

LINKING UP THE WORDS (VOCAB)

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PACHYDERM (n)

Cue : **P A C H Y D E R M** → *pachys* – 'thick' + *derma* – 'skin'

Mean : an animal with a thick skin

Ex : Elephant is a pachyderm.

RW : ***Dermatitis; Dermatology***

PALATABLE (adj)

Cue : **P A L A T A B L E** → *palate* – 'Roof of mouth/sense of taste' + *able*

Mean : fit to be eaten or drunk

Ex : Smith's bunkum is not palatable.

Syn : Appetizing; Eatable; Edible; Luscious; Tasty

PALEONTOLOGY (n)

Cue : **P A L E O N T O L O G Y** → *pale* – 'old' + *onto* – 'being' + *logy*

Mean : the branch of geology which deals with life forms of the past

Ex : Paleontology has revealed a lot about evolution of life on earth.

Syn : Archeology; Paleology

PALINDROME (n)

Cue : **P A L I N D R O M E** → *palin* – 'to turn again'

Mean : a word/phrase which is spelt the same backwards and forwards

Ex : (Madam, Malayalam). 'Poor Dan is in a droop' is a palindrome.

PALL (v)

Mean : a cover for a coffin or tomb, a gloomy atmosphere

Ex : The calamity cast a pall over the festivities.

RW : ***Pall bearers; Palliate; Pallid***

PALPABLE (adj)

Cue : **pal** to touch or feel

Mean : that which can be felt or seen

Ex : The anxiety of the investors is palpable.

Syn : Detectable; Noticeable; Obvious

RW : ***Palpate*** (Examine by touch); ***Palpitation***

PANDEMIC (adj)

Cue : **P A N D E M I C** → *pan* – 'all' + *dem* – 'people'

Mean : A wide ranging epidemic, affecting the majority of people

Ex : It is an illusion that AIDS has not reached pandemic proportions in our country.

Ant : Endemic

Syn : Rampant

RW : ***Demagogue; Epidemic; Pandemonium; Panacea; Panorama***

PANDORA'S BOX (n)

Cue : after Pandora – a woman in Greek Mythology who was sent a box by Zeus and despite the latter's warning, opened the box and released all the evils into the world

Mean : a source of many problems or great suffering

Ex : Telling my weaknesses to my colleagues was like opening Pandora's Box as it aggravated my troubles.

PANTHEISM (n)

- Cue :** **PANTHEISM** → *pan* + *theos* – ‘God’ + *ism* – ‘theory’
Mean : belief in God being present throughout nature or identical to nature
Ex : Pantheism is under attack in this materialistic world.
RW : **Heathenism; Paganism; Pantheon** (temple dedicated to all gods / all encompassing);
Polytheism

PARABLE (n)

- Cue :** **PARABLE** → *pare* – ‘compare’ + *able*
Mean : story from which a moral lesson can be drawn
Ex : Panchatantra parables are the best of the ancient ones.
Syn : Allegory; Fable; Moral story; Myth
RW : **Parody**

PARADIGM (n)

- Cue :** **PARADIGM** → *para* + *deigma* – ‘model/standard’
Mean : a model of conduct
Ex : Tatas and Birlas are the paradigms of successful business groups.
RW : **Paragon; Paradox; Paramour**

PARALOGISM (n)

- Cue :** **PARALOGISM** → *para* + *logizestai* – ‘to reason illogically’
Mean : a violation of principles of valid reasoning
Ex : ‘Ten being smaller than nine’, is an example of paralogism.

PARAMOUNT (adj)

- Cue :** **PARAMOUNT** → *mount* – ‘up the hill to the top’
Mean : more important than anything else
Ex : Good character and ethics are paramount in whatever one does.
Syn : Eminent; Predominant; Pre-eminent; Supreme

PARANOIA (n)

- Cue :** **para** + **nous** – ‘mind’
Mean : an extreme feeling that other people are going to harm you or have a bad opinion about you
Ex : Someone has been following me. I swear it’s not just paranoia.
Syn : Fear; Fright
RW : **Paranoid**

PARIAH (n)

- Cue :** From Tamil ‘**paraiyar**’- a drummer, a person of low caste
Mean : a person not accepted by a social group
Ex : Galileo was declared a pariah due to his beliefs.
Syn : Leper; Outlaw; Scapegoat

PARLANCE (n)

- Cue :** **parley** – ‘conference or discussion’
Mean : a style of speaking used by a particular group of people
Ex : Teenage parlance often shocks parents.
Syn : Conference; Council; Discussion; Meeting

PAROCHIAL(adj)

- Mean :** showing interest only in a narrow range of matters, restricted to a small, area or scope
Ex : Globalisation has failed to change the parochial outlook of most national leaders.
Syn : Biased; Conventional; Prejudiced; Provincial

PARSIMONY (n)

- Cue :** *parcere* – ‘to save’ + *monia* – ‘action/condition’
Mean : a tendency to be over careful in spending; unreasonable frugality
Ex : The tycoon is rather infamous for his parsimony.
Syn : Economy; Providence; Selfishness; Stinginess; Tightwad

PARVENU (n)

- Mean :** a person who has suddenly acquired wealth, riches or power
Ex : The parvenus often indulge in vulgar display of their newly found riches.
Syn : Nouveau riche (French); Upstart

PASTORAL (adj)

- Cue :** **P A S T O R A L** → *pastor* – ‘shepherd’
Mean : (1) of shepherds or their work
 (2) portraying rural life i.e. peaceful, simple and natural
 (3) of or pertaining to a pastor
Ex : Pastoral pursuits provide tremendous relief from the hustle and bustle of city life.
Syn : Agrarian; Rural; Rustic; Simple
RW : **Pastor; Pasture**

PATENT (adj)

- Mean :** (1) open to examination by public
 (2) obvious, plain, evident, protected by a right
Ex : The submissions of the defense attorney were nothing but patent lies.
 The patent laws protect intellectual property rights.
Syn : Apparent; Copyrighted; Evident; Licensed; Obvious; Open
Ant : Obscure

PATHOLOGY (n)

- Cue :** **P A T H O L O G Y** → *pathos* – ‘suffering’ + *logy* – ‘study’
Mean : the branch of medicine dealing with the nature of diseases
Ex : A doctor sifts the psychological elements from the pathological symptoms.
RW : **Pathetic; Pathogenic; Pathos**

PATRIARCH (n)

- Cue :** *patri* – ‘father’ + *archein* – ‘to rule’
Mean : the father or ruler of a family or tribe
Ex : Sam Walton was the patriarch of a vast empire.
Syn : Chief; Head of family; King; Ruler
RW : **Expatriate; Patriarchal; Patriarchy; Patron; Patronage; Patrimony**

PECCADILLO (n)

- Cue :** *pecado* – ‘sin’
Mean : a small sin or a fault
Ex : A perfectionist goes into frenzy over peccadilloes.
Syn : Frailty; Imperfection; Misdeed; Offense; Sin

PECULATION (n)

- Cue :** *pecunia* – ‘money’
Mean : to steal or misuse money entrusted to one’s care
Ex : The cashier was accused of peculation.
Syn : Embezzlement.
RW : **Pecuniary; Impecunious**

PEDAGOGUE (adj)

- Cue :** *pedo* – ‘child’ + *agein* (*lead*) – ‘a child’s tutor’
Mean : A dogmatic or pedantic teacher
Ex : The pedagogues just put their pupils off and, in a way, add to the number of drop-outs.
Syn : Pedant; Dogmatist.
RW : *Pedagogy; demagoguery; pedagogic*

PEJORATIVE (adj)

- Cue :** **PEJORATIVE** → *pejor* – ‘worse’
Mean : to lower in esteem or credit
Ex : The pejorative opposition remarks against the Minister forced the Prime Minister to intervene.
Syn : Deprecatory; Derisive; Derogatory; Disparage

PELLET (n)

- Cue :** *pila* – ‘a ball’
Mean : (1) a small lead ball used in shot-guns
 (2) a little ball or a rounded mass of any substance
 (3) mass regurgitated by some predators
Ex : Pellets of gunfire were scattered everywhere at the scene of the battle.
RW : *Bullet; Palletize*

PELLUCID (adj)

- Cue :** *lucere* – ‘shine’
Mean : (1) transparent or translucent
 (2) easy to understand
Ex : A pellucid explanation of the complex mathematical problem.
Syn : Clear; Crystalline; Limpid; Lucid; Simple; Transparent
Ant : Obscure; Opaque

PENANCE (n)

- Cue :** *penitence* – ‘regret/repentance’
Mean : punishment accepted to make amends for some sins committed earlier
Ex : He agreed to do penance for his sins.
Syn : Purgation; Repentance
RW : *Penal; penitent*

PENSIVE (adj)

- Cue :** **PENSIVE** → *pend/pens* – ‘to think/weigh’
Mean : engaged in deep thought
Ex : He sat pensively throughout the meeting.
Syn : Brooding; Cogitating; Contemplative; Reflective; Ruminative

PENULTIMATE (n)

- Cue :** *paene* – ‘almost’ + *ultimus* – ‘last’
Mean : next to the last
Ex : The penultimate chapter reveals the murderer.
RW : *Peninsula; Penumbra*

PERAMBULATE (v)

- Cue :** *amble* – ‘walk’
Mean : formal walk or travel on foot from place to place
Ex : Cattle are perambulating in the field.
Syn : Amble; Wander

PERCOLATE (v)

- Cue :** *per + colander* – 'strainer'
Mean : to filter through a porous surface or substance
Ex : The attitude of the boss percolates down to the staff.

PERFIDIOUS (adj)

- Cue :** **PERFIDIOUS** → *per* – 'against' + *fid* – 'faith/trust'
Mean : deceitful, disloyal
Ex : The perfidious servant drugged his master and made off with the valuables.
Syn : Crafty; Treacherous
RW : *Peremptory*

PERFUNCTORY (adj)

- Cue :** **PERFUNCTORY** → *per* – 'against' + *funct* – 'function'
Mean : Carried out with a minimum of effort or thought.
Ex : He lost out on his wife because of perfunctory medical examinations and treatment.
Syn : Apathetic; Automatic; Mechanical; Superficial

PERIGEE (n)

- Cue :** **PERIGEE** → *peri* – 'around' + *ge* – 'earth'
Mean : point in the orbit of a satellite at which it is nearest to the earth..
RW : *Perihelion* (point nearest to the sun); *Periphery*

PERJURY (n)

- Cue :** **PERJURY** → from *per* – 'against' + *jure* – 'swear/oath'
Mean : deliberately telling a lie in court when under oath
Ex : It was shocking to know that his perjury led to his freedom.
Syn : Lying; Mendacity.

PERNICIOUS (n)

- Cue :** **PERNICIOUS** → *nic* – 'harm'
Mean : having a harmful effect
Ex : Alcohol and tobacco have a pernicious effect.
Syn : Bad; Evil; Harmful

PERPETUAL (adj)

- Cue :** **PERPETUAL** → *per* – 'through out' + *pet* – 'toward'
Mean : never ending or changing.
Ex : They have perpetual financial worries.
Syn : Ceaseless; Chronic; Continual; Enduring; Everlasting
RW : *Centripetal; Impetuous; Petition*

PERQUISITES (n)

- Cue :** *per + acquisition* – Derived from acquisition
Mean : special privilege enjoyed as a result of one's position
Ex : Perquisites attract people to government jobs.
Syn : Benefit; Bonus; Emolument

PERSECUTE (v)

Cue : **per + sequence** – ‘harass persistently’
Mean : treat in a cruel or unfair way over a long period
Ex : Galileo was persecuted for his beliefs.
Syn : Abuse; Afflict; Maltreat

PERSPICACIOUS (adj)

Cue : **per + spic** – ‘seeing clearly’
Mean : quickly gaining an insight into and understanding things quickly
Ex : Russell was a perspicacious thinker.
RW : **Perspicuous; Persipquity**

PERTURB (v)

Mean : make anxious or unsettled
Ex : He gets perturbed over minor troubles.
Syn : Bother; Disturb; Make anxious
RW : **Disturb; Turbid**

PERVERT (n)

Cue : **P E R V E R T** → **vert** – ‘to turn’
Mean : a person inclined to do immoral acts
Ex : He was a pervert and always did what was least expected.
Syn : Debauchee; Profligate
RW : **Convert; Perverse; Perversion; Subvert**

PETRIFY (v)

Cue : **‘peter’** – rock or stone
Mean : to turn to stone, to horrify or scare
Ex : I was petrified at the sight of the accident.
RW : **Petroleum**

PETULANT (adj)

Mean : childishly sulk or bad tempered. Getting annoyed over trifles
Ex : He was petulant as he was not invited for the party.
Syn : Bad tempered; Irritable

PHILOLOGY (n)

Cue : **P H I L O L O G Y** → **phil** – ‘love’ + **ology (study)** – ‘love of learning’
Mean : study of language
Ex : Many philologists aspire to evolve a new universal language.
RW : **Philatelist** (lover and collector of stamps)

PIETY (n)

Cue : from **pious**
Mean : being deeply religious
Ex : Mother Teresa was full of piety for all human beings.
Syn : Dedication; Devotion; Piousness
Ant : Irreverence

PILLAGE (n)

Mean : to rob or steal with violence (esp. in war time), to take as wartime booty
Ex : The pillage has ruined the Czech countryside.
RW : **Depredation; Plunder**

PIQUANT (adj)

Cue : from **pique** – 'to feel hurt'
Mean : having a pleasantly sharp or spicy taste
Ex : They have dragged me into a piquant situation.
Syn : Pungent; Salty; Sharp; Spicy; Tangy
RW : **Pique**

PITHY (adj)

Cue : **P I T H Y** → **pith** – 'the soft inner part – the core'
Mean : concise and expressing a point clearly
Ex : Bacon's essays are the best examples of pithy writing.
Syn : Concise; Succinct

PREHENSILE (adj)

Cue : **P R E H E N S I L E** → **hens** – 'to grasp'
Mean : capable of grasping things by wrapping around a support
Ex : Monkeys have prehensile tails.
RW : **Prehensible** (capable of grasp / understanding); **Prehension** (mental grasp)

PRISTINE (adj)

Cue : **pri** – 'first' + **state**
Mean : in its original condition, clean and fresh as if new
Ex : Archaeologists want to restore important historical monuments to their pristine glory.
Syn : Original; Pure; Uncorrupted; Virginal
RW : **Primordial**

PROGNOSTICATE (v)

Cue : **P R O G N O S T I C A T E** → **pro** + **gno** – 'to know beforehand'
Mean : to make a forecast about
Ex : Many economists had prognosticated the depression in Indian economy.
Syn : Foresee; Foretell
RW : Proclivity; Prognosis; Prognostication; Proponent

PYRRHIC (adj)

Cue : An ancient Greek king who achieved victory at too great a cost
Mean : a victory in which there is more of a loss than gain
Ex : The Kargil war was a pyrrhic victory for India as we lost many of our soldiers.

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QUACK (n)

- Cue** : **QUACK** → Characteristic cry of a duck. **Quack lacks** medical acumen
Mean : a person who dishonestly pretends to have medical skills or knowledge
Ex : Don't visit him for consultation, he's a quack.
Syn : Charlatan; Cheat; Fraud; Mountebank
RW : **Quackery** - medical methods that do not work and are only intended to make money

QUAGMIRE (n)

- Mean** : (1) an area of soft wet ground which you sink into if you try and walk on it
 (2) difficult and dangerous situation
Ex : Since the re-elections, the country has sunk deeper into a quagmire of violence and lawlessness.
Syn : Bog; Dilemma; Marsh; Quandary; Quicksand; Swamp
RW : **Mire**

QUANDARY (n)

- Cue** : **QUANDARY** → relate it to **wondering** – 'confused over what decision to take'
Mean : a state of uncertainty or perplexity
Ex : I have two job offers, and I'm in a real quandary over which one to accept.
Syn : Dilemma; Enigma; Predicament; Puzzle
Ant : Ease; Resolution

QUARANTINE (n)

- Cue** : **QUARANTINE** → 'space of forty days' from **quaranta** – 'forty'. So called, from the Venetian custom of keeping ships from plague-stricken countries waiting off its port for 40 days. The extended sense of "any period of isolation"
Mean : a period of time during which a person or animal that might have a disease is kept away from other people or animals so that the disease does not spread
Ex : The horse had to spend several months in quarantine when it reached Britain.
Syn : Arrest; Confinement; Seclude; Separate; Sequester
Ant : Integrate
RW : **Quaternary; Quadruplet; Quartet; Quaternion**

QUEASY (adj)

- Mean** : likely to vomit
Ex : As soon as I sat in the airplane, I had a queasy feeling.
Syn : Discomfort; Groggy; Nauseated.
Ant : Comfortable; Relaxed

QUELL (v)

- Cue** : 'to kill'
Mean : (1) to put down forcibly; suppress
 (2) to pacify; quiet
Ex : The police quelled the riot.
Syn : Annihilate; Kill; Quash; Quench; Vanquish
Ant : Intensify; Magnify; Prolong
RW : **Quench**

QUIBBLE (n)

- Cue** : Relate it to **Cribber**
Mean : (1) to evade the truth or importance of an issue by raising trivial objections
 (2) to find fault or criticize for petty reasons
Ex : I advised them not to quibble over pennies.

Syn : Bicker; Carp; Cavi; Niggle; Nitpick; Pettifog
 Ant : Agree; Compliment; Concede; Concur; Praise
 RW : **Quip**

QUIESCENCE (n)

Cue : From **quiet**
 Mean : state of being quiet, inactive
 Ex : The volcano erupted after years of quiescence.
 Syn : Calmness; Dormancy; Inactiveness; Peace; Silence
 Ant : Action; Activity
 RW : **Quietude**

QUINQUENNIAL (adj)

Cue : **QUINQUENNIAL** → **quin** – 'five' + **enni** – 'year'
 Mean : happening once every five years; a period of five years
 Ex : Elections to the Parliament ought to be quinquennial.
 RW : **Quintet; Quintuplet**

QUINTESSENCE (n)

Cue : **QUINTESSENCE** → **quint** + **essence**: This word for the 'ultimate', 'the purest form', has its origin in ancient philosophy. The ancient Greeks believed that there were five elements, four you could see or feel – earth, air, fire, and water. And the fifth which was more mystical was a spiritual element that was present in the spiritual bodies and latent in all things. The Romans translated their word for this element: it was the fifth (**quint**) element which was the **essence** of all things that made up our universe
 Mean : the pure, highly concentrated essence of a thing; the purest or most typical instance
 Ex : An American football game is considered the quintessence of machismo.
 Syn : Core; Crux; Element; Essential; Substance
 Ant : Inessential; Peripheral
 RW : **Essence; Essentiality**

QUIVER (n)

Mean : (1) to shake slightly, often because of strong emotion
 (2) a long thin container for carrying arrows
 Ex : His lower lip quivered and tears welled up in his eyes.
 Syn : Tremor; Twitter; Vibration
 Ant : Steady; Still
 RW : **Quake; Quaver**

QUIXOTIC (adj)

Cue : **QUIXOTIC** → from **Don Quixote**, a romantic, impractical hero of Cervantes' satirical novel
 Mean : having or showing ideas that are imaginative but not practical or likely to succeed
 Ex : His ideas are quixotic and not worth a dime.
 Syn : Idealistic; Impractical
 Ant : Practical; Realistic; Sensible

QUOTIDIAN (adj)

Cue : **QUOTIDIAN** → **dian** – 'day'
 Mean : ordinary, everyday
 Ex : Television has become a part of our quotidian existence.
 Syn : Commonplace; Daily; Routine
 Ant : Exceptional; Occasional; Rare; Uncommon

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RAGE (n)

- Cue :** *rabia* – 'rage, madness'
- Mean :** (1) a furious, uncontrolled anger, esp., a brief spell of raving fury
(2) a great force, violence, or intensity, as of the wind
(3) strong emotion, enthusiasm, or desire
- Ex :** I was frightened because I had never seen him in such a rage before.
- Syn :** Fulmination; Fury; Ire; Uproar; Wrath
- Ant :** Appeasement; Calm; Forbearance
- RW :** **Enrage; Rabid; Rabies**

RAIL (v)

- Cue :** From *railer* – 'to tease, joke'
- Mean :** to express objections or criticisms in bitter, harsh or abusive language; to complain angrily
- Ex :** He railed at the injustices of the system.
- Syn :** Berate; Complain; Rant; Revile
- Ant :** Laud; Praise
- RW :** **Raillery** (joking or laughing at someone in a friendly way; good-natured teasing or ridicule)

RAMBLE (n)

- Cue :** Relate it to *roam*, which means to walk around aimlessly
- Mean :** (1) to walk aimlessly
(2) to talk incoherently
- Ex :** It was difficult to sit through his long rambling speech.
- Syn :** (1) Saunter; Promenade; Stroll
(2) Blather; Maunder; Digress; Drivel; Stray
- Ant :** Clear; Direct; Straight

RAMPANT (adj)

- Cue :** **RAMPANT** → *ramp* – 'raised'
- Mean :** (1) spreading unchecked, widespread
(2) **of an animal:** standing on its back legs with its front legs raised
- Ex :** Rampant inflation means that the increase in our wages soon becomes worth nothing.
- Syn :** Abundant; Excessive; Unchecked; Uncontrolled; Unrestrained
- Ant :** Confined; Contained; Controlled; Meager
- RW :** **Rampage; Rampart** (a defensive fortification made of an earthen embankment, often topped by a low protective wall)

RAMSHACKLE (adj)

- Cue :** **RAMSHACKLE** → *ram* – 'strike' + *shackle* – 'shake'
- Mean :** poorly maintained or constructed and seeming likely to fall apart or collapse
- Ex :** There's a ramshackle old shed at the end of the road.
- Syn :** Dilapidated; Rickety
- Ant :** Well-maintained
- RW :** **Ramrod; Ramification**

RANCID (adj)

- Cue :** **rancere** – 'be spoiled or rotten'
- Mean :** (1) having a disagreeable odor or taste of decomposing oils or fats
(2) repugnant, nasty
- Ex :** Her rancid remarks greatly upset her mother.
- Syn :** Decayed; Decomposing; Noxious; Offensive; Putrid; Repulsive; Rotten; Stinking
- Ant :** Aromatic; Fragrant; Fresh; Pleasant
- RW :** **Rancour/Rancor** (a continuing and bitter hate or ill will; deep spite or malice); **Rankle**

RAPACIOUS (adj)

- Cue :** From **rapere** – 'to seize'
- Mean :** (1) taking by force, plundering
(2) greedy grasping, especially for money, and sometimes willing to use unscrupulous means to obtain what is desired
- Ex :** She has a rapacious appetite for fame and money.
- Syn :** (1) Destructive; Vicious
- Ant:** **Harmless**
- Syn :** (2) Avaricious; Covetous; Insatiable; Ravenous; Voracious
- Ant** **Temperate**
- RW :** **Rape; Rapid; Rapine** (carrying off by force others' property, plunder, pillage); **Rapt; Raptor** (Predator); **Rapture**

RAPPORT (n) (RAEPO)

- Mean :** a good understanding of someone and an ability to communicate well with them
- Ex :** She has an excellent rapport with her staff.
- Syn :** Affinity; Camaraderie; Compatibility; Harmony
- Ant :** Discord; Dissension; Friction; Strife

RAPPROCHEMENT (n)

- Cue :** **R A P P R O C H E M E N T** → **re + approach** → 'to approach someone again for the purpose of reconciliation'
- Mean :** (1) the state of reconciliation or of cordial relations
(2) a re-establishing of cordial relations
- Ex :** There are growing signs of rapprochement between the warring factions.
- Syn :** Accord; Agreement; Conciliation; Entente; Reconciliation
- Ant :** Hostility

RAREFIED (adj)

- Cue :** **R A R E F I E D** → **rare + fy** – 'to make' i.e. 'to make rare'
- Mean :** (1) describes an atmosphere that has a low density, especially owing to a low oxygen content
- Ex :** The building atop a steep peak had rarefied atmosphere.
- Mean :** (2) to make or become more refined, subtle, or lofty; belonging to reserved for a select group
- Ex :** Academicians from the rarefied atmosphere of the university life find difficulty in coping up with the rough regimen of politics.
- Syn :** (1) Tenuous; Thin
(2) Esoteric; Exalted; Exclusive
- Ant :** Dense; Simple
- RW :** **Rara Avis** (a rare or unique person or thing)

RATIFY (v)

- Cue :** **RATIFY** → from *ratio* – ‘fixed, valid’ + *fy* – ‘to make’ i.e. to approve or confirm
Mean : to make an agreement official, to approve and give formal sanction to
Ex : All parties present at the convention ratified the peace treaty.
Syn : Approve; Authorize; Confirm; Sanction
Ant : Reject; Repudiate; Revoke
RW : **Rate, Ratification**

RATIOCINATION (n)

- Cue :** **RATIOCINATION** → from *ratio* – ‘reason, calculation’
Mean : to reason methodically and logically
Ex : Ratiocination is the most important trait a lawyer should possess.
Syn : Inference; Reasoning
Ant : Illogical; Irrational
RW : **Ration; Rational; Rationale** (the reasons or intentions for a particular set of thoughts or actions); **Rationalization** (bringing into conformity with reason; to rationalize)

RAVENOUS (adj)

- Cue :** **RAVENOUS** → from *raven* – ‘to consume greedily; devour’
Mean : extremely hungry, voracious, greedy
Ex : Growing boys have ravenous appetites.
Syn : Avaricious; Covetous; Devouring; Starving; Voracious
Ant : Satiated; Satisfied
RW : **Raving** (outrageous, frenzied talk); **Ravish** (carry off, plunder); **Ravishing** (enchanted)
Ravine; Ravage

RAZE (v)

- Cue :** relate with *razor* – ‘scrape’
Mean : to completely destroy, to tear down
Ex : The town was razed to the ground in the bombardment - not a single building was left standing.
Syn : Annihilate; Bulldoze; Demolish; Destroy
Ant : Build; Construct; Generate; Preserve

REITERATE (v)

- Cue :** **REITERATE** → *re* – ‘again’ + *iterate* – ‘to repeat’
Mean : to say, state, or perform something again or several times
Ex : The government reiterated its refusal to compromise with terrorists.
Syn : Ingeminate; Rehearse; Repeat; Restate
Ant : Ignore; Understate

RELINQUISH (v)

- Cue :** *linquere* – ‘to leave’
Mean : to give up claim, forego
Ex : On receipt of her transfer order, she relinquished the charge the same day.
Syn : Abdicate; Renounce; Surrender
Ant : Cherish; Maintain; Usurp
RW : **Rejuvenate; Relegate**

REMINISCENCE (n)

Cue : **rem** – ‘to remember/re (again)’ + **minisci** – ‘to think of-generate in the mind’
Mean : the act or process of recollecting past experiences or events
Ex : The novel contains endless reminiscences about the author's youth.
Syn : Recall; Recollect; Remember
Ant : Amnesia; Forgetfulness

REMIT (v)

Cue : **REMIT** → **re** – ‘back’ + **mittre** – ‘to send’
Mean : (1) to reduce the period of time someone must spend in prison
 (2) to send money to someone
 (3) to refer the matter to someone in authority to deal with
Ex : (i) His prison sentence was remitted to two years.
 (ii) I request you to kindly remit Rs. 1000 to the savings account.
RW : **Remission** – to let go/pardon; **Intermittent**; **Remittent** (abating for a time)

REMONSTRATE (v)

Cue : **Re** + ‘**monstere**’ to show – to ‘state’ something with authority
Mean : to complain/protest
Ex : He went to the boss to remonstrate against the new rules.
Ant : Accept; Approve; Endorse; Maintain
RW : **Demonstrate**; **Remonstrance** – protest/objection

REMUNERATION (n)

Cue : **RE M U N E R A T I O N** → **muner** – ‘to give/bestow’ + **munus** – ‘to gift’
Mean : fee/compensation/payment
Ex : They demanded adequate remuneration for their work.
Syn : Earning; Pay; Salary; Wage
RW : **Munificent**

RENAISSANCE (n)

Cue : **re** – ‘again’ + **nascent** – ‘early stages’
Mean : rebirth, revival
Ex : Theatre in India is enjoying a long-awaited renaissance.
Syn : Rejuvenation; Renewal; Restoration; Revitalization
Ant : Disappearance; Downturn

RENDEZVOUS (n)

Cue : **RENDEZVOUS** → **rendre** – ‘present’ + **vous** – ‘you’
Mean : meeting place, appointment
Ex : This restaurant is a popular rendezvous for artists.
Syn : Assemble; Get-together

RENEGADE (n)

Cue : **negare** – ‘to deny, blacken’
Mean : one who rejects a religion, cause, allegiance, or group for another; a deserter, an outlaw
Ex : A group of renegades captured the prince and held him to ransom.
Syn : Apostate; Deserter; Rebel; Recreant; Turncoat
Ant : Adherent; Follower; Loyalist
RW : **Renegade** – To fail to keep a promise or agreement

RENOUNCE (v)

Cue : **nunce** – ‘to state’
Mean : to give up, especially by a formal announcement
Ex : He renounced his claim to the family house.
Syn : Abdicate; Quit; Relinquish; Resign
Ant : Cherish; Maintain; Pursue; Support
RW : **Announce; Denounce; Renunciation**

REPEAL (v)

Cue : **re** – ‘back’ + **apeler** – ‘to call’
Mean : to revoke or call back
Ex : Considering the public furor it had generated, the government repealed the law.
Syn : Annul; Rescind; Revoke
Ant : Legalize; Ratify; Support
RW : **Appeal**

REPLETE (adj)

Cue : **R E P L E T E** → **plete** – ‘filled up’
Mean : filled to capacity, abundantly supplied
Ex : This car has an engine replete with the latest technology.
Syn : Abounding; Abundant; Teeming
Ant : Deficient; Meager; Scant; Scarce
RW : **Deplete**

REPOSITORY (n)

Cue : **R E P O S I T O R Y** → **posit** – ‘to place’
Mean : a place where things can be stored; a person with great store of specific knowledge
Ex : She is a repository of knowledge about our family history.
Syn : Storehouse; Treasury; Vault; Warehouse
RW : **Deposit; Position**

REPREHENSIBLE (adj)

Cue : **R E P R E H E N S I B L E** → **re** + **prehend** – ‘seize’
Mean : deserving rebuke or censure, unacceptable
Ex : His act of crime was reprehensible.
Syn : Blameworthy; Condemnable; Culpable; Felonious; Objectionable
Ant : Creditable; Praiseworthy
RW : **Apprehend; Comprehend**

REPRIMAND (v)

Mean : to express strong disapproval
Ex : His boss reprimanded him for being late.
Syn : Berate; Censure; Chide; Rebuke; Reproof
Ant : Commendation; Compliment; Praise
RW : **Reproach; Reprove**

REPROBATE (n)

Cue : **R E P R O B A T E** → **re** – ‘reverse’ + **probate** – ‘worthy/proper’
Mean : a person of bad character and habits
Ex : “Every time I see you, you’re drunk, you old reprobate.”

Syn : Immoral; Sinful; Villainous; Wicked
 Ant : Exalted; Honest; Praiseworthy; Reputable
 RW : **Approbate** – to authorize

REPUGNANT (adj)

Cue : **re** – 'back' + **pugnare** – 'to fight'
 Mean : something unpleasant or causing a feeling of disgust
 Ex : The idea of cheating in an exam is repugnant to me.
 Syn : Abominable; Repulsive
 Ant : Alluring; Appealing; Commendable
 RW : **Pugnacious** – debatable

REQUIEM (v)

Cue : We usually **remain quiet** for a few minutes at someone's death
 Mean : a mass to honour and pray for the dead; a piece of music written for the dead
 Ex : The requiem for the deceased was a very solemn affair.
 Syn : Dirge

RESCIND (v)

Cue : **RESCIND** → **re** – 'back' + **scindere** – 'to cut, split'
 Mean : to cancel
 Ex : The policy of charging air travelers for meals proved unpopular and has already been rescinded.
 Syn : Abrogate; Annul; Quash; Repeal; Repudiate
 Ant : Enforce; Ratify; Validate
 RW : **Excind**

RESILIENT (adj)

Cue : **RESILIENT** → **sal/sil** – 'leap/jump' – to spring back
 Mean : able to quickly return to previous condition (say, after a shock)
 Ex : (1) Steel is resilient; glass is not.
 (2) She's a resilient girl – she won't be unhappy for long.
 Syn : Alterable; Flexible; Pliable
 Ant : Inflexible; Invariable; Rigid
 RW : **Resilience; Salient**

RESOLVE (n)

Cue : **SOLVE** → **solve** – 'to loosen'
 Mean : determination
 Ex : With a strong resolve, one can achieve anything.
 Syn : Determined; Steadfast; Stubborn
 RW : **Absolve; Resolute; Resolution; Solve**

RESONANT (adj)

Cue : **RESONANT** → From **son (sound)** – 'filled with sound'
 Mean : echoing, resounding
 Ex : His voice resonated in the empty church.
 Syn : Booming; Resounding; Reverberating
 RW : **Consonant; Sonorous**

RESPLENDENT (adj)

Cue : **RESPLENDENT** – *splendent* – ‘Splendid’
Mean : shining brightly, splendid
Ex : I saw her at the other end of the room, looking resplendent in a red cocktail dress.
Syn : Brilliant; Glorious; Grand; Magnificent; Majestic
Ant : Grotesque; Humble; Unattractive
RW : **Splendor**

RESTRAINT (n)

Cue : **RESTRAINT** → *strain* – ‘draw back tightly’
Mean : confine, check, control
Ex : Try and observe some restraint when you go on your next shopping spree.
Syn : Abstinence; Restriction
Ant : Excess; Freedom; Indulgence; liberty
RW : **Restrain; Self-restraint; Strain**

RESUSCITATE (v)

Cue : **RESUSCITATE** → From *re* – ‘again’ + *sus* + *citare* – ‘to raise, revive’
Mean : to bring something or someone back to life or consciousness
Ex : Her heart had stopped, but the doctors successfully resuscitated her.
Syn : Invigorate; Rejuvenate; Revitalize
RW : **Citation; Cite; Incite; Resurrect**

RETORT (n)

Cue : **RETORT** → *re* – ‘back’ + *torquere* – ‘to twist’
Mean : a quick, sharp reply
Ex : Her retort was simple but chilling.
Syn : Rejoinder; Repartee
RW : **Distort**

RETRACTION (n)

Cue : **contract** – to agree on an offer. **RETRACTION** → *re* – ‘back’ + *tract* – ‘take back the offer’
Mean : withdrawal; to take back an offer or an earlier statement
Ex : The newspaper printed a retraction for their previous error.
Syn : Annul; Rescind; Revoke
Ant : Affirm; Approve
RW : **Retractable; Contract**

RETROGRADE (v)

Cue : **RETROGRADE** → *retro* – ‘backwards’ + *grade* – ‘step’
Mean : returning to older and worse conditions, methods, ideas, etc
Ex : He said it would be a retrograde step to remove the single parent benefit.
Syn : Regressive; Retrogressive
Ant : Progressive
RW : **Degrade; Grade; Retroactive**

RETROSPECT (v)

Cue : **RETROSPECT** → *retro* – ‘back’ + *spect* – ‘to look at’
Mean : thinking about the past, to look back

Ex : In retrospect, I think my marriage was doomed from the beginning.
Syn : Remembrance; Reminiscence
Ant : Forget
RW : **Inspect; Spectacle** ("specere" means to look at)

REVERT (v)

Cue : **REVERT** → **re** – 'back' + **vert** – 'direction'
Mean : to return to a former condition, practice, subject, or belief
Ex : To understand this point better, please revert to the earlier chapter.
Syn : Backslide; Regress
Ant : Advance
RW : **Ambivert; Extrovert; Introvert**

REVITALIZE (vt)

Cue : **REVITALIZE** → **re** – 'back' + **vital** – 'life'
Mean : to give new life, energy, activity or success to something
Ex : Foreign investments have revitalized the Indian economy.
Syn : Rejuvenate; Renew; Revive
RW : **Vital; Vitality; Vitamins**

REVOKE (v)

Cue : **REVOKE** → **re** – 'back' + **vicare** – 'to call'
Mean : to call back
Ex : The authorities have revoked their original decision to allow development of this rural area.
Syn : Abrogate; Annul; Cancel; Rescind
Ant : Maintain; Uphold
RW : **Convoke**

REVULSION (n)

Mean : a strong, often sudden, feeling that something is extremely unpleasant
Ex : I turned away in revulsion when they showed a close-up of the operation.
Syn : Abhorrence; Abomination; Detest; Disgust; Hate; Repugnance; Revolt
Ant : Esteem; Reverence
RW : **Convulsion; Repulsion**

RHETORIC (n)

Cue : **RHETORIC** → **rhea** – 'to flow' – smooth flow of words
Mean : art of speaking forcefully and eloquently; persuasive speech or writing
Ex : I was swayed by her rhetoric into donating all my savings to the charity.
Syn : Articulate; Bombastic; Grandiloquence; Pompous
Ant : Inarticulate

RIFT (n)

Cue : **drift** is to move away; similarly **rift** is a **break/crack** - moving away of two things or persons
Mean : (1) a large crack in the ground or in a rock
 (2) a break in friendly relations
Ex : The property dispute caused a rift between the brothers and they even stopped speaking to each other.
Syn : Fissure; Hiatus; Rupture; Sever
Ant : Bridge (the gap); Connection

RIPOSTE (n)

- Cue :** **RIPOSTE** → *riposta* – ‘a reply,’ from *rispondere* ‘to respond’
Mean : a quick, sharp and clever remark, often made in answer to a criticism
Ex : She made a sharp riposte and left everyone gaping at her.
Syn : Counterstroke; Rejoinder; Repartee; Reply; Retort

ROCOCO (adj)

- Cue :** **R O C O C O** → *roc* – ‘rock’ – originally used for intricate rock engraving, later used for intricate artwork
Mean : highly decorated
Ex : Rococo style in furniture and architecture has evolved over the years.
Syn : Elaborate; Embellished; Extravagant; Flamboyant; Ornamented; Ornate
Ant : Austere; Modest; Ordinary; Plain; Unadorned; Undecorated
RW : **Rock**

ROTE (n)

- Cue :** Corrupted form of ‘*routine*’. The phrase *by rote* means to memorize by heart
Mean : a memorizing process using repetition, often without full attention or comprehension; memorize without thought for meaning
Ex : The students were asked to learn the lesson by rote.

RUMINATE (v)

- Cue :** *ruminare* – ‘to chew the cud, turn over in the mind’
Mean : to think carefully and for a long period about something
Ex : She ruminated for weeks about whether to tell him the truth or not.
Syn : Contemplate; Deliberate; Meditate; Mull over; Muse
RW : **Rumen** (the first stomach of ruminating mammals); **Ruminant**

RUSTIC (adj)

- Mean :** (1) simple; typical of the countryside
 (2) boorish or uncouth
Ex : The property has a certain rustic charm
Syn : Agrarian; Pastoral; Peasant; Rural
Ant : Urbane
RW : **Rustication** – act or fact of living in a country; **Rusticate** (to send for sojourn in country)

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SACRILEGE (n)

- Cue :** **S A C R I L E G E** → **sacr** – "sacred" + **legere** – "collect"
- Mean :** desecration, profanation, misuse, or theft of something sacred
- Ex :** The extremists often indulge in acts of sacrilege to inflame communal passions.
- Syn :** Abuse; Blasphemy; Defilement; Impiety; Irreverence
- Ant :** Civility; Consecration; Honor; Praise; Sanctification
- RW :** **Sacred; Sacrosanct**

SACROSANCT (adj)

- Cue :** **S A C R O S A N C T** → **sacr-** 'sacred' + **sanctus**, "make holy"
- Mean :** regarded as sacred and inviolable (or) thought to be too important or too special to be changed (humorous)
- Ex :** I'm willing to help on any weekday, but I'm afraid my weekends are sacrosanct.
- Syn :** Beatified; Consecrated; Divine; Exalted; Glorified; Holy; Inviolable; Religious
- Ant :** Condemned; Cursed; Damned; Disapproved; Unholy
- RW :** **Sacrilege** (treating holy thing with disrespect); **Sacristan** (somebody responsible for Christian church contents); **Sacristy** (room for sacred objects); **Sacrum** (triangular bone in lower back)

SADISM (n)

- Cue :** Coined after **Count D.A.F. de Sade**, notorious for his perversions
- Mean :** hurting others for sexual pleasure (or) being cruel for fun (or) cruelty
- Ex :** Marquis de Sade's compulsive abuse of others gave rise to the term sadism.
- Syn :** Brutishness; Cruelty; Ferocity; Savagery
- Ant :** Caring; Gentility; Humaneness; Kindness

SAGACIOUS (adj)

- Cue :** **S A G A C I O U S** → from Latin **sagac** – 'of quick perception'
- Mean :** having or showing keen discernment, sound judgment, and farsightedness; an animal exceptionally intelligent seeming to reason and deliberate
- Ex :** (i) He planned for his final exams with great sagaciousness.
(ii) A dog is a sagacious animal often showing utmost loyalty and intelligence.
- Syn :** Astute; Clever; Intelligent; Judicious; Perceptive; Prudent; Rational; Sage; Sensible; Sharp
- Ant :** Dumb; Idiotic; Naive; Obtuse; Retarded; Slow; Stupid; Unintelligent
- RW :** **Sagacity; Sage**

SALUBRIOUS (adj)

- Cue :** From Latin **salus** – 'health'
- Mean :** (1) conducive or favorable to health or well-being
(2) a place that is pleasant, clean, and healthy to live in
- Ex :** He doesn't live in a very salubrious part of the town.
- Syn :** Healthy; Hygienic; Invigorating; Salutary; Wholesome
- Ant :** Dirty; Impure; Indecent; Unhealthy; Unwholesome
- RW :** **Salutary**

SANCTUARY (n)

- Cue :** from French **sanctus** – 'holy'
- Mean :** (1) a **refuge**: a safe place, especially for people being persecuted
(2) place where wildlife is protected

(3) holy place

(4) most sacred part of holy building: the most sacred part of a consecrated building, e.g. the area around the altar in a Christian church

- Ex :** (i) The chapel became a sanctuary for the refugees.
(ii) Corbett Park is a well known wildlife sanctuary in India.
(iii) During times of turmoil people often find sanctuary in places of worship.

Syn : Asylum; Protection; Refuge; Reserve; Safe haven; Safe house; Shelter

RW : **Sanctify** (make something holy (or) free from sin); **Sanctimonious** (make an exaggerated show of holiness or moral superiority); **Sanctum** (a sacred place); **Sanctimonious**

SANGUINE (adj)

Cue : **sanguis** – 'blood'

Mean : (1) of a healthy, reddish color; ruddy
(2) cheerfully confident; optimistic

- Ex :** (i) Her sanguine complexion spoke volumes about her happy state.
(ii) They are less sanguine about the prospects for peace.

Syn : Bloody; Enthusiastic; Expectant; Flushed; Glowing; Hopeful; Lively; Optimistic; Red; Rubicund; Ruddy; Spirited

Ant : Agitated; Flustered; Ill-at-ease; Mixed up; Nervous; upset; Worried

RW : **Sangria** (Spanish red wine); **Sanguinaria** (root of bloodroot/beetroot); **Sanguinary** (Involving bloodshed or being bloodthirsty)

SAP (n)

Cue : a variant of sap- milk, nectar, juice

Mean : (1) the liquid that carries food to all parts of a plant
(2) to weaken someone or take away strength or an important quality from someone
(3) a stupid person who can easily be tricked or persuaded to do something
(4) something extremely emotional in an embarrassing way (or)

- Ex :** (i) Maple syrup is obtained from the sap of the sugar maple tree.
(ii) Constant criticism saps you of your confidence.
(iii) He's a sap and can be easily taken for a ride.
(iv) It's a sappy film - take some tissues when you see it.

Syn : Health; Juice; Fluid; Latex energy; Life; Liquid; Strength; Vigor; Vitality

RW : **Sapid** (having strong and pleasant taste); **Sapient** (full of wisdom); **Sapling** (a young tree with a slender trunk)

SARCASM (n)

Cue : from **sarcasmos** – 'a sneer, jest, taunt, mockery'

Mean : the use of remarks which clearly mean the opposite of what they say, and which are made in order to hurt someone's feelings or to criticize something in an amusing way

- Ex :** "You have been working hard", he said with sarcasm, as he looked at the empty pages.

Syn : Derision; Irony; Lampooning; Mockery; Ridicule; Satire; Scoffing; Scorn; Sneering

Ant : Civility; Compliment; Kindness; Praise; Suavity; Sweetness

RW : **Irony**, **Sardonic** (disdainfully mocking)

SATIATE (adj/v)

Cue : From Latin, **satis** – 'to fill'

Mean : (1) to satisfy (an appetite or desire) fully
(2) to satisfy to excess

- Ex :** He drank greedily until his thirst was satiated.

Syn : Cloy; Content; Fill; Glut; Indulge; Pall; Sate; Saturate; Slake; Stuff; Surfeit
Ant : Deprive; Dissatisfy; Insatiable; Starve; Entice; Tantalize; Whet
RW : **Satiety**

SAVANT (n)

Cue : Latin **sapere** – ‘be wise’
Mean : a learned person; a scholar
Ex : Blind Tom had a physical and mental handicap; and yet was a well-known savant and pianist.
Syn : Expert; Guru; Philosopher; Pundit; Sage; Scholar; Thinker
Ant : Ignorant; Primitive; Regressive; Uncultured; Uneducated; Unsophisticated
RW : **Sapient**

SAVOUR (n)

Cue : from Old French **savour** – ‘taste’
Mean : (1) to enjoy food or an experience slowly, in order to appreciate it as much as possible
 (2) pleasure and interest
Ex : (i) It was the first chocolate he'd tasted for over a year, so he savoured every mouthful.
 (ii) She felt that life had lost most of its savour.
Syn : Appreciate; Experience; Feel; Luxuriate in; Relish; Revel in; Sapidly; Smack; Tang
RW : **Savory** (An herb with aromatic leaves); **Savoy** (a winter cabbage with crinkled leaves)

SCABBARD (n)

Cue : **S C A B B A R D** → **scab** – ‘to scrape, sword’ + **berd** – ‘protect’
Mean : a sheath, as for a dagger or sword
Ex : Scabbards and swords were offered to gods in old cultures.
Syn : Case; Casing; Cover; Covering; Sheath
RW : **Scab** (crust over healing wounds); **Scabies** (skin disease having intense itching, inflammation and red papules covered with scabs); **Scaby** (covered with scabs); **Scabrous**



SCAMPER (v)

Cue : to run away as if from a camp
Mean : to run or go quickly and light out
Ex : The children scampered off into the garden.
Syn : Dart; Dash; Hurry; Run; Scoot; Scurry; Scuttle
Ant : Amble; Stroll; Dally; Dawdle; Delay; Languish; Linger; Saunter
RW : **Decamp**; **Scamp** (a mischievous youngster, or to perform in a careless manner)

SCATHING (adj)

Cue : ‘**scald**’ – to burn with liquid
Mean : (1) to harm or injure, especially by scorching
 (2) to criticize or denounce severely; excoriate
Ex : She spoke scathingly of the poor standard of work done by her predecessor.
Syn : Belittling; Biting; Caustic; Cutting; Harsh
Ant : Complimentary; Gentle; Mild

SCEPTIC/SKEPTIC (n)

Cue : “?” is what skeptic people love!
Mean : one who instinctively or habitually doubts, questions, or disagrees with assertions or generally accepted conclusions

Ex : People say consuming turmeric can cure colds, but I'm a bit of a sceptic
Syn : Cynic; Disbeliever; Doubter; Mockers; Pessimist; Questioner
Ant : Believer; Faithful one; Optimist

SCHISM (n)

Cue : **SCHISM** → *schiz/ cis* – 'to split'
Mean : a division into two groups caused by a disagreement about ideas, especially in a religious organization
Ex : Property is the root cause of schism between the two brothers.
Syn : Alienation; Break; Disaffection; Disagreement; Discord; Disharmony; Division
Ant : Accord; Agreement; Conciliation; Harmony; Peace
RW : **Schismatic; Schizocarp** (a dry fruit like tamarind that splits into two); **Schizogony** (Reproduction in single celled organisms); **Schizophrenia** (psychiatric disorder with symptoms of withdrawal into self); **Schizoid** (personality disorder – extreme reticence)

SCINTILLA (n)

Cue : Spark
Mean : (1) a minute amount; an iota or trace
 (2) a spark; a flash
Ex : There's not even a scintilla of truth in what he says.
Syn : Bit; Crumb; Fragment; Grain; Iota; Molecule; Morsel; Ounce; Particle
Ant : Compound; Subatomic particle
RW : **Scintillate; Scintillating**

SEAR (v)

Cue : peg it with *scath / hot*
Mean : (1) to burn the surface of something with sudden very strong heat
 (2) to fry a piece of meat quickly at a high temperature, in order to prevent liquid and flavour escaping from it
 (3) to have a strong unpleasant effect on someone's feelings or memories
 (4) catch for gunlock
Ex : (i) The heat from the explosion seared their hands and faces.
 (ii) The disaster is indelibly seared into the villagers' memory
Syn : Burn; Carbonize; Cauterize; Cook; Dehydrate; Desiccate
RW : **Searing** (hot feeling like temperature or a caustic remark)

SECESSION (n)

Cue : **SECESSION** → *cede/ cess* – 'yield, let go'
Mean : a formal withdrawal from an organization, state, or alliance
Ex : The group's secession from the main political party was caused due to leadership conflicts.
Syn : Alienation; Break; Difference; Disaffection; Disagreement; Discord
Ant : Accord; Adherence
RW : **Incessant; Recession; Secede** (to become independent of a country or area of government)

SECTARIAN (adj)

Cue : **SECTARIAN** → *sect* – 'cut'
Mean : (1) of, relating to, or characteristic of a sect
 (2) adhering or confined to the dogmatic limits of a sect or denomination; partisan
 (3) narrow-minded; parochial
Ex : The sectarian violence can be curbed through involvement of intelligentsia from all communities.

Syn : Biased; Dogmatic; Narrow; Narrow-Minded; Obstinate
 Ant : Broad-Minded; Humanitarian; Open-Minded; Tolerant; Unprejudiced
 RW : **Bisect; Insect; Section**

SEDATE (adj)

Cue : **sedare** – 'to quieten' – **sedere** – 'to sit'
 Mean : (1) tending to avoid excitement or great activity and to be calm and relaxed
 (2) to cause a person or animal to be very calm or go to sleep by giving a drug
 Ex : (i) The fight against a chemical storage site has transformed a normally sedate village into a battleground.
 (ii) When I saw him after the accident he was still in shock and was heavily sedated.
 Syn : Anesthetized; Calm; Composed; Cool; Demure; Placid; Serene; Tranquillized
 Ant : Boisterous; Exciting; Revived
 RW : **Sedation; Sedentary** (not moving, sitting); **Sedimentary** (particles collected at the bottom of a water body)

SEDITION (n)

Cue : **se(d)** – "apart" + **ition** – "going"
 Mean : language or behaviour that is intended to persuade other people to oppose their government
 Ex : She was arrested for remarks that the government considered to be akin to sedition.
 Syn : Apostasy; Bad Faith; Deceitfulness; Infidelity; Treachery; Unfaithfulness
 Ant : Allegiance; Commitment; Dedication; Loyalty

SEDULOUS (adj)

Cue : **SEDULOUS** → **se** – 'without' + **dolus** – 'deception'
 Mean : (1) working with great zeal and persistence
 (2) carried out with great care, concentration, and commitment
 Ex : Kiran Bedi's sedulous pursuit for moral values and principles marked her success in life.
 Syn : Active; Attentive; Busy; Constant; Diligent; Eager
 Ant : Casual; Lax; Lazy; Negligent

SENESCENT (adj)

Cue : **SENESCENT** → **sen** – 'old' + **escent**
 Mean : growing old; aging
 Ex : Senescent times make people forgetful of small things.
 Syn : Aged; Ancient; Crumbling; Fading; Graying; Hag; Old
 Ant : Prime; Young; Youthful
 RW : **Senhor** (Portugese equivalent for Mr.); **Senhora** (Mrs.); **Senhorita** (Miss); **Senile** (loosing mental capabilities due to age); **Senior**

SENTIENT (adj)

Cue : **SENTIENT** → Prefix **sent** is related to emotional being
 Mean : experiencing sensation or feeling
 Ex : Sentient people are against animal abuse.
 Syn : Conscious; Impressionable; Kindhearted; Passionate; Perceptive; Sensitive
 Ant : Apathetic; Insensitive
 RW : **Sentiment; Sentimental**

SENSUAL (adj)

- Cue** : relate it with '**senses**'
- Mean** : (1) suggesting a great deal of physical, especially, sexual pleasure
(2) relating to the body or the senses as opposed to the mind or the intellect
- Ex** : His sensual appetite was a sure recipe for disaster.
- Syn** : Lascivious; Lecherous; Lewd; Libidinous; Lustful; Salacious; Wanton
- Ant** : Chaste; Godly; Moral; Pure; Spiritual
- RW** : **Sensory; Sensuality; Sensuous**

SEMINAL (adj)

- Cue** : **SEMINAL** → **semen** – 'seed' + **al**
- Mean** : (1) of, relating to, containing, or conveying seed
(2) of, relating to, or having the power to originate; creative
(3) containing important new ideas and being very influential on later work
- Ex** : (i) Seminal fluid found on the murder scene helped the police catch the killer.
(ii) The open door policy in India played a seminal role in its economic development.
- Syn** : Distinguished; Esteemed; Famous; Fluid; Sperm
- Ant** : Commonplace; Irrelevant; Unimportant
- RW** : **Seminar; Seminary**

SERAPHIC (adj)

- Cue** : **SERAPHIC** → **seraph** – 'an angel of the highest order'
- Mean** : (1) befitting a seraph/angel
(2) beautiful in a way that suggests goodness and purity
- Ex** : Sleeping infants look seraphic.
- Syn** : Adorable; Angelic; Archangelic; Heavenly; Innocent
- Ant** : Dark; Demonic; Devilish; Fiendish

SERENDIPITY (n)

- Cue** : from a tale called 'The three princes of Serendip'
- Mean** : (1) the accidental discovery of something pleasant, valuable, or useful
(2) gift for making such a discovery
- Ex** : Life is a journey full of serendipitous surprises.
- Syn** : Destiny; Fate; Fortune; Karma; Luck
- Ant** : Design; Misfortune; Planned

SERRATED (adj)

- Cue** : from Latin origin, **serrere** – 'a saw'
- Mean** : having or forming a row of small sharp projections resembling the teeth of a saw
- Ex** : One needs a knife with serrated ends to cut bread evenly.
- Syn** : Jagged; Ragged; Ridged; Toothed
- Ant** : Smooth; Straight
- RW** : **Serried** (close together with little space in between each); **Serriform** (having pointed projections resembling teeth of a saw); **Serrulate** (having an end with tiny pointed notches)

SERVILE (adj)

- Cue** : peg it with the word '**serve**'
- Mean** : one who is too willing to serve others and to do menial works
- Ex** : As an employee one must obey the boss but must not be servile.
- Syn** : Groveling; Humble; Obedient; Underfoot

Ant : Assertive; Bossy; Dignified
RW : **Servant**, **Service**, **Serviette** (a napkin); **Serving**; **Servitor** (one who serves, a servant);
Servitude (state of slavery, restricting, obedient)

SHINDIG (n)

Cue : **SHINDIG** → **shin** + **dig** - 'literally a leg-dance'
Mean : a noisy and festive party or celebration also called 'Shindy'
Ex : Shindig get-togethers are quite common in college life.
Syn : Bash; Get-togethers; Party

SIDLE (v)

Cue : '**side**'
Mean : (1) to cause to move sideways
 (2) to walk towards or away from someone, trying not to be noticed
Ex : (i) We sidled in a fisherman's boat to reach the other end of the river.
 (ii) When we saw our teacher in the cinema, we sidled past her, pretending that we had not seen her.
Syn : Creep; Inch

SILHOUETTE (n)

Cue : An eponym based on the name of a French Finance Minister, characterized by his ineptness both in the ministry and in amateur portrait making
Mean : (1) a drawing consisting of the outline of something, especially a human profile, filled in with a solid color
 (2) an outline that appears dark against a light background
Ex : (i) Ancient Greek vases in the Black Figure style show figures in black silhouette against a background of red clay
 (ii) Batman's silhouette always formed an imposing backdrop behind the villain.
Syn : Figure; Line; Outline; Profile; Shadow; Shape

SIMILITUDE (n)

Cue : '**Sim**' for same
Mean : similarity; resemblance to something
Ex : The similitude between the identical twins is only superficial, their personality is very different.
Syn : A likeness; Alliance; Analogy; Association
Ant : Difference; Dissimilarity
RW : **Similar**, **Similarity**, **Simile**, **Simillimum** (most appropriate homeopathic remedy);
Simpatco (sharing similar tastes)

SINECURE (n)

Cue : **SINECURE** → Latin **sine** - 'without' + **cure** - 'care'
Mean : a position or office that requires little or no work but provides a salary
Ex : Being a relative of the boss, he has a sinecure job at a high post.
RW : **Sin qua non** (indispensable, literally 'without which not'); **Sine prole** (without progeny)

SINISTER (adj)

Cue : Left-handed—supposedly a bad omen, opposite of '**dexter**'
Mean : (1) suggesting or threatening evil
 (2) presaging trouble; ominous
 (3) attended by or causing disaster or inauspicious circumstance

- Ex** : (i) The smile of a villain is sinister.
 (ii) A sinister looking man followed me to my home.
- Syn** : Baleful; Creepy; Disturbing; Evil; Menacing; Ominous
- Ant** : Benevolent; Good; Innocent
- RW** : **Sin** (doing something wrong, evil); **Sinistral** (left-handed); **Sinistrorse** (plants growing upward in a clockwise spiral); **Sinuous** (devilish, having many curves, lithe movements)

SLOTH (n)

- Cue** : **S L O T H** → **slow** + **th** – 'suffix forming nouns'
- Mean** : (1) a slow-moving mammal that uses its long claws to hang upside down from tree branches
 (2) aversion to work or exertion; laziness; indolence
- Ex** : (i) Sloths are found in Central America.
 (ii) The government's sloth to tackle corruption in India has posed serious problems for all.
- Syn** : Apathy; Indolence; Sluggishness; Languor; Lethargy
- Ant** : Active; Energetic; Lively



SLUGGARD (n)

- Cue** : **S L U G G A R D** → peg it with **slug** – 'snail like slow-moving creature, with no shell', **Slug** also relates to a 'hard hit'
- Mean** : somebody who avoids work or physical exertion
- Ex** : Being a sluggard at work will not help you.
- Syn** : Dopey; Down; Dragging; Dull; Heavy; Inactive; Indolent; Inert
- Ant** : Active; Brisk; Energetic; Lively
- RW** : **Slugfest** (a heated and intense argument); **Slugger** (a boxer who delivers hard blows); **Sluggish** (very slow)

SNIPPET (n)

- Cue** : **S N I P P E T** → Peg it with '**snip**' to cut something with short strokes'
- Mean** : a small and often interesting piece of news, information or conversation
- Ex** : Snippets of information gathered by the paparazzi often lead to scandalous events
- Syn** : Bit; Extract; Piece; Scrap
- RW** : **Snipe** (shot from a concealed place); **Sniper** (hidden shooter); **Snippy** (sharp tongued)

SOBRIETY (n)

- Cue** : Peg it with '**sober**'
- Mean** : (1) abstinence from or moderation in the use of alcohol or drugs
 (2) the quality of being serious and thoughtful
- Ex** : (i) On-road sobriety tests taken by traffic police can avoid many accidents.
 (ii) Presence of the Principal instilled a little sobriety in the auditorium.
- Syn** : Abstinence; Calm; Gravity; Moderation; Solemnity; Temperance; Thoughtfulness
- RW** : **Sobriquet** (an unofficial nickname, especially a humorous one)

SOJOURN (n)

- Cue** : **S O J O U R N** → relate **journ** for 'journey'
- Mean** : a short period when a person stays in a particular place
- Ex** : His sojourn to Japan has changed his attitude and done to him a word of good.
- Syn** : Stay; Stop; Stopover; Visit

SOLARIUM (n)

- Cue :** **SOLARIUM** → **solar** means 'related to sun'
- Mean :** room built for the purpose of enjoying sunlight, usually with large windows or glass walls, especially a room in a hospital or other health-care establishments
- Ex :** Solariums are a regular feature in hospitals and are more often used by the senior citizens.
- Syn :** Conservatory; Lounge; Sun Lounge; Sun Porch; Sunroom
- RW :** **Aquarium; Auditorium; Solar, Solaria** (plural for solarium); **Solarimeter** (Instrument to measure solar radiation); **Solace** (somebody or something that provides warmth and comfort)

SOLICIT (v)

- Cue :** peg this word with **pleading**
- Mean :** (1) to ask someone for money, information or help
(2) to seek to obtain by persuasion, entreaty, or formal application
- Ex :** Though illegal, yet soliciting money for favors by public officials is on a high in India.
- Syn :** Beg; Crave; Importune; Petition For; Plead For; Request; Seek
- RW :** **Solicitor** (top legal officer, one who pleads for a case); **Sollicitous** (concerned and meticulous); **Solicitude** (expressed concern)

SOLILOQUY (n)

- Cue :** **SOLILOQUY** → **sole** – 'lone' + **loq** – 'speech'
- Mean :** (1) a dramatic or literary form of discourse in which a character talks to himself or herself or reveals his or her thoughts without addressing a listener
(2) the act of talking to oneself
- Ex :** Soliloquy in drama plays an important role in capturing the attention of the audience.
- Syn :** Declamation; Monologue; Oration; Speech
- RW :** **Loquacious**

SOMBER (adj)

- Cue :** From **umbra** – 'shade'
- Mean :** (1) serious, sad (without humour or amusement)
(2) dark and plain
- Ex :** (i) The somber atmosphere of the house made me fill up with dread.
(ii) He wore a somber black suit for the funeral.
- Syn :** Dingy; Dull; Drab; Gloomy; Subdued
- Ant :** Ashen; Chalky; Cheerful; Encouraging; Hopeful; Ivory; Joyful

SOMNAMBULISM (n)

- Cue :** **SOMNAMBULISM** → **somn** – 'sleep' + **ambul** – 'walk'
- Mean :** sleep walking disorder in a person
- Ex :** Somnambulism generally happens due to anxiety and tensions taken by an individual, and can be treated with proper therapy.
- RW :** **Somnifacient** (drug to induce sleep); **Somnolence** (a state of drowsiness); **Somnolent** (tending to fall asleep)

SONIC (adj)

- Cue :** **sonus** 'sound'
- Mean :** (1) of or relating to audible sound
(2) relating to speed of sound
(3) extremely exciting and fast-paced
- Ex :** (i) Sonic waves and their usage have revolutionized the human society.

(ii) The sonic lifestyle of Backstreet Boys took its toll on their health.

Syn : Acoustic; Afferent; Audible

RW : **Sonics** (study of sound); **Sonobuoy** (a buoy that detects underwater sounds and transmits them via radio); **Sonogram** (graphical representation of sound); **Sonorous** (producing sound, impressive manner of speaking); **Super sonic**

SOPHIST (n)

Cue : **sophos** – 'skilled in a craft, clever, wise'. Originally teachers of philosophy

Mean : (1) one skilled in elaborate and devious argumentation
(2) a scholar or thinker

Ex : (i) No sophist would do a thing for charity.
(ii) Sophists like to mingle with their own kind.

RW : **Sophisticated; Sophistry; Sophomoric** (lacking judgment)

SORORATE (n)

Cue : **S O R O R A T E** → **soror** – 'sister'

Mean : the custom of marrying a wife's sister esp. after the former's death

Ex : Several Indian communities have the custom of sororate marriage.

RW : **Sororicide; Sorites** (chain of syllogisms where one conclusion is the premise of the next); **Sorority** (a society/club of women)

SOPHOMORE (n)

Cue : **sophos** – 'skilled' in a craft, clever, wise" + **mōros** "dull"

Mean : (1) a second-year student in a college or university
(2) Intellectually immature

Ex : Sophomores are at the most crucial stage of their teens and need a lot of care and attention.

Syn : Green; Guileless; Inexperienced; Jeune

Ant : Experienced; Mature; Sophisticated; Worldly

RW : **Philosophy; Sophisticated; Sophomoric** (showing a naive lack of judgment)

SOPORIFIC (adj)

Cue : **S O P O R I F I C** → **sopor** – 'sleep' + **fic/fac** – 'make'

Mean : sleep inducing

Ex : The soporific characteristic of some off-the-shelf cough syrups, is well known

Syn : Anesthetic; Sedative; Somnolent; Soporiferous; Tranquilizer

SPARTAN (adj)

Cue : of or relating to people of **Sparta** (Spartan characteristics)

Mean : (1) rigorously self-disciplined or self-restrained
(2) simple, frugal, or austere
(3) marked by brevity of speech; laconic
(4) courageous in the face of pain, danger, or adversity

Ex : (i) Being a diabetic, he is used to Spartan diet.
(ii) She prefers to lead a Spartan life, with no luxuries and only basics.

Syn : Austere; Bold; Frugal; Hardy; Severe; Simple

Ant : Lavish; Luxurious

SPECIOUS (adj)

- Cue :** **SPECIOUS** → *spec* – 'to look'
- Mean :** (1) appearing to be true but really false
(2) superficially attractive but actually of no real interest or value
- Ex :** His specious arguments failed to win the day for him.
- Syn :** Baseless; Erroneous; Fallacious; Hollow; Inaccurate; Unfounded
- Ant :** Frank; Honest; Open; Straightforward

SPUR (n/v)

- Cue :** Old English *spura* – 'to kick'
- Mean :** (1) to encourage an activity or development or make it happen faster
(2) a sharp, metal, wheel-shaped object which is fixed to the heel of boots worn by people riding horses
(3) a high piece of land which sticks out from a mountain or a group of mountains
- Ex :** (i) Rising profits have the effect of spurring the company to faster growth.
(ii) Usage of spurs is most prevalent in Texas.
(iii) Spurs are generally popular with tourists for their serene and secluded environment.
- Syn :** Activation; Catalyst; Goad; Impetus; Incentive; Needle; Prick; Stimulant
- Ant :** Counter; Denounce; Deter; Discourage; Dissuade
- RW :** **Spurious** (not genuine); **Spurn** (To reject something contemptuously); **Spurt**

SQUALID (adj)

- Cue :** Latin *squalus* – 'filthy'
- Mean :** (1) dirty and wretched, as from poverty or lack of care
(2) lacking in honesty, dignity, and moral value
- Ex :** (i) The interior of the city was a squalid slum area.
(ii) The usual squalid tales of betrayal and drug-abuse are featured in the gossip columns of the newspapers.
- Syn :** Dirty; Fetid; Foul; Nasty; Neglected; Unclean
- Ant :** Clean; Immaculate; Splendid; Spotless
- RW :** **Squall** (shriek, sudden and violent commotion, wind etc); **Squalor**

STAID (adj)

- Cue :** **Stay-ed**
- Mean :** serious, boring and slightly old-fashioned; of sedate character; a color-less kind of correctness
- Ex :** In an attempt to change the staid outlook of the magazine, new sections for young readers have been added.
- Syn :** Calm; Collected; Composed; Cool; Decorous; Demure; Dignified; Sober
- Ant :** Carefree; Frivolous; Nonchalant; Wild

STASIS (n)

- Cue :** Greek stasis, **standstill**, used as a suffix too
- Mean :** (i) a motionless state, or a state of no change
(ii) a condition in which body fluids such as blood or the contents of the bowel are prevented from flowing normally through their channels
- Ex :** After being married for nearly 30 years, she was fed up with the stasis in her life.
- Syn :** Continuity; Inertia; Stability; Status Quo; Stillness
- RW :** **Homeostasis** (Stable State)

STEADFAST (adj)

- Cue :** **STEADFAST** → **stead** – ‘steady’ + **fast**
- Mean :** (i) firmly fixed or constant
(ii) firm and unwavering in purpose, loyalty, or resolve
- Ex :** The labor union remained steadfast in its protest even though many of its members had to face severe consequences.
- Syn :** Steady; Unbendable; Unfaltering; Unshakable; Unwavering
- Ant :** Ephemeral; Fleeting; Impermanent; Passing; Short-lived; Temporary; Transient
- RW :** Steady; Steadying

STEALTHY (adj)

- Cue :** Peg it with **steal**
- Mean :** trying to avoid being noticed
- Ex :** Many countries acquire nuclear weapons by stealth.
- Syn :** Clandestine; Furtive; Skulking; Sly; Sneak; Surreptitious

STENTORIAN (adj)

- Mean :** extremely loud
- Ex :** Suddenly a stentorian voice boomed across the room
- Syn :** Booming; Clangorous
- Ant :** Faint; Quiet; Soft; Weak

STOIC (adj)

- Cue :** Pertaining to the school of philosophy that men should be free of passions
- Mean :** someone who does not complain or show emotions
- Ex :** She listened stoically as the guilty verdict was read out.
- Syn :** Apathetic; Calm; Cool; Detached; Dispassionate; Stolid

STRATIFICATION (n)

- Cue :** Peg it with **strata** – ‘layers’
- Mean :** to arrange the different parts of something in separate layers or groups
- Ex :** In order to remove stratification in the social scenario, various programs were started after Independence.
- RW :** **Strata**; **Stratificate** (describes a rock formation that is made up of thin layers); **Stratiform** (composed of layers); **Stratigraphy** (study of rock strata); **Stratocumulus** (extensive low - lying cloud formation)

STUPEFY (v)

- Cue :** ‘**stupe**’ – senseless
- Mean :** to dull the senses or faculties of, to amaze; astonish, stun
- Ex :** Stupified by the shocking news, she just lay in her bed staring blankly at the ceiling.
- Syn :** Benumb; Mesmerize; Astonish; Astound; Bewilder
- Ant :** Anticipate; Expect
- RW :** **stupid**; **stupor** (dazed state)

SUBJUGATE (v)

- Cue :** **SUBJUGATE** → **sub** – ‘under’ + **jug** – ‘yoke’
- Mean :** to bring a people or a nation, under the control of another, e.g. by military conquest
- Ex :** They resisted the subjugation by enemy kingdom and fought for their freedom.
- Syn :** Defeat; Overcome; Overpower; Subdue; Suppress; Vanquish
- Ant :** Liberate; Surrender

SUBLIME (adj/n)

- Cue :** Latin '*sublimus*' elevation
- Mean :** (1) so awe-inspiringly beautiful as to seem almost heavenly
(2) of the highest moral or spiritual value
- Ex :** The book contains sublime passages and the best poems.
- Syn :** Exalted; Marvelous; Noble; Splendid; Superb; Uplifting; Wonderful
- Ant :** Crude; Distasteful; Gross; Inelegant
- RW :** **Sublimate** (to channel impulses or energies regarded as unacceptable, especially sexual desires, toward an activity that is more socially acceptable); **Subliminal** (entering, existing in, or affecting the mind without conscious awareness)

SUBPOENA (n/v)

- Cue :** **Sub (under) + poena (penalty)**
- Mean :** a written legal order summoning a witness or requiring evidence to be submitted to a court or similar deliberative body
- Ex :** Subpoena was issued to several government employees for accepting bribes and corruption.
- Syn :** Call; Order; Summons; Writ

SUBSTANTIATE (v)

- Cue :** **sub + stand** – 'giving substance/ standing'
- Mean :** (1) to confirm that something is true or valid
(2) to give something an actual physical existence
- Ex :** During the trials of the Jessica Lal case, the lawyers could not find enough witnesses to substantiate the allegations against the accused.
- Syn :** Actualize; Affirm; Approve; Attest to; Authenticate
- Ant :** Belie; Deny; Refute
- RW :** **Substance; Substantial; Substantive** (having practical value)

SUBSUME (v)

- Cue :** **S U B S U M E** → **sub + sume** – 'take'
- Mean :** to include or incorporate something into a larger order, category, or classification
- Ex :** Many soldiers of different nationalities have been subsumed to form the peace keeping force of the UN.
- Syn :** Include; Incorporate; Count; List; Consider
- RW :** **Assume; Consume; Presume**

SUBTERFUGE (n)

- Cue :** **S U B T E R F U G E** → **sub + fugere** – 'to flee'
- Mean :** a plan, action, or device designed to hide a real objective, or the process thereof
- Ex :** Information gained by subterfuge could not serve as substantive evidence in the court of law.
- Syn :** Artifice; Deception; Dodge; Maneuver; Ploy; Ruse; Stratagem

SUBTERRANEAN (adj)

- Cue :** **S U B T E R R A N E A N** → **sub** – 'under' + **terra** – 'ground, earth'
- Mean :** (1) existing or situated below ground level
(2) existing or carried on in secret
- Ex :** Subterranean bunkers were very popular during the two world wars as they provided both safety and guard.
- Syn :** Below Ground; Buried; Concealed; Deep; Hidden
- Ant :** Open; Path

SUBVERT (v)

- Cue :** **SUBVERT** → **sub + vert** – ‘to turn’
Mean : to undermine or corrupt / destroy
Ex : The extremists in J & K have repeatedly tried to subvert the peace process between India and Pakistan.
Syn : Corrupt; Demolish; Destroy; Ruin; Supersede; Supplant; Suppress; Undermine
RW : **Convert; Invert; Pervert; Subversion**

SUCCULENT (adj)

- Cue :** **SUCCULENT** → **succus** – ‘juice’
Mean : soft and juicy; having fleshy tissues; full of vigor
Ex : The larva feeds on succulent leaves and branches of the plants on which it is born.
Syn : Fleshy; Pulpy; Tasty
RW : **Suck**

SUCCUMB (v)

- Cue :** **SUCCUMB** → **suc + cumb** – ‘to weigh down’/ ‘to lie’
Mean : to yield
Ex : The accident victim succumbed to his injuries while on his way to the hospital.
Syn : Bow; Capitulate; Submit
RW : **Cumbersome; Encumbrances; Incumbent**

SULLAGE (n)

- Cue :** **SULLAGE** → **sol / sul** – ‘mud’
Mean : waste matter floating on molten metal; waste matter
Ex : The purification process involves complete removal of sullage.
Syn : Effluent; Sewerage
RW : **Slough** (swamp); **Sullen** (gloomy); **Sully** (tarnish)

SUPERABLE (adj)

- Cue :** **SUPERABLE** → **super** – ‘above/ beyond’ + **able**
Mean : capable of being overcome
Ex : The problem is difficult but not insuperable.
Syn : Surmountable
RW : **Superfluous; Supernumerary; Supersede** (to sit above/ beyond)

SURMISE (v)

- Cue :** **SURMISE** → **sur** – ‘super / above’ + **mis** – ‘send’
Mean : to infer or conclude without adequate evidence/ information
Ex : His evidence is based on surmise and not bare facts.
Syn : Guess; Imagination; Likelihood; Supposition
RW : **Mission; Missive; Surmount; Surname; Surpass**

SURREPTITIOUS (adj)

- Cue :** **SURREPTITIOUS** → **sur** – ‘sub’ + **rep / rap** – ‘snatch’
Mean : obtained in a clandestine manner
Ex : The pick - pocket surreptitiously moved behind the victim and ran away after snatching the purse.
Syn : Covert; Furtive; Stealth
RW : **Surrogate** (a substitute); **Surveillance**

SWIPE (n/v)

Cue : variant of sweep

Mean : (1) a strong, sweeping blow
(2) taking a dig at somebody

Ex : The batsman made a wild swipe with the bat but missed the line of the ball and was clean bowled.

RW : **Swirl** (moving with a whirling motion); **Swish** (to make a whipping/ flogging movement with a stick etc.); **Swivel** (movement on a pivot); **Swoop** (to swipe down in a manner of attack)

SYNCHRONOUS (adj)

Cue : **S Y N C H R O N O U S** → *syn* – ‘together’ + *chron* – ‘time’

Mean : occurring at the same time

Ex : The synchronous movement of gears provides movement to vehicles/ machines.

RW : **Symphony**; **Synergy** (combined action); **Synopsis**; **Synthesis** (unifying ideas)