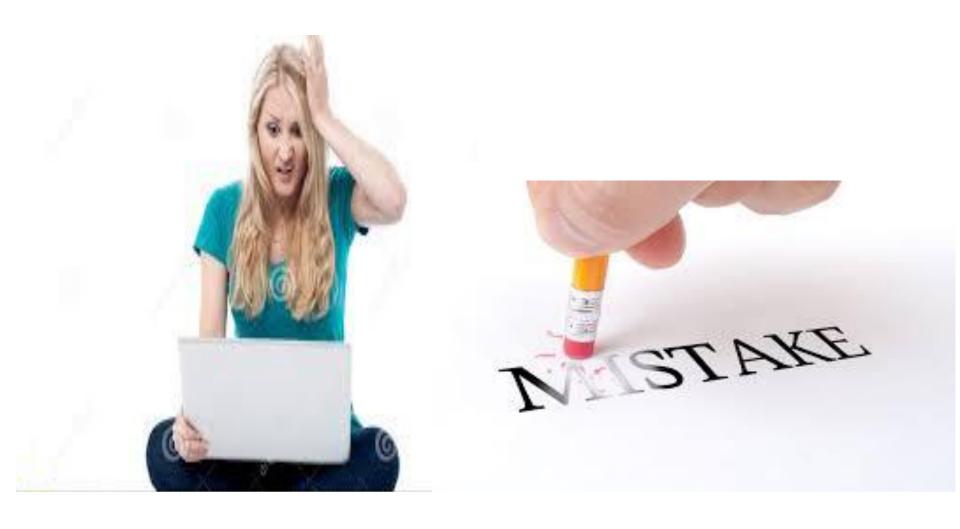




## **Benediction: blessing**



#### **Blunder**: mistake / error / debacle



## Balmy (weather): pleasant



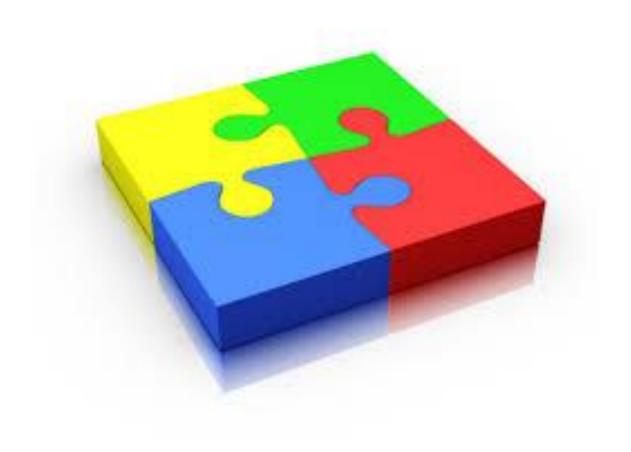
#### **Boisterous**: noisy /lively/ full of energy



#### **Booze: to drink alcohol**



# Absolute: complete / utter / entire / perfect / outright.



# accomplice





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### **Aberrant: unusual**



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## abeyance



noun [uh-bey-uh ns]

temporary inactivity, cessation, or suspension.

# Hopeless / woeful / shameless / very low / disgraceful abysmal

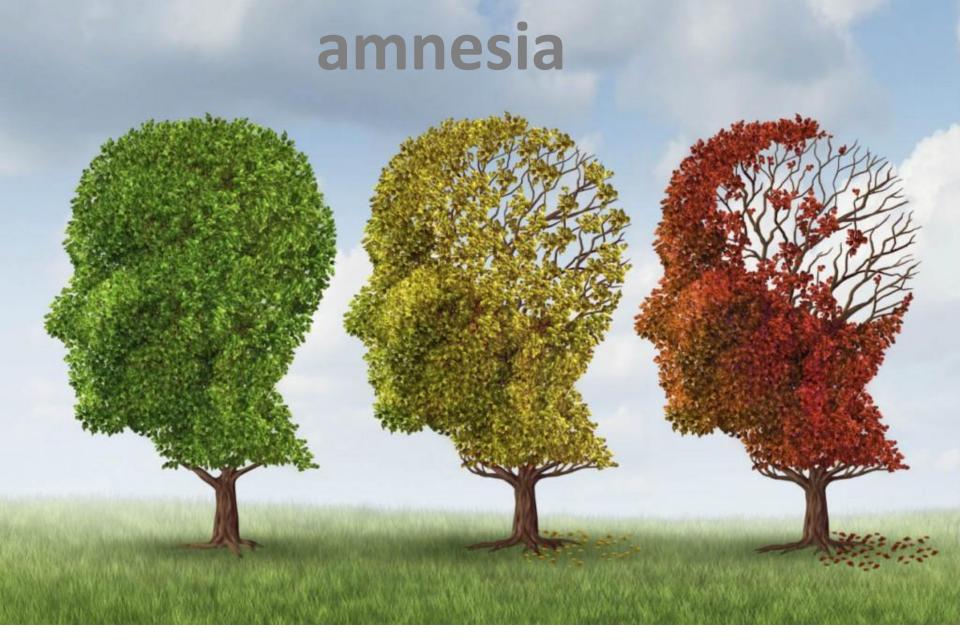


### Abrogate: to put an end







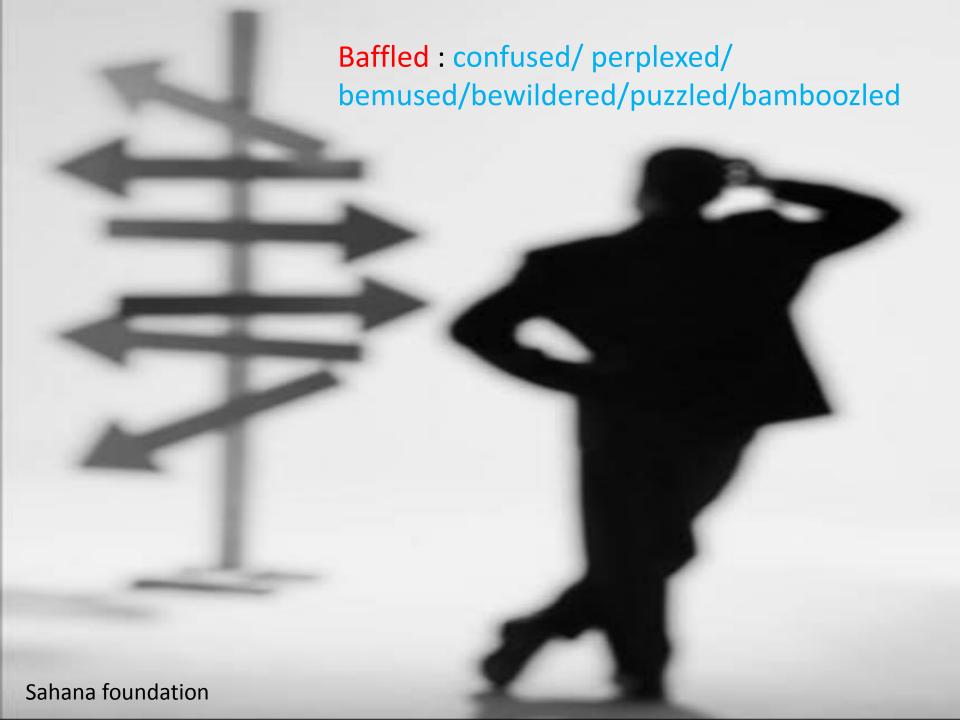


Loss of memory

### attrition

Weakening / wearing down / enfeebling





#### To frighten / intimidate /oppress / coerce

# bully



When you see kids begging, give them food instead of money, please do not allow them to get used to making money.

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# Skip / avoid / shirk

## Bunk



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# CACOPHONY



A loud, harsh noise; one that burns one's ears.

## cacophony

# Cacophony

· Harsh sounds; bad noise.







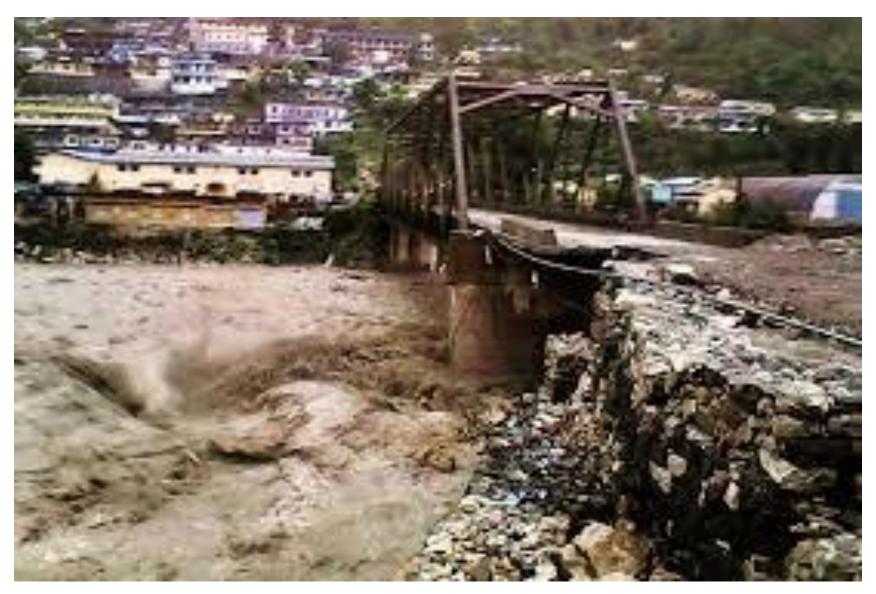






#### Disaster / catastrophe / great damage

# calamity



## catastrophe





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#### **Calligraphy:** The art of decorative hand writing.



# City beggars not so poor after all

'About 90 to 95 per cent beggars are not willing to accept rehabilitation'

STATE REPORTER

HYBERABAD: Hyderahad has 25,000 begggers and each of them earms about Ma, 500 per day --- a business turnover of about Rs. 456 crore per year. Another figure thrown up was 14,000 beggans who earn Rs. 300 a day, totalling Rs. 153 strore a year. Children, on the other hand, earn more than actults.

These shocking numbers emerged from a day-long seminar on creating a begpur-free Hyderabud. As a clutch of NGOs were brought together under one umbrella to debate the lastas. what become apparent is the scope of the problem.

"All of these beggars are not genuine. Most of them are criminals and have come from neighbouring Status, even as far out as Bihar and Urras Pradesh Ords 5 per

#### RICHIE RICH



Beggars can be found at many triaffic signals across the city. - Photos: Mohalmand Vocas F

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cent of these beggans are real, the others are take who are init for the money," said Tayaprobach Sharat, who studied the begon menace in the city and presented his statistics at the seminar

"We will create a bessurfree city," vowed Mayor Bonthu Rammohan, while addressing the semmar, "Ninety per cent of the beggars are fake. We will create a mass awareness programmae about not giving alms to begggive and at the sume time rehabilltate grouing onen. These fake beggars are speiling the image of the city, and at the same time, many of them bold criminal records," the Mayor said.

The foom on fighting the menace should be about taking care of the destinate, the old and the disabled, said Madhavi, a speaker at the seminar.

"If we can create an infrustructure to help these people, then the menace can be solved. Amf we need to rehabilitate beggars if we want to solve the problem," she added.

'About 90 to 95 per cent beggers are not at all willing to accept rehabilitation in old age homes, schools, and ashrams/orphanages. Thereare many reasons for them not accepting this proposal and also rejecting bely from the NGOs. The main reason is that their incomes are very high," sold Mr. hayaprakanh.

"In this month of Ramsen when most Muslims give zaket, they should give the alms to people who need them. They should not give it to undeserving people," said Khalig Muhammad, who rum an NGO which works for the uplift of the community.

Source: The Hindu

## capitulate

Surrender / yield / succumb / cease to resist



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# Casanova: a man who is passionate about women and has many lovers



## chide

To scold / rebuke / upbraid / castigate / reprimand / admonish



## Clandestine: hidden / secret/covert



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# clasp

Grasp (something) tightly with one's hand/grip/clutch



# Crash / smash / clash / bump / knock collision



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### Combat: To fight / attack / obstruct / confront



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# To praise / laud / hail / applaud / clap / extol commend



### To hide / tuck away / shroud

### conceal





### confrontation

A dispute / fight / battle .



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Agreement / assent /accord / concurrence

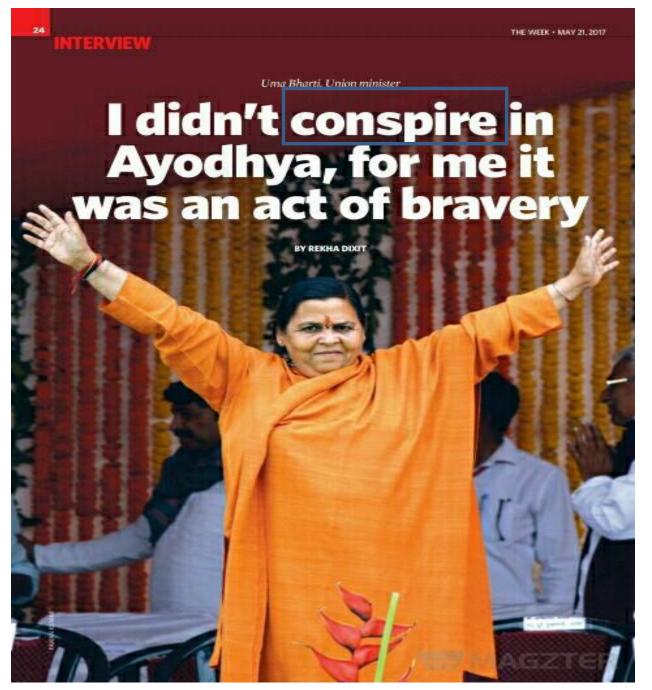


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## **Conspiracy**: a secret plan/plot/scheme/ stratagem



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Irritable/ irascible / bad tempered

### **Contemplate**: to think / consider / ponder



# **Convalesce:**

Recover / recuperate / regain one's health after illness



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#### Convict : declare ( someone ) to be guilty of a crime



# **Convivial**: friendly / genial / affable / amiable



# Corpse: dead body /deceased body



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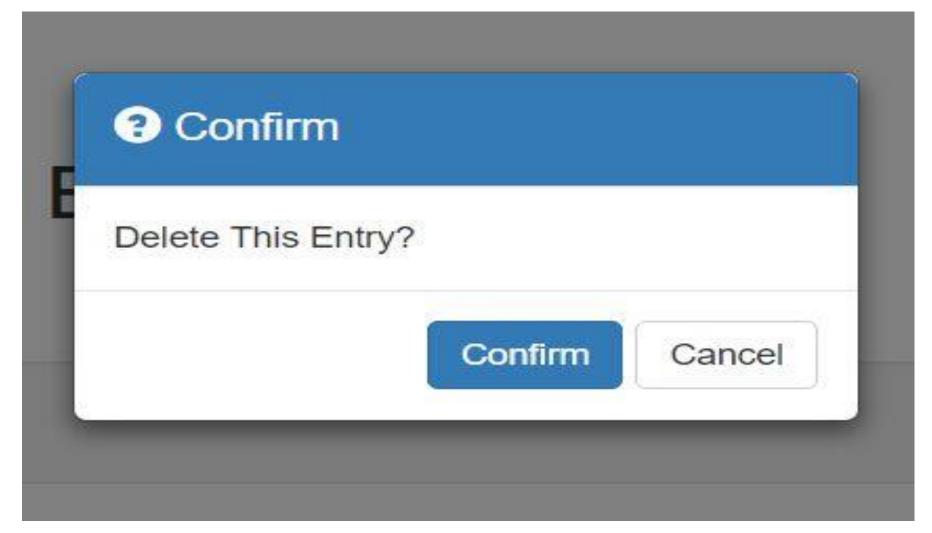
# corpulent

Obese / fat

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#### corroborate

Corroborate: confirm / validate / ratify / to add proof



# Crooked: bent / twisted / out of shape



#### CROOKED (adjective): dishonest / illegal



Crook ( noun ): a criminal

#### **Culmination**: the end of an activity /event/ process



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# culprit

Offender / wrong doer / person responsible for a crime or misdeed



Root: culp Meaning : blame

Culpable : blamable

Culprit: one who deserves the blame

Inculpate: to blame / incriminate / accuse

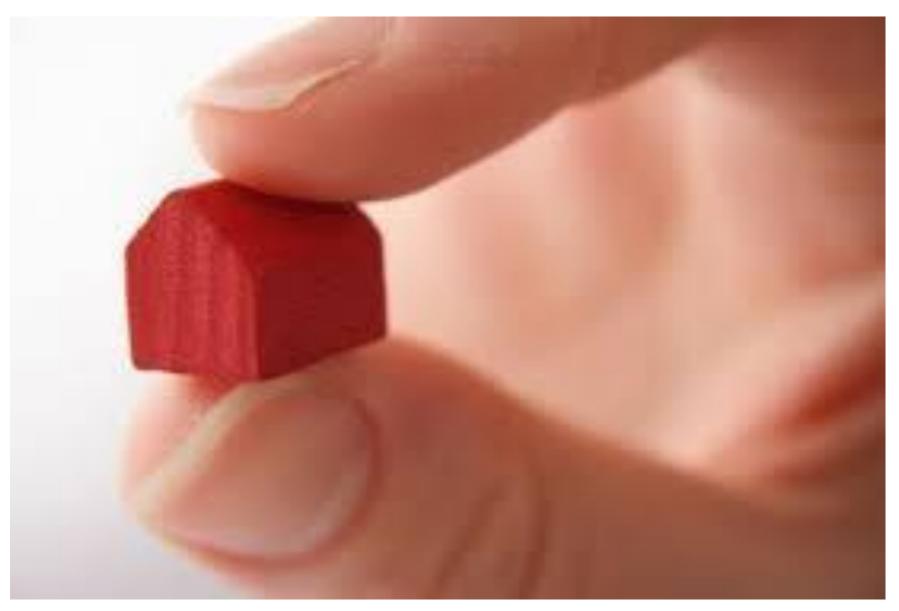
Exculpate: to declare that someone is not guilty

# **Dally**

#### Dawdle / delay / linger / lag



# Dainty: small /delicate



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## **Dearth**

Lack / scarcity / deficiency / paucity / shortfall / meagerness



# declivity

A downward slope

#### Spoil / mar / ruin / tarnish / deform

# deface



#### Respect / regard / courtesy / politeness

# deference



Resistant / uncooperative / recalcitrant / obstinate / disobedient defiant



#### Flood / down pour

deluge

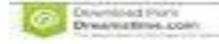


#### **Denounce: to criticize publicly**



# **Deplorable**: disgraceful/shameful /unworthy







# **Deter**: prevent / stop/ discourage



#### **Detrimental**: harmful / injurious



#### Dilapidated: worn out / about to collapse / ramshackle



# Diffuse: to spread / disperse



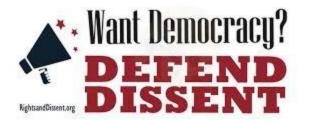
#### discord

# DISCORD\*

Lack of agreement; harmony



#### **DISSENT**: TO DISAGREE / PROTEST / DIFFER









#### **GATE 2014 ME + EC**

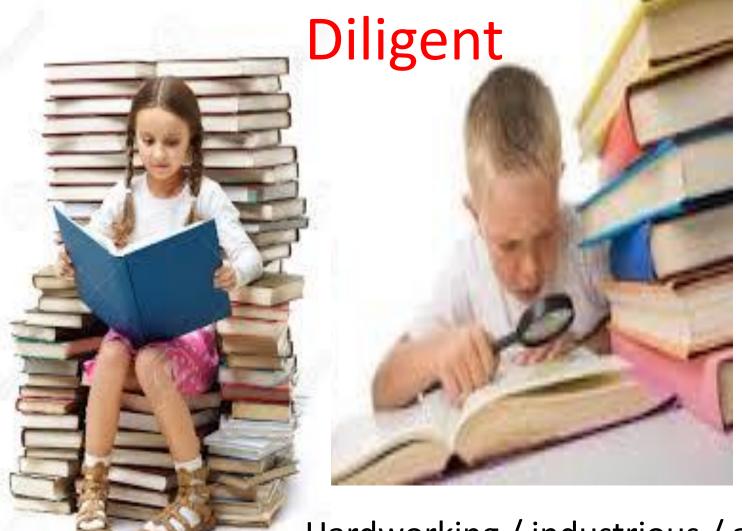
Which of the following is the closest in meaning to the word underlined in the sentence below?

In a democracy, everybody has the freedom to disagree with the government

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(a) dissent (b) descent
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(c) decent (d) decadent

Answer: (a)



Hardworking / industrious / assiduous



# Docile.

# Docile: flexible / obedient / ready to accept / meek



# **Dolorous:** sad / gloomy/sorrowful



#### Drowsy : sleepy / dozy / somnolent



## **Ebullient:** cheerful / euphoric / effervescent



# **Edict:** order / dictate / command



**Eerie: strange and frightening/creepy/mysterious** 



# **Efface:** erase / remove



#### **Effeminate: womanish/unmanly**



## Effigy: dummy/ statue



#### **Egalitarian:** believing the principle of equality



# **Egress**: go out / leave



#### **Elated**: euphoric / ecstatic / overjoyed



# **Elicit: obtain / extract**



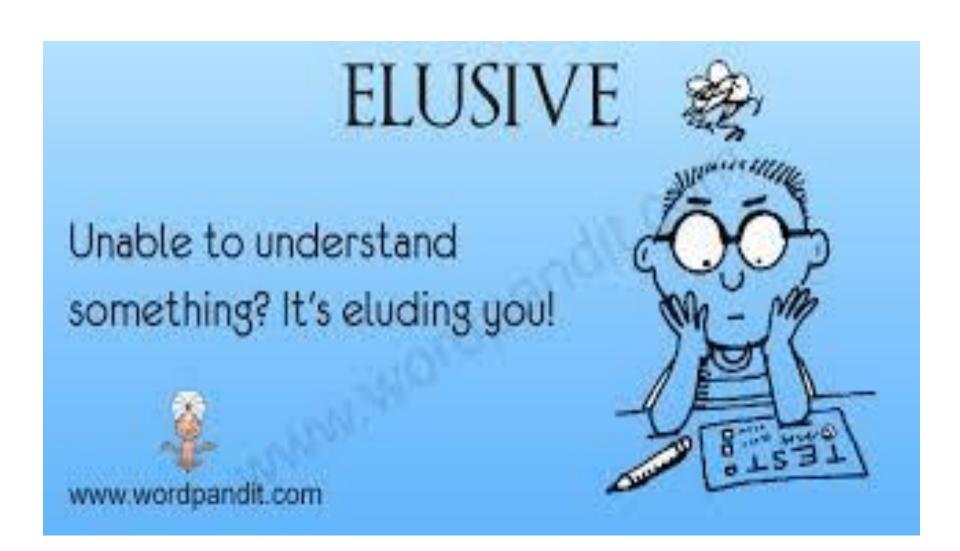
# Elope: go away with lover



#### **Elucidate:** explain clearly



#### Elusive: difficult to find / catch



# **Emaciated:** abnormally thin

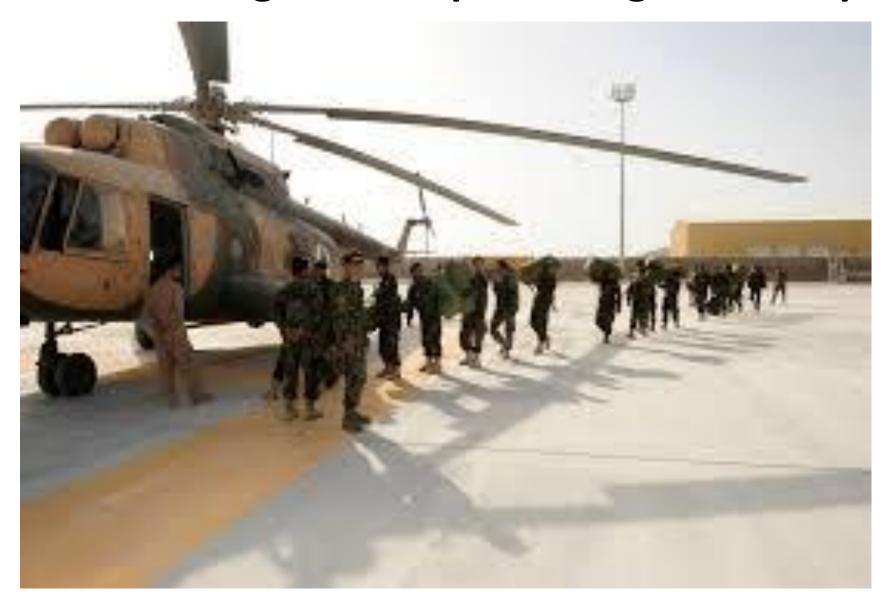


# **Emancipate : to liberate / free**





#### Embark: to get into a plane or go on a ship



#### Disembark: to get off a ship / a plane

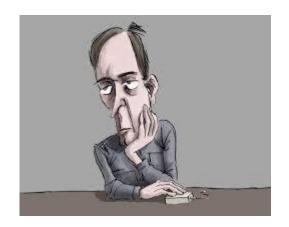


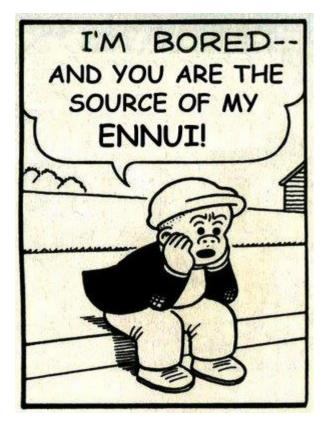
# **Embellish: to decorate**

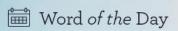


# **Enmity: hatred**









June 24, 2015

# ennui

noun [ahn-wff, ahn-wee; French ahn-nwee]

a feeling of utter weariness and discontent resulting from satiety or lack of interest; boredom.



# **Enthrall: woo / charm/captivate**



# **Eradicate**: root out/remove



#### **Errand: chore / task/job**



#### **Estrange : To distance/alienate**



To turn one?s affections away from another person; it also means to remove or to keep apart

# **EXASPERATE**: INCENSE /ANGER / MADDEN/ANNOY



## **Excruciating: intensely painful**



#### **Extravaganza:** spectacular display



## Falter: hesitate /delay





#### Fatuous: silly / foolish /inane

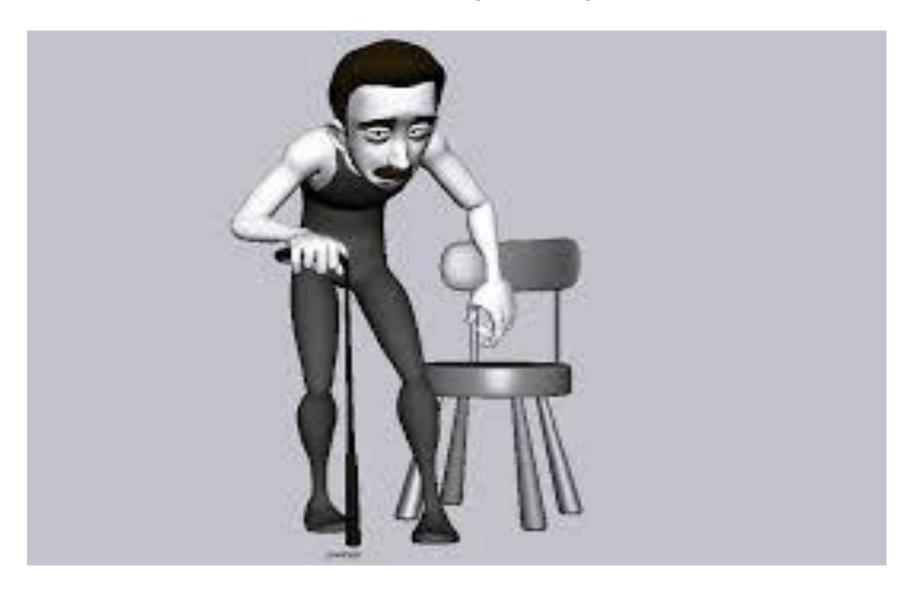




#### **FAUX PAS: AN EMBARRASSING BLUNDER**

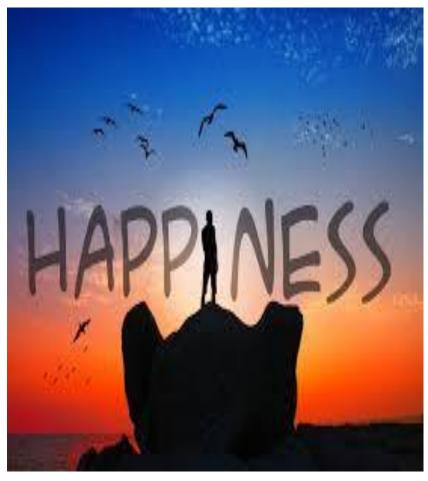


# Feeble: weak / frail/infirm



# Felicity: joy / bliss





#### Felicitate: to honour in a public place



#### **GATE 2016 EC + ME**

The students \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher on teachers' day for twenty years of dedicated teaching .

(a) facilitated(b) felicitated(c) fantasized(d) facillitated

Answer: (b)

# Felony: a crime



#### Feral: wild/undomesticated/untamed





## Flabbergast:astonish/amaze/surprise



# Folly: senseless/foolish



### Fragile: delicate / breakable



### Fraught: anxious/worried/upset



### Frown: an expression of irritation



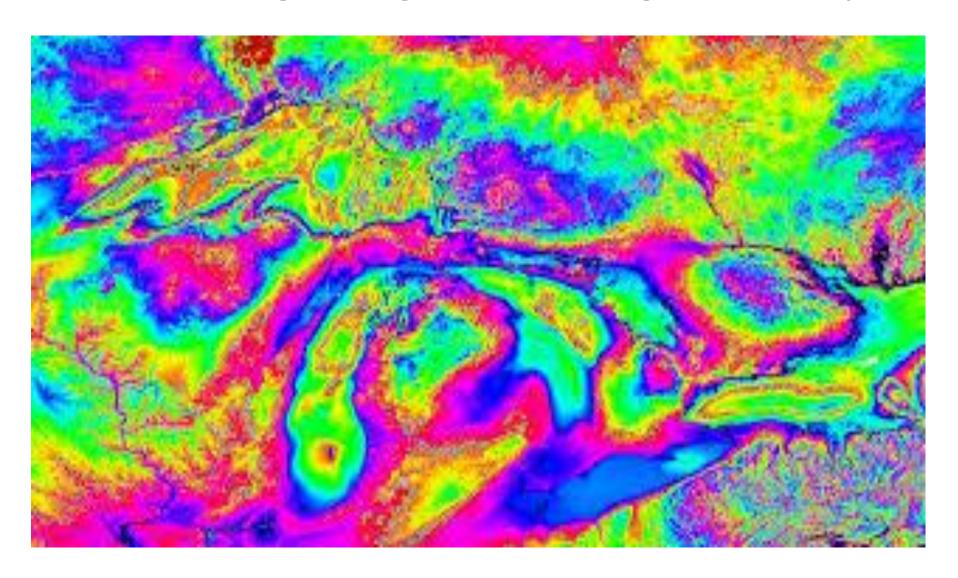
### Gag: to prevent someone from speaking



### Gallantry: courage/bravery/valour



### Garish: glaring / over-bright /flashy



### Garner: gather/collect/assemble



### Gawk: stare / gape / gaze /



### Gigantic: huge / large / enormous



### Glum: gloomy / depressed / dull



### Glutton: greedy eater



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### Gourmet: epicure /quality conscious of food





## Gossip: informal conversation about other people's private affairs



### Grandeur: splendour /magnificence



### Grapple: wrestle / engage in a close fight



#### GRASP: seize and hold firmly / clasp / clutch / grab / snatch







#### GATE: 2016 IN + EC

The Buddha said, "holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else: you are the one who gets burnt"

SELECT THE WORD WHICH IS CLOSEST IN MEANING TO THE WORD UNDERLINED

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(a) burning(b) igniting(c) clutching(d) flinging
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Answer:(c)

## Grievous : severe / bad / grave / terrible







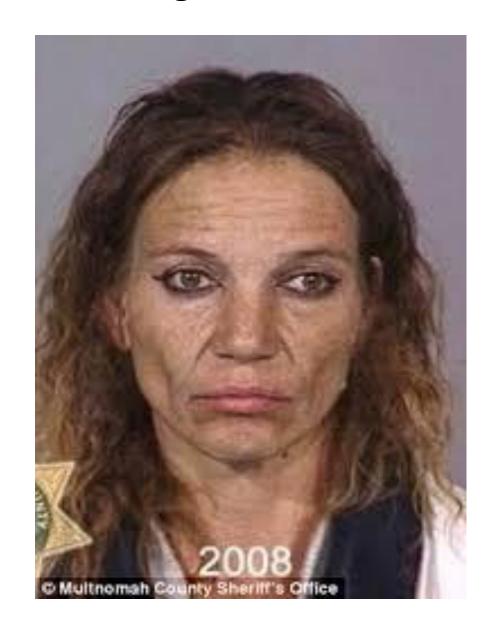




### Guffaw: laugh out loudly (LOL)



### Haggard: looking exhausted and unwell



### Hapless: unlucky /unfortunate



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### Hasten: move hurriedly /rush



## **Expedite: hasten**



## Expedite crop loan renewal for kharif

Special Correspondent

HYDERABAD: The State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Telangana, has advised the banks to expedite renewal and rollover of crop loans for the kharif season.

Urging them to avoid inconvenience to the farmers, the Committee president Santanu Mukherjee said Agriculture Minister P. Srinivasa Reddy, at the SLBC meeting on September 4, had said that the pace of renewals, post release of the second instalment of crop loan waiver to bank by the government, is "very slow."

The Minister had requested the bank to step up lending as the kharif season is coming to an end this month.

Mr. Mukherjee, who is also Managing Director of the State Bank of Hyderabad, said some banks and branches were adopting different procedures for rollover for crop loans.

"As assured to the Minister, banks are requested to renew/rollover crop loans without causing inconvenience to the farmers and complete renewals by the time kharif season ends," he said in a communication.

Mr. Mukherjee also asked the banks to claim the four per cent interest subvention, on all eligible crop loan, offered by the Department of Agriculture under the State government's Vaddileni Panta Runalu programme.

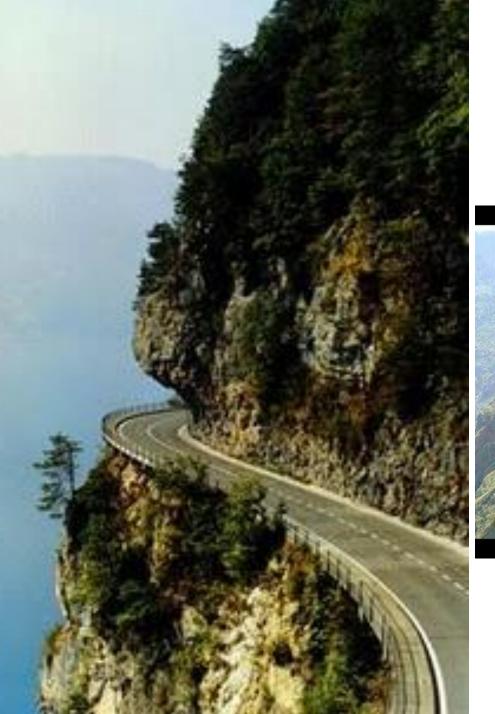
The scheme has been extended for the kharif and rabi 2014-15 too, for farmers who have already repaid the crop loans.

### Haughty: proud /vain / conceited





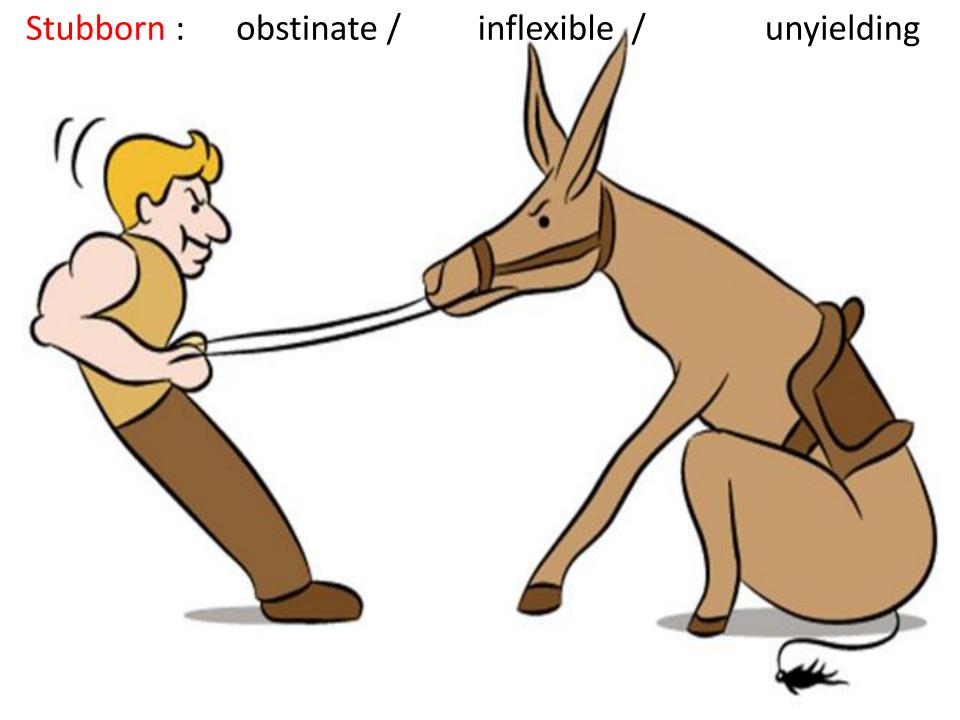
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### **HAZARDOUS**

dangerous





### Head strong: stubborn / unyielding



### Heinous: wicked / evil / atrocious



### Horde: crowd / a large group.



### Horrendous: extremely unpleasant / horrifying



### Hurdle: obstacle /barrier / problem/obstruction





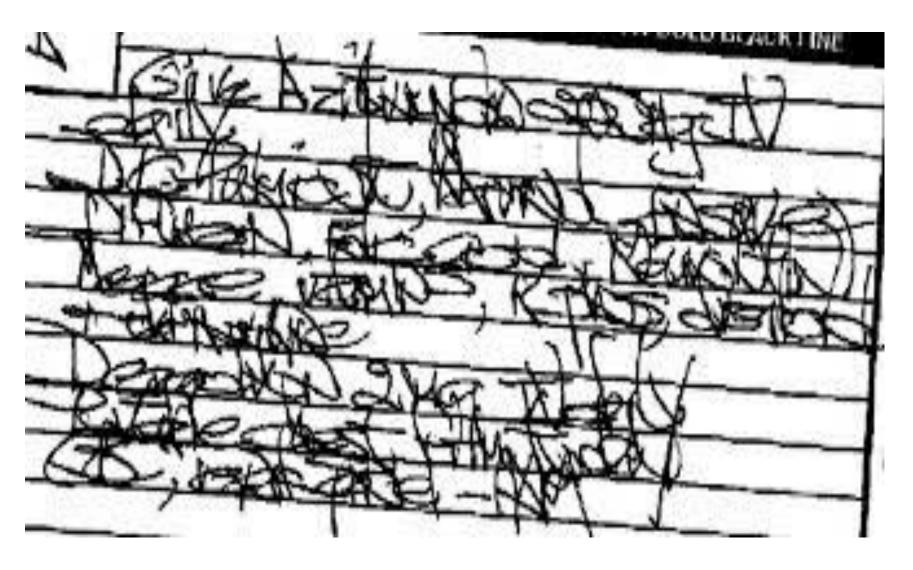
Lazy / sluggish / slothful / indolent

## lethargic

### Idle : lazy



### Illegible: unreadable



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## Nanny rents out baby to beggars

SANCHITA SEN

DC | BENGALURU

Nov. 4: This nanny was more Pagin than Mary Poppins.

A young couple in the city who hired a nanny to look after their baby while they were at work discovered that she had hired out the child to be used for begging on the streets.

Ms Anamika Joshi, an MBA graduate and a consultant with an MNC, discovered by chance that her seven-month-old baby boy was being hired out to beggars for Rs 100 a day.

She left returned home early from work one day and found the namy watching TV while her son was missing.

When Ms Joshi questioned the nanny, she confessed that she had been giving the baby to beggars for three weeks.

"What my baby was put through sends shivers down my spine. I can't imagine what would have happened Anamika Joshi, a consultant with an MNC, returned home from work early one day only to discover that her 7-month-old baby was being hired out to beggars for Rs 100 a day.

if I had not returned home

early that day," said Ms Joshi.

She and her husband also realised why the baby had appeared to be drowsy lately.

"We took him to a doctor, who surprisingly did not find anything wrong with the child. We later learned that our haby was given oral sedatives by the beggars," she said.

Although the namy was thrown out, no police complaint was lodged against her with the couple seeing no point in pursuing the matter. "I have my boby and I will never put him in such a situation again," says Ms Joshi.

The couple has decided to rely on their parents, who have agreed to live with them to take care of the baby.

Child rights activists say such incidents could be more common than people realise, with offenders getting away as the laws do not prescribe severe punishment for them.

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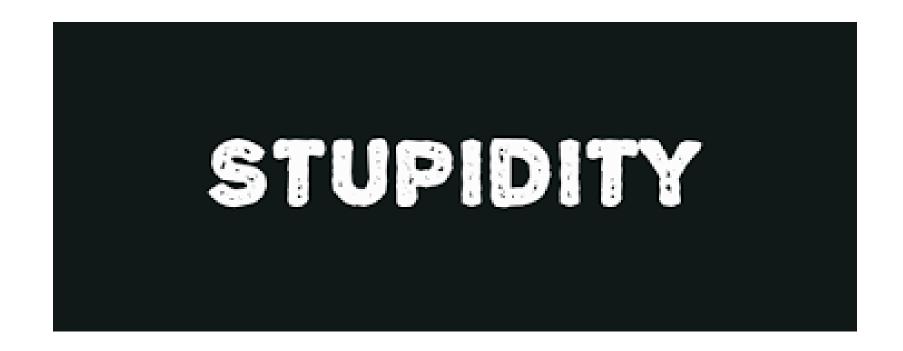
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### Illicit: illegal / forbidden /unlawful



### imbecility

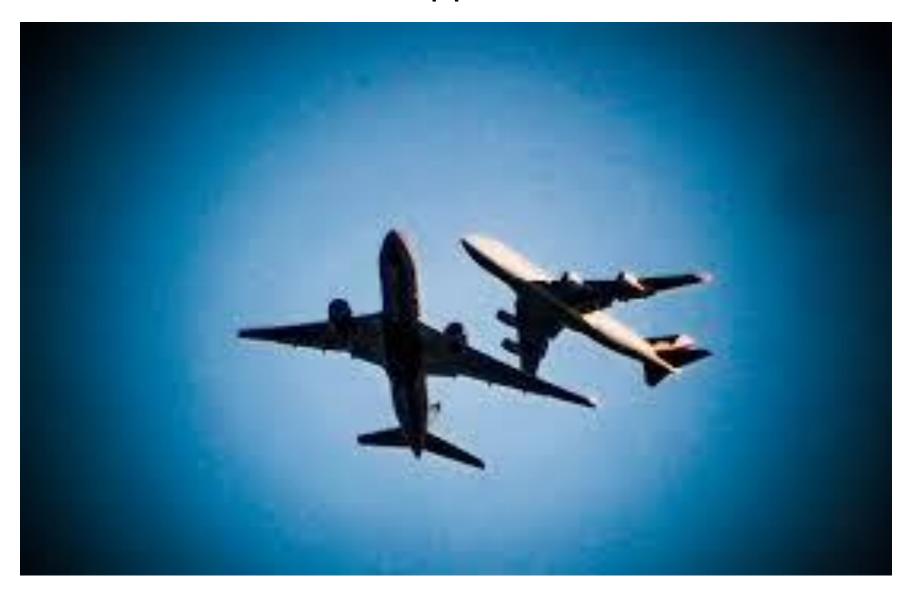


#### Imbibe: to drink

Ex: If you imbibe ideas, you accept them.



## Imminent: close / near / forthcoming/about to happen



#### Immolate: killing the self by burning



#### Immune: resistant/ not vulnerable



#### Immure: confine /imprison /incarcerate/jail



#### A king-size life in Delhi's expansive beggar home

Nine days away from release, the sole inhabitant fears losing generous benefits

MARIA AKRAM

NEW DELHI: Arvind Singh is not a beggar, but he chooses to be seen as one.

For three months now, the 60-year-old with sunken cheeks and arched eyebrows has been the only resident of Delhi government's shelter for 1,525 beggars at Lampur, Narela.

The single-storied home on 22 acres shares a compound with the Foreigners Detention Centre. There are nearly 70 rooms here but except for Singh's, the others are locked. But Singh is spending sleepless nights these days. He paces his 20x 20 room because he is just nine days away from release, after two years of living 'too comfortably' at the shelter. He has three 'personal' caretakers, and enjoys benefits like lodging, free food, medical treatment, clothes and



AT HOME: Arvind Singh helps with lunch preparations at the beggars' shelter in Lampur, New Delhi.— PHOTO: V. SUDERSHAN

toiletries. His room has a desert cooler, a TV, a bed and a small 'temple' with idols kept on his steel trunk. He gets a kilo of milk every day and fruits as snacks. The government spends Rs. 5 crore a year to run the facility. The funds go mostly to pay staff salaries and for kitchen expenses. There are 11 staffers.

Records say no beggar was sent to Lampur in 2016. The last time the shelter was close to capacity was during the Commonwealth Games, when the then CM Sheila Dikshit, carried out a cleanliness drive.

Begging is an offence in Delhi under the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959, (the Act extends to the capital) and beggars are

frequently picked up by police and social welfare officials. They are produced before the magistrate at Kingsway Camp.

"But they are let off due to lack of evidence, and also since no rehabilitation programme exists," said a senior social welfare department official. The Magistrate had ordered Arvind Singh also to be let off.

"But I requested that I be sent to Lampur," said Singh, "and he took pity."

He first arrived in January 2014 but after his release, it took him six months to be caught again. "I plan to spend the rest of my life here," says Singh.

Even now, Singh plans to do an encore. He knows where beggars are most likely to be caught. "I will get caught again," he says. For this, he has a separate set of dirty clothes.

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#### Immutable: unchangeable / fixed /unshakeable



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Impasse: a difficult situation in which it is impossible to make progress/halt/stand-off/stop



## Implicate: to show that someone is involved in a crime/inculpate/incriminate



#### Impound: seize and take legal custody

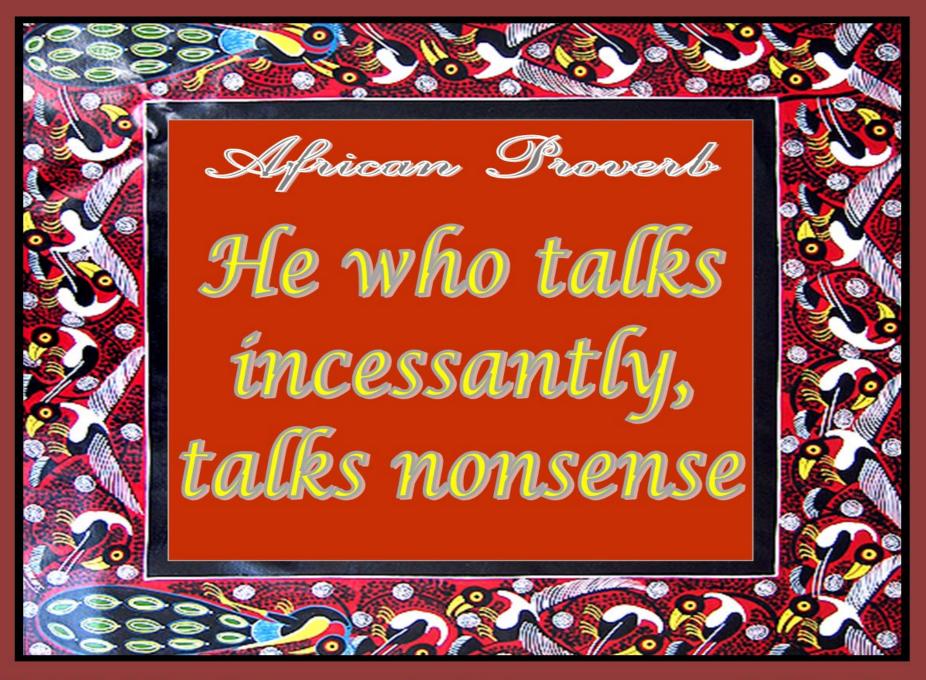


## Impromptu unprepared/unrehearsed/extempore



### Incessant: continuous / nonstop





### **Incongruous**: strange / different /unfitting



#### Inconspicuous :unclear /not seen easily



#### Indelible: long lasting /unlikely to be forgotten



Please do not encourage beggars who exploit children

#### Infuriate: enrage / incense / anger / madden



Ex: we get infuriated by the stupid behaviour of people.

### Insane: mad / Mentally ill



#### Instigate: to provoke / make someone do something



## Interlocutor: representative / a person who talks on behalf of another



#### Intimidate : to frighten/menace/terrify/scare/daunt



# Intrude: to go into a place without permission/trespass





## Irony: odd or amusing because it involves a contrast



## IRREVOCABLE: THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED OR REVERSED



Ex: let us take an irrevocable decision to rescue children from begging mafia

#### Isolated: alone



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# Jamboree: a celebration where there is a huge crowd



### Jeopardy: a dangerous situation



Ex: The lives of many children, used by beggars are undoubtedly in a jeopardy.

#### Jubilation: a feeling of great happiness



## Lanky: tall and thin

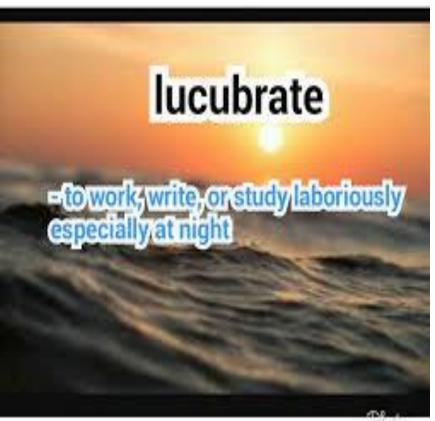


Lustrous: shiny/glossy/radiant/bright





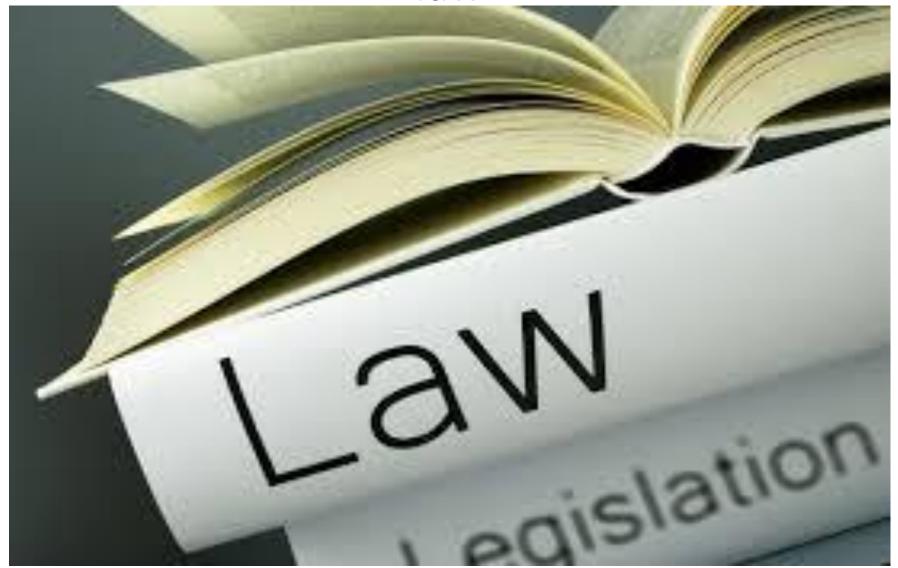
To work diligently by artificial light, to study at night.



#### Latent: hidden at the moment, not obvious



# Legitimate: acceptable according to the law





Lazy / sluggish / slothful / indolent

# lethargic

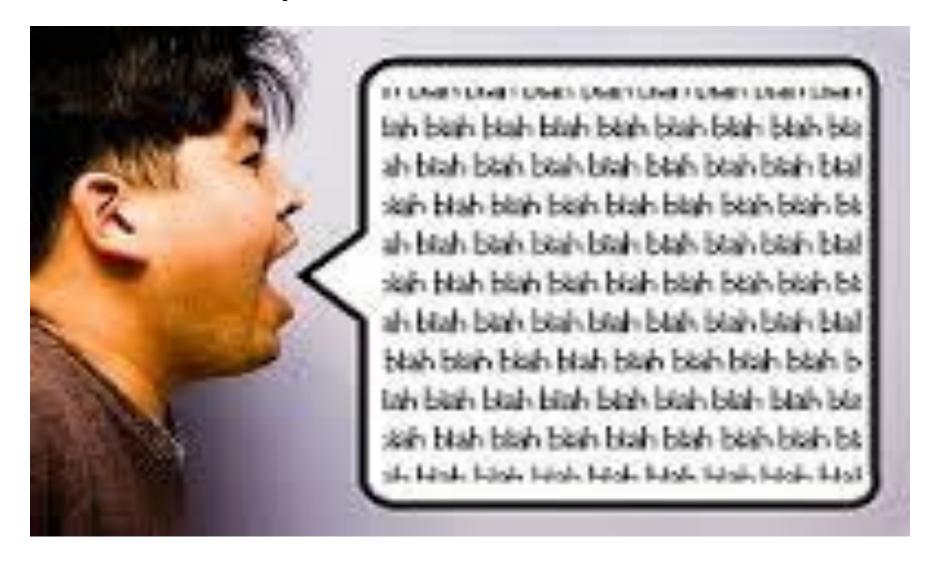
## Lethargic: lazy



liability



## Loquacious: talkative





The child being used in begging near hauzkhas metro in Delhi

Magnanimous : generous /charitable / benevolent / altruistic / philanthropic

Be about ten times more magnanimous than you believe yourself capable of. Your life will be a hundred times better for it.



## Majestic: great / awesome.



#### Malady: ailment / sickness / disorder



# Mammoth: huge / large / massive / gigantic / giant /colossal



Children are godly, let them not be ruined by the demons of begging

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#### Massacre: mass killing / mass slaughter



# 28 Coptic Christians massacred in Egypt, many children among dead

AHMED ABOULENEIN

MINYA, MAY 26

GUNMEN ATTACKED a group of Coptic Christians travelling to a monastery in central Egypt on Friday, killing 28 people and wounding 24, with many children among the victims, Health Ministry officials said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which came on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan. It followed a series of church bombings claimed by Islamic State in a campaign of violence against the Copts. Islamic State supporters reposted videos from earlier this year urging violence against the Copts in Egypt.

Eyewitnesses said masked men opened fire after stopping the Christians, who were in a bus and other vehicles. Local TV channels showed a bus apparently raked by gunfire and smeared with blood.

Clothes and shoes could be



Gunmen hit a convoy of vehicles carrying the Copts to a monastery in central Egypt. Reuters

seen lying in and around the bus, while the bodies of some of the victims lay in the sand nearby, covered with black sheets.

The attack, which Egypt's Muslim leaders condemned, happened 15 km from the monastery, a security official on the scene told Reuters.

Ambulance workers, monks and Muslim clerics were also present but declined to speak.

Police armed with assault rifles formed a security perimeter and officials from the public prosecutor's office were gathering evidence and fingerprints. Heavily armed special forces arrived later wearing face masks and body armour.

The injured were taken to local hospitals and some were being transported to Cairo. One of the vehicles attacked was taking men to carry out maintenance work at the monastery while another had children on board, of-

ficials said.

Dozens of people gathered at the emergency area of a local hospital. Some carried a wooden coffin to a hearse.

The Health Ministry said that among those injured were two children aged two.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi called a meeting of security officials, the state news agency said, and the cabinet said the attackers would not succeed in dividing the nation.

The grand imam of al-Azhar. Egypt's 1,000-year-old centre of Islamic learning, said the attack was intended to destabilise the country.

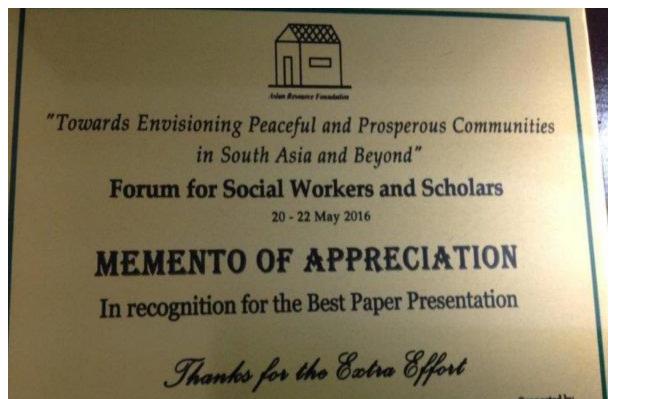
"I call on Egyptians to unite in the face of this brutal terrorism," Ahmed al-Tayeb said from Germany, where he was on a visit. The Grand Mufti of Egypt Shawki Allam, condemned the perpetrators as traitors.

The Coptic church said it had received news of the killing of it "martyrs" with pain and sorrow

REUTERS

## Melancholy: sadness / sorrow







#### Memento

Keepsake /souvenir

#### GATE: 2015 EE + EC

The principal presented the chief guest with a \_\_\_\_\_, as a token of appreciation .

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(a) momento (b) memento
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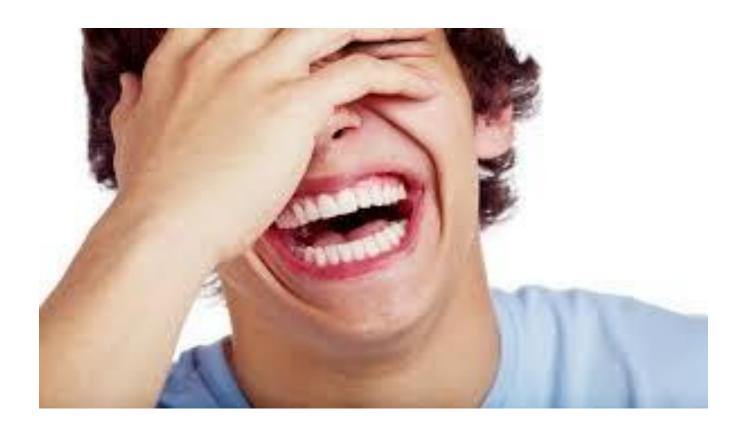
(c) momentum (d) moment

Answer: (B)

#### Miniscule: minute / very small / tiny



## Mirth: cheerfulness /glee/fun



#### Miscreant: wrong doer / offender / culprit



# Mishap: accident / misfortune



#### Mitigate: lessen / reduce / alleviate



#### GATE: 2012 CS, MECHANICAL & CIVIL

Which one of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word given below?

#### **MITIGATE**

(a) diminish(b) divulge(c) dedicate(d) denote

Answer: (a)

# Monstrous: ugly / gruesome /horrible / hideous



#### Moron: utterly stupid

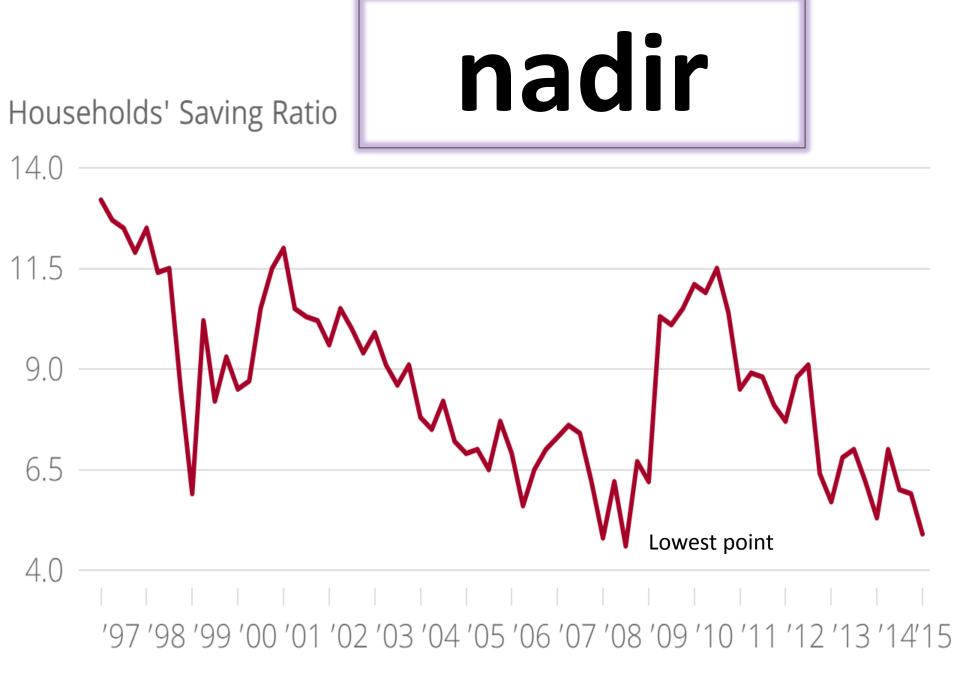


### Muster: gather /assemble/ collect

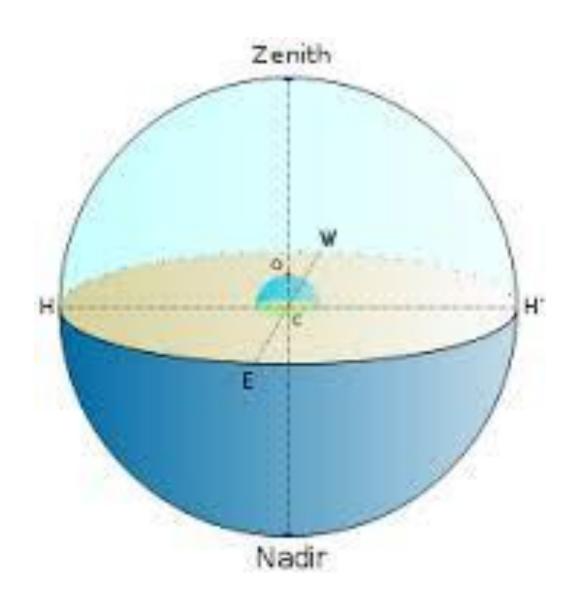


# Mutilate: cut to pieces / butcher /tear apart/damage / mar





### Nadir: The lowest point



#### Neologism: a newly coined word



#### Here are two examples by Paul McFedries:

- awkword: a word that is hard to pronounce
- mental hairball: a word or phrase coughed up randomly

#### Neophyte: novice / tyro / beginner / learner



# Nightmare: a frightening dream / a very unpleasant experience



Ex: losing children is an everlasting nightmare for the parents

## **Nocturnal**: active at night



# Nonchalant: feeling casually calm and relaxed / not displaying anxiety or enthusiasm





# Obnoxious : unbearable / extremely unpleasant

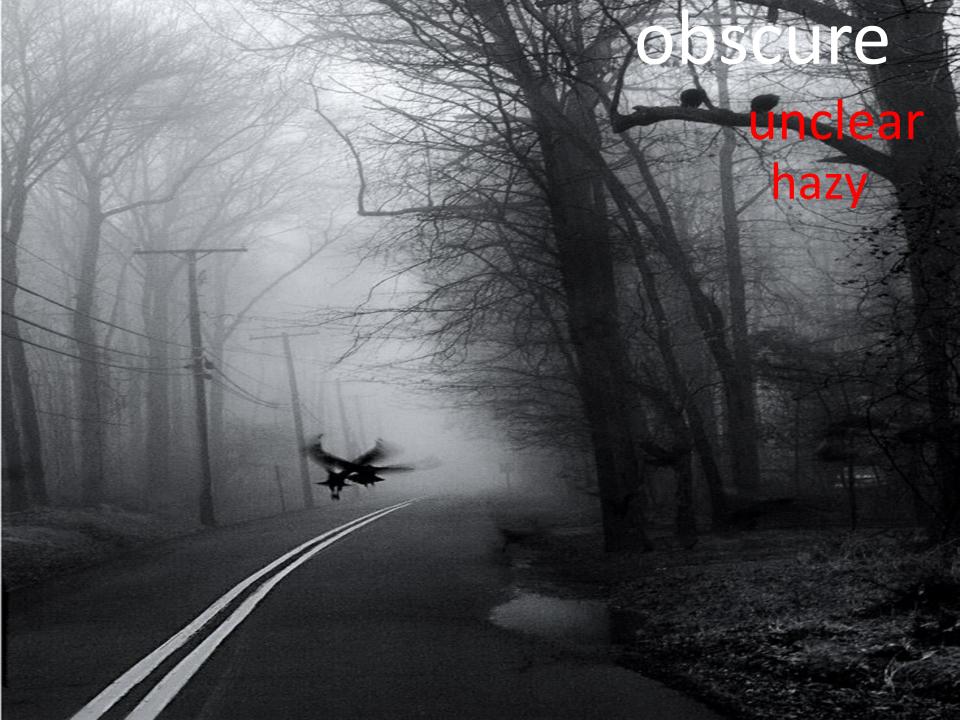


### Obsolete: outdated / old-fashioned



# Obstinate: stubborn / disobedient





### Occlude: stop / obstruct / block off



# Ombudsman: an official who hears and investigates complaints by private citizens against government agencies





# Orator: a public speaker

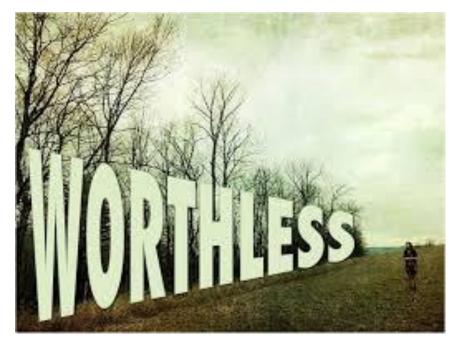


### Palatial: spacious and splendid



### Paltry: small / meagre /negligible





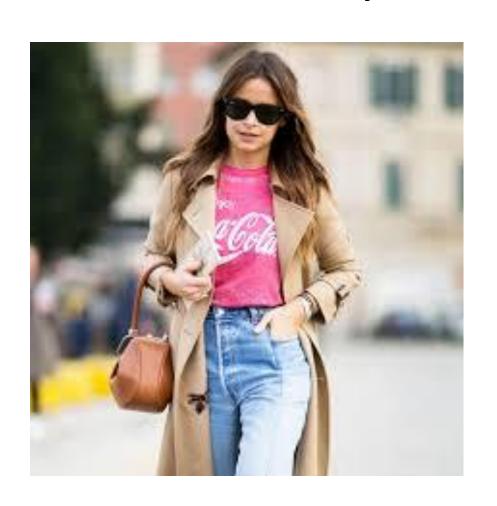
# Panacea: a remedy for all difficulties or diseases / cure for all



Pandemonium: wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar



### panache



# style

#### Panic: sudden uncontrollable fear



#### Panorama: a large view / a bird 's eye view



# Paramount : supreme / uppermost / predominant



#### Pariah: a person who is rejected by the society



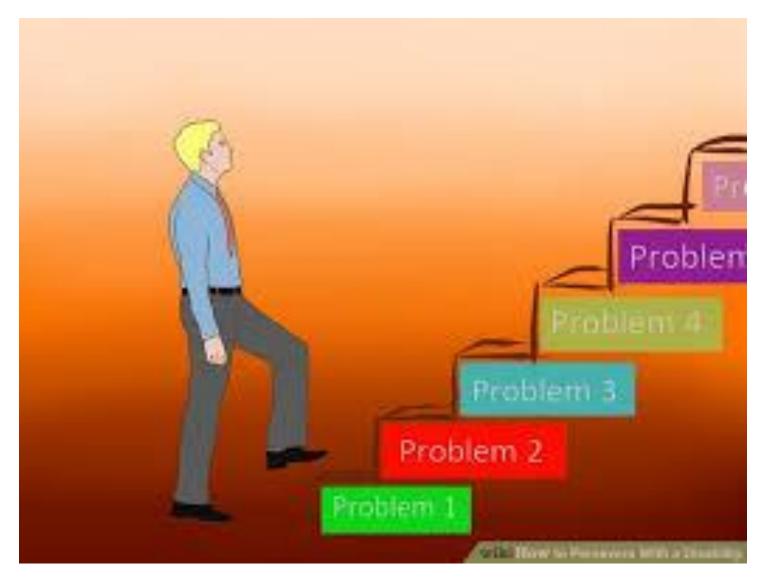
#### Parley: meeting / conference / summit



# Patronage: support / backing



# Persevere: persist / continue to do even in difficulties



# Persist: endure / to do in a determined way



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# Perspire: to sweat



### Pious: spiritual / holy / godly / saintly



### Pivotal: crucial / vital / critical



### Plight: a difficult, unfortunate situation



# Polygamy: the custom of having more than one wife or husband



Monogamy: the practice of marrying one person

Bigamy: the practice of marrying two persons

Polyandry: the practice of having more than one husband

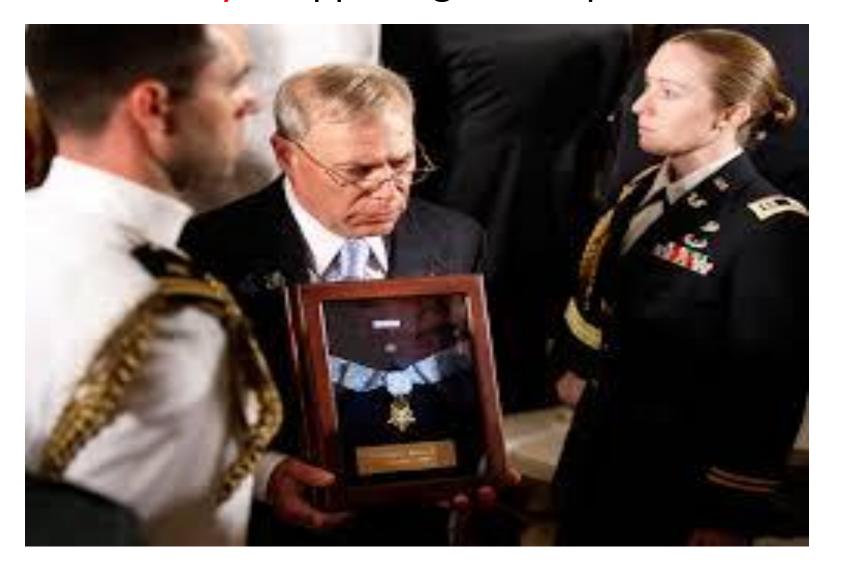
# Pomp: splendid display



# Populace: population/inhabitants/ residents of an area or a country



#### Posthumously: happening after a person's death



Ex: The author's last book was published posthumously.

#### Predicament: a difficult situation

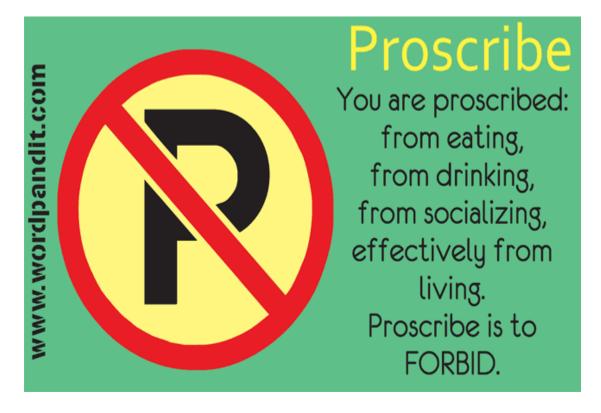


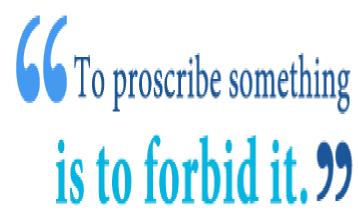
PREY: AN ANIMAL THAT IS HUNTED AND KILLED FOR FOOD





Profuse: produced in large amounts



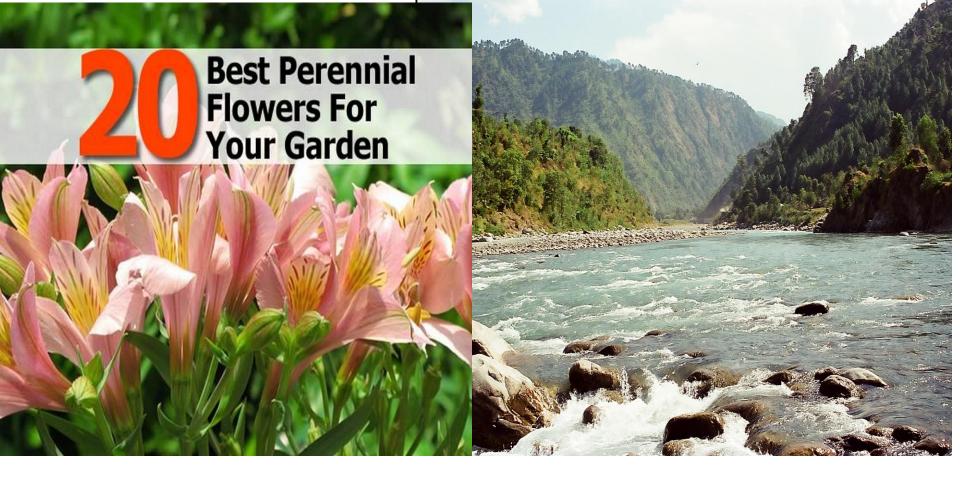


Ban / prohibit / bar / forbid / disallow

Ex : child trafficking should be proscribed as soon as possible .

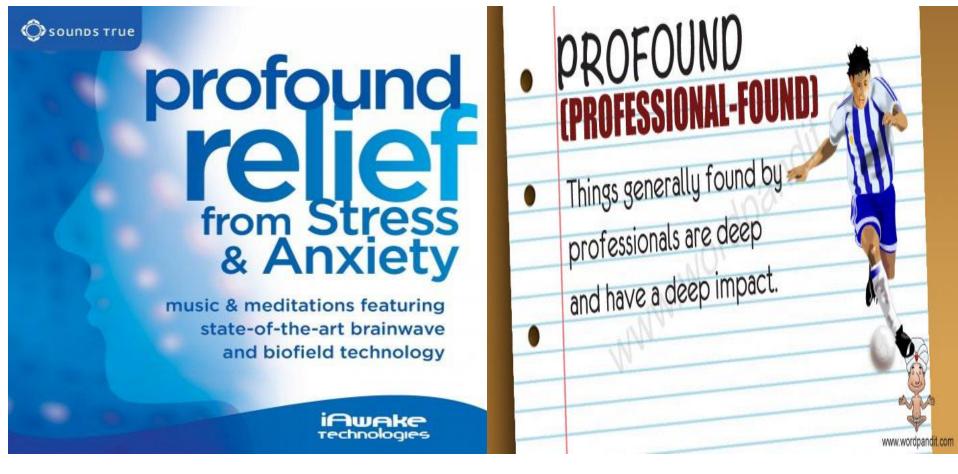
Placid: calm / peaceful / serene





Perennial: ever lasting

Ex: poverty seems to be a perennial problem in India

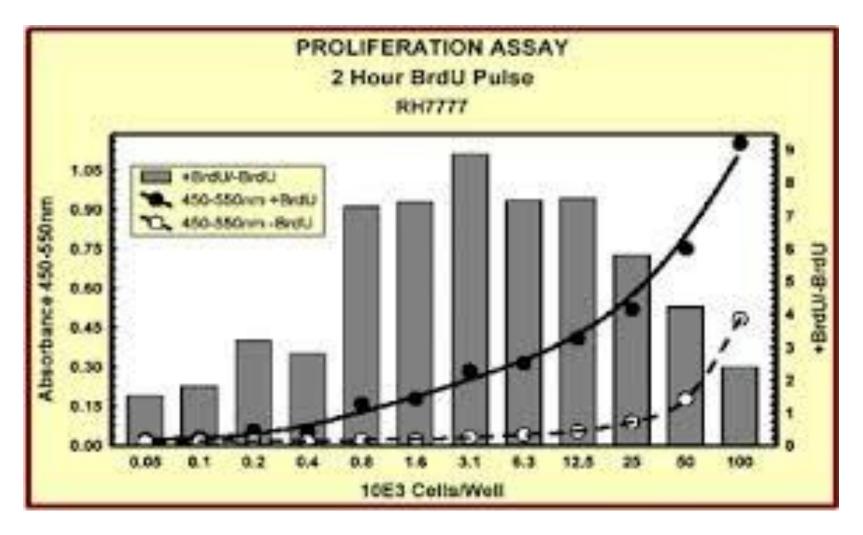


Profound: extreme / deep / strong

Ex: (1) his profound knowledge on the subject surprised all of us

(2) The sudden death of his father had a profound effect on his life

#### Proliferate: to increase a lot

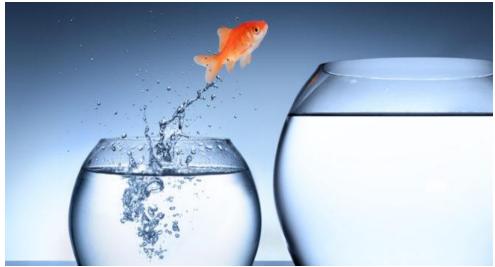


Ex: The number of entertainment channels has proliferated in the last few years.

#### Promising: good / encouraging / hopeful / favourable







# Prudence: wisdom / judgement / sagacity / common sense / shrewdness



# Pugnacious : quarrelsome / fond of fighting / combative



## Punitive: harsh / severe / stringent



# Quench: satiate / satisfy one's thirst by drinking water



### Query: question / enquiry



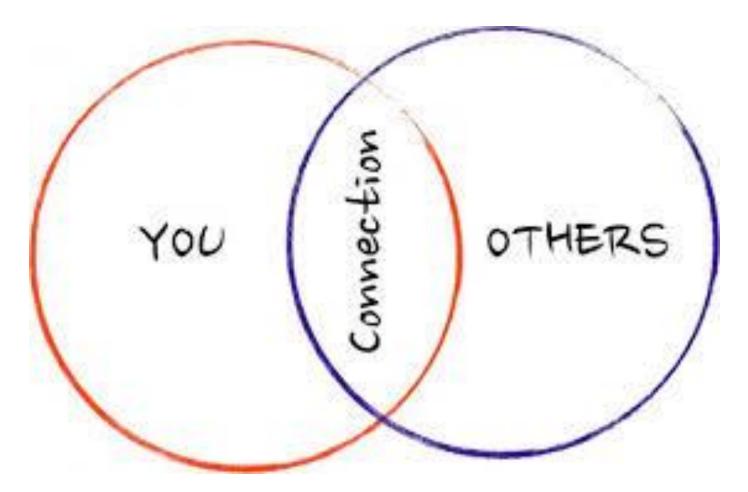
## Quietude: calmness /stillness/ quiet



# Quiescent: in a state of inactivity/ fallow/passive/inoperative



Rapport: a close relationship in which the people understand each other and communicate well



Bond / harmony /understanding

### To confirm / consent / approve



## Ravenous: extremely hungry



# Rebellious : disobedient / unruly/ insubordinate



## Rebuff: reject / refuse / decline / spurn



# Rebuke: scold / reproach / admonish /chide / reprimand



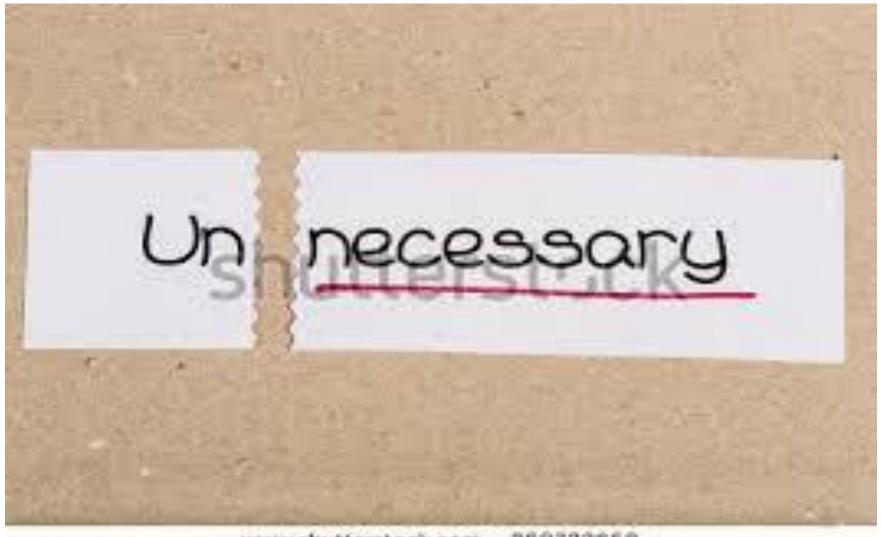
## Recalcitrant: disobedient



## Reckless: careless/incautious



### Redundant: needless /inessential /useless



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# Refute: To prove that someone is wrong/deny / contradict





Remorse: repentance / guilt / deep regret for a wrong committed .



#### Repercussions: unintended results/ consequences



### replica: the accurate copy of something



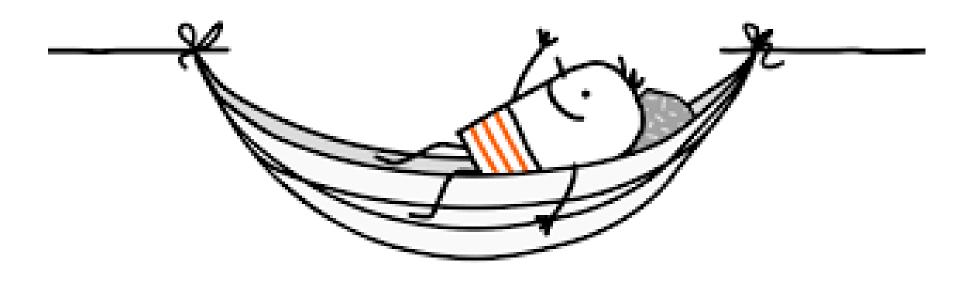
### Reprehensible (behaviour / idea): very bad/wrong



## Resentment: anger

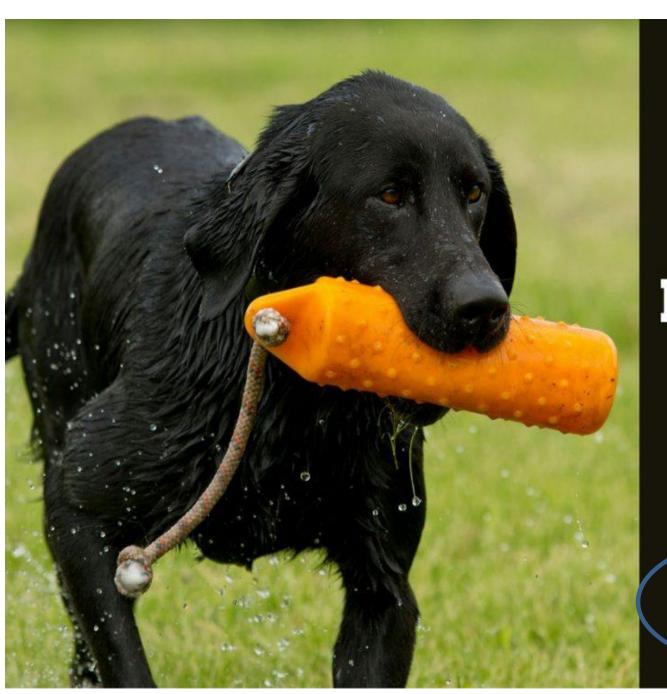


# Respite: a short period of rest from something unpleasant



# Retrieve: to get something back from where we left it





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Retrieve

# Resurrect: to cause something to exist again after it had ended



## Reverence: great respect



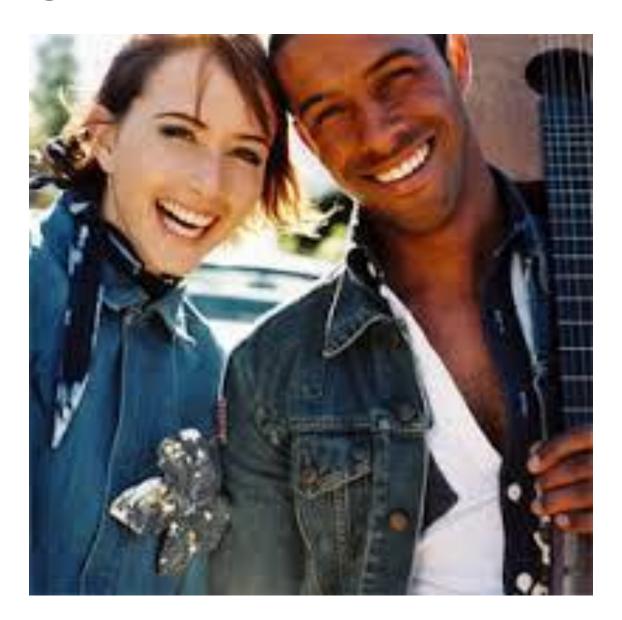
# Gossip: informal conversation about other people's private affairs



## Ruthless: harsh / merciless



## Sanguine: cheerful and confident



# Scant: very little



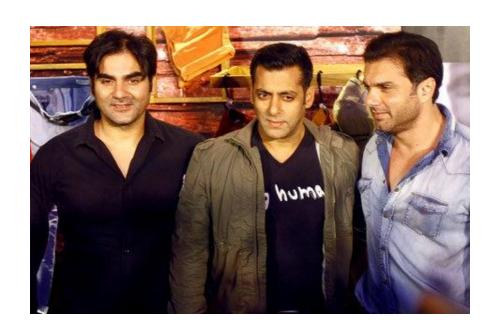
### Shambles: disorder



## Shrewd: wise



## Sibling: brother or sister

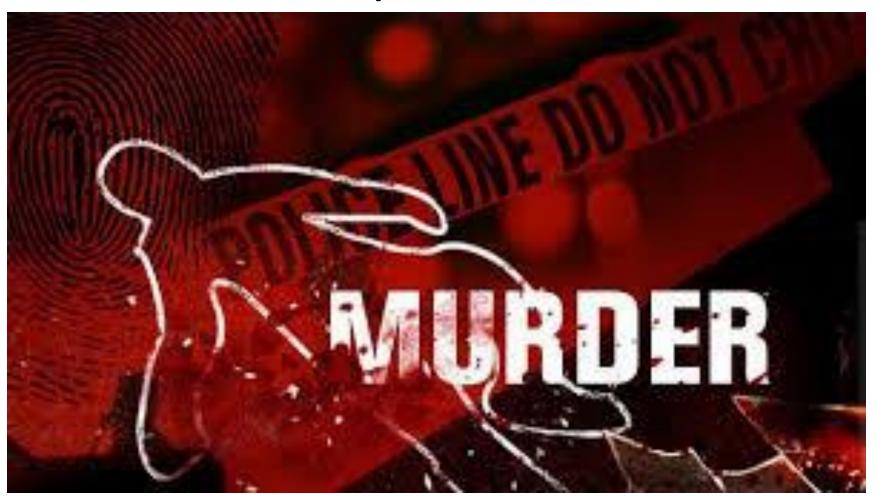




## Skeptical: doubtful



## Slay: to kill



## Solidarity: supporting one another





Soliloquy: the act of speaking to the self





The person who walks in sleep

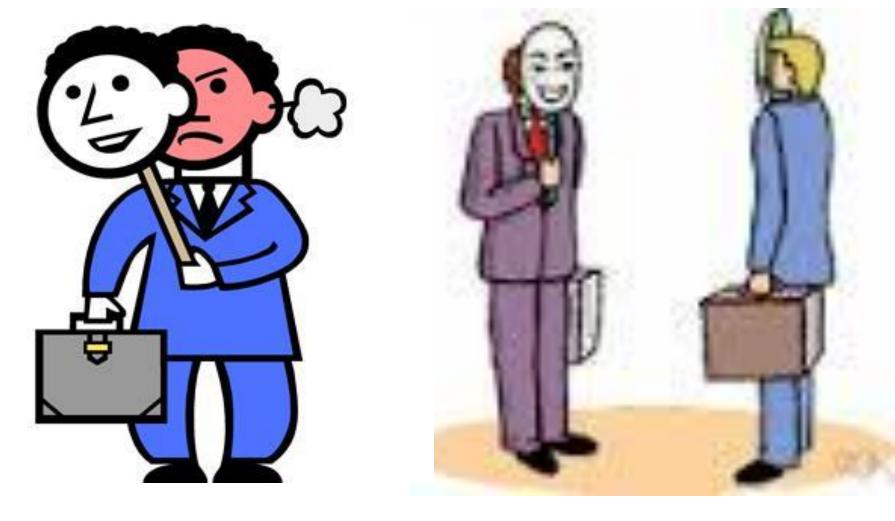




#### Spouse: life partner (wife or husband)

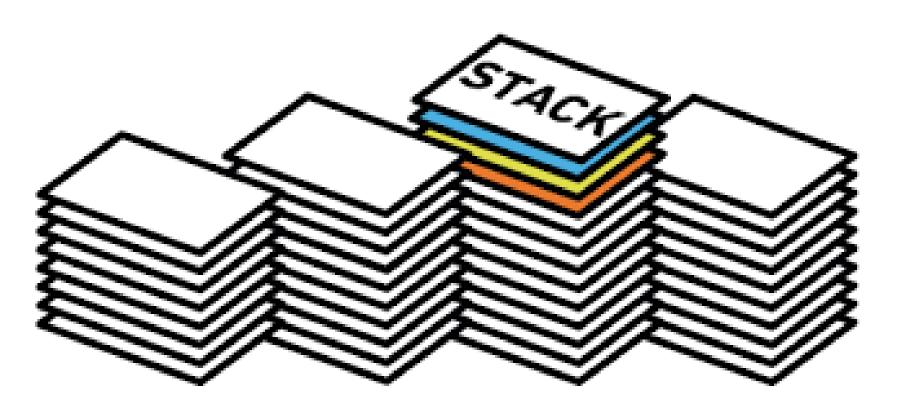


Ex: a spouse is not a destination but a fellow traveller.



Spurious : false / not genuine / fake

## Stack: a pile



#### Stagger: to move unsteadily (when drunk or ill)



#### Stalk: to follow secretly (in order to attack)



## 23-year-old back from 'dead' to identify stalker

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: This 25-year-old thought that he had gotten away with murder when he brutally beat up a woman he was stalking for a long time and left her for dead. However, the 23-year-old woman wasn't going away that easily: she came out of coma and overcame memory loss to point the finger at the accused. The incident took place in Pul Prahaladpur in southeast Delhi.

Police acted swiftly on her testimony and nabbed the accused from Kannauj. The woman had separated from her husband of two vears and moved in with her parents in Kannauj. It was then that she met the accused, Ravi Singh alias Tinku, and they interacted regularly. The man eventually proposed marriage to her. The woman said she turned him down politely, but Tinku refused to take no for an answer. Hefelt betrayed because she hadn't told him about her marriage and hatched a plan to kill her, police said.



Ravi Singh alias Tinku beat up the woman he was stalking for a long time and left her for dead

ming that she had died, Tinku panicked and fled from the spot, said Romil Baaniya, DCP (southeast).

The woman was found in a pool of blood by a labourer. She was admitted to a private hospital where she remained in coma for two months. As her condition improved. the victim's family approached the police to provide them clues about her assailant. However, it was then that they realized that she had no memory of the incident. A month of intensive care helped the woman get back on her feet and she told it all to the police.

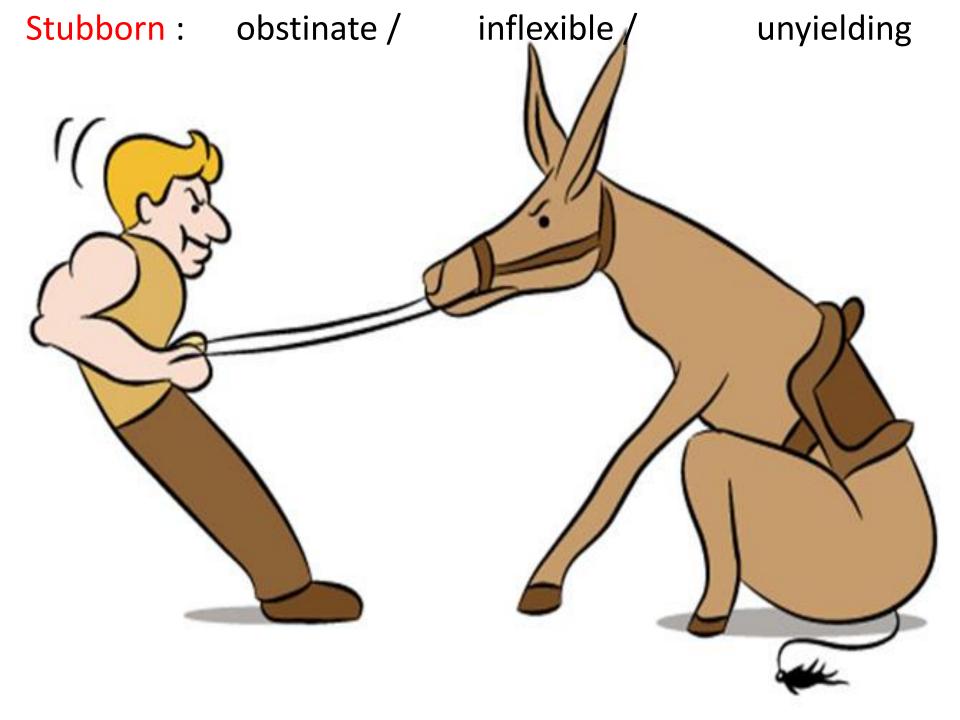
A team was formed to raid Tinku's house in Kannauj,

## Strangle: to squeeze the throat tightly



## Stringent (rules / laws): strict / strict





## Subdue: to defeat / bring under control



## Substantiate: to strengthen a statement or argument with evidence



## Succor: to help





Sulky: moody /petulant





## Sumptuous: grand and expensive

Sumptuous ambience / clothes / food etc



## Symposium: conference



## Synchronize: to link properly



#### TACITURN: HABITUALLY SILENT / RESERVED / RETICENT



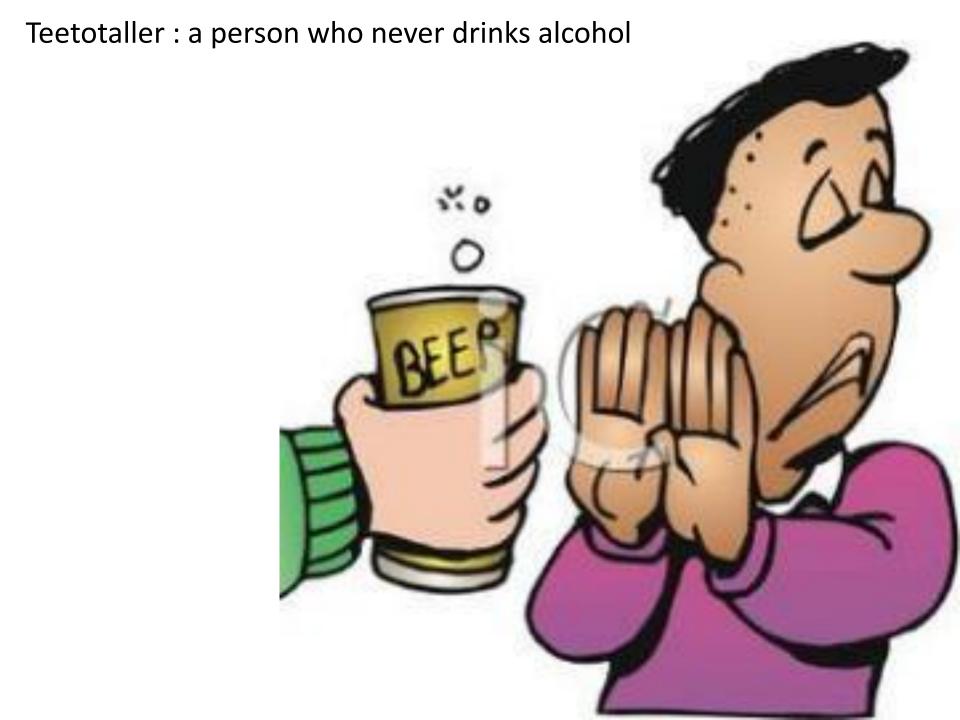


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THE HINDU METROPLUS ..... THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017 The reticent rockstar You know the composer, you know the singer. How well do you know Rahman, the performer?



Shy / nervous / lacking courage



#### tawdry (clothes or decorations)cheap/awkward



#### Temperate( climate or place ): mild

Temperate (person's behaviour): calm and reasonable



## Tempestuous: very intense /strong



# Tenement: large old building which is divided into a no. of flats



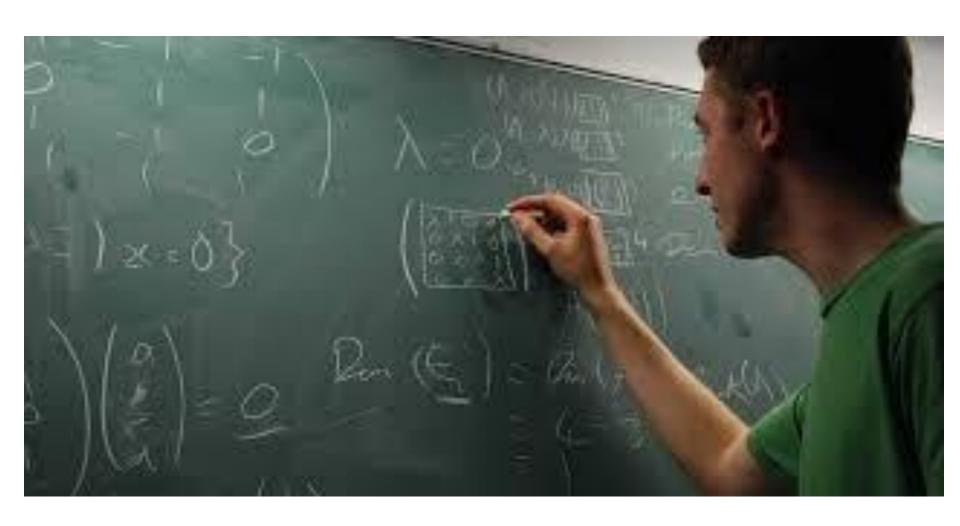
## Toxic: poisonous



# Unanimous: agreeing without a difference of opinion



## Uncanny: strange and difficult to explain



# Underprivileged: people with less money and fewer opportunities than others



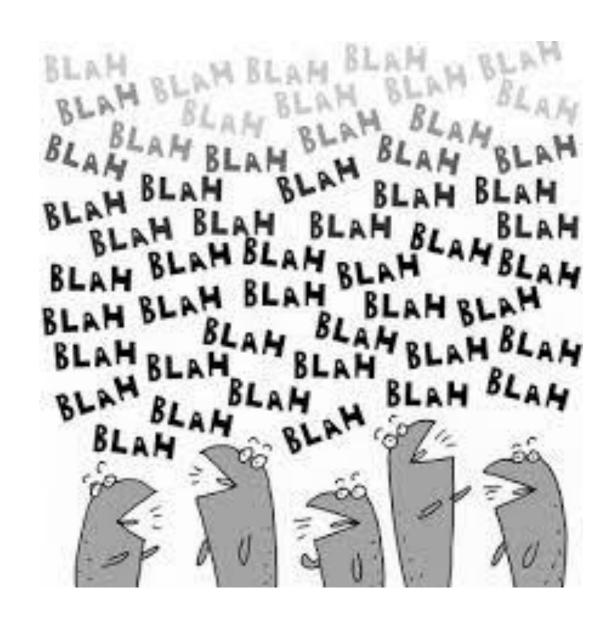
## Vandalize: to damage



## vengeance



#### Verbose: full of words (more than necessary)



#### Veteran: highly experienced / seasoned



## Vicious: cruel / bad / violent

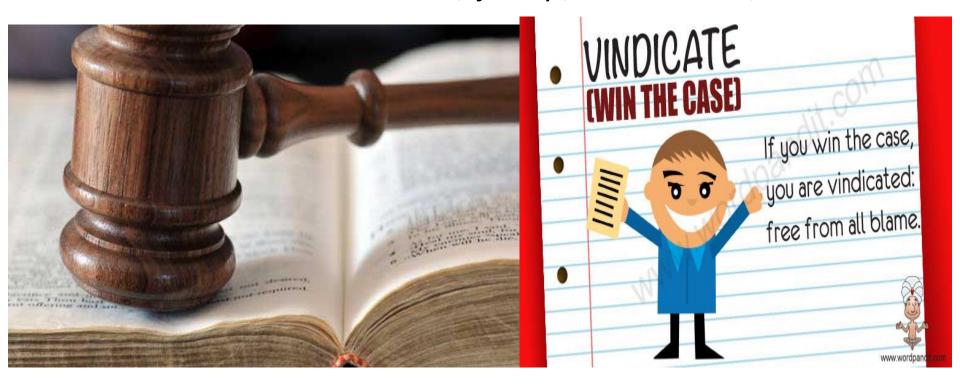


## vigorous



energetic

#### VINDICATE: clear of a blame / justify / substantiate / confirm



#### **GATE 2014 ME + EC**

While receiving the award, the scientist said, "I feel vindicated". Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word vindicated

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(A) punished(b) substantiated(c) appreciated(d) chastened
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Answer: (b)



Vivid: lucid / clear / bright / vibrant

### Vow: a serious promise or a decision



## Vulnerable: weak / without protection / easily affected



Example: let the vulnerable children not be the scape goats in the hands of beggars

## Vie: to compete



## Wanderlust: a strong desire to travel





## Woes: problems



## Yearn: to desire very much





## Yell: to shout loudly







Weird: strange / unusual / outlandish / queer / odd / bizarre



# Xenophile

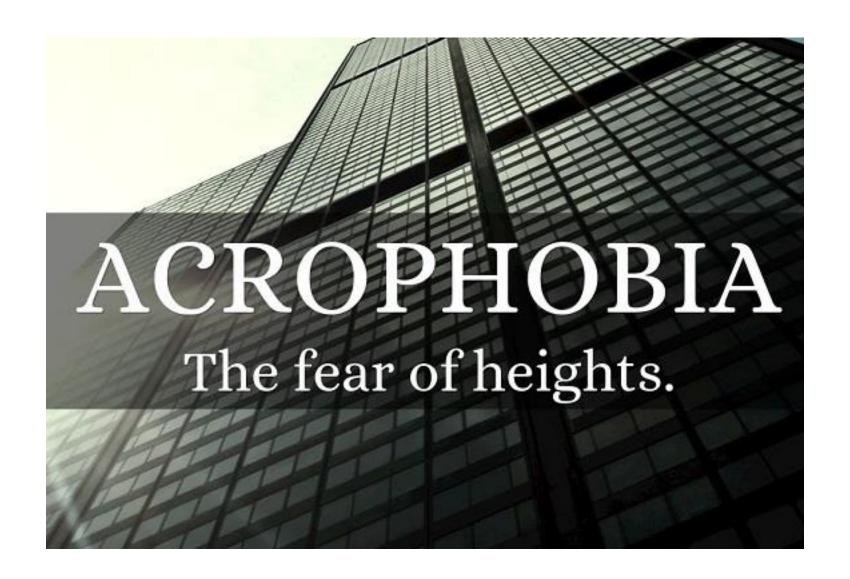
A person who is attracted to foreigners

Love / craze for foreigners



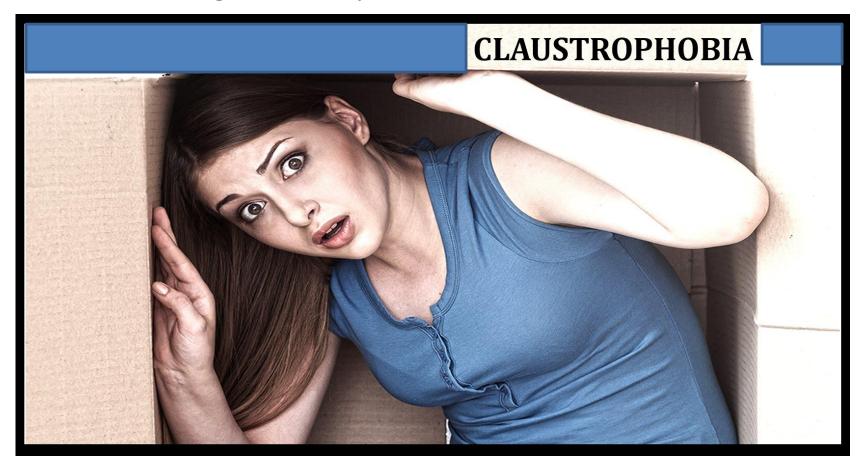


Fear of foreigners and strangers





#### Fear of being in closed places



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Choreomania: craze / passion for dance

#### Dipsomania: abnormal craving for alcohol



#### Delusion about one's own power or importance



## Kleptomania: compulsion to steal things



#### Bibliomania: craze for books or reading



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#### Clinomania: excessive desire to stay in bed



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#### Pyromania: an obsessive desire to set fire

